

**9:00am–9:45am**

The Branch Worship  
in the Family Life Center

**10:00am–10:45am**

Sunday School for all

**11:00am–12:00pm**

Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

### **Welcome!**

We're glad you are  
worshiping with us, and a  
special welcome to our  
guests.

We trust you will feel the  
presence of God among  
us and hope you will want  
to worship with us again.

For any questions about  
becoming a part of the  
life of St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry staff.  
We believe you will find  
St. Matthew a wonderful  
place to call your church  
home.

### **Our Mission**

To build life-changing  
relationships with God,  
one another, and our  
community.

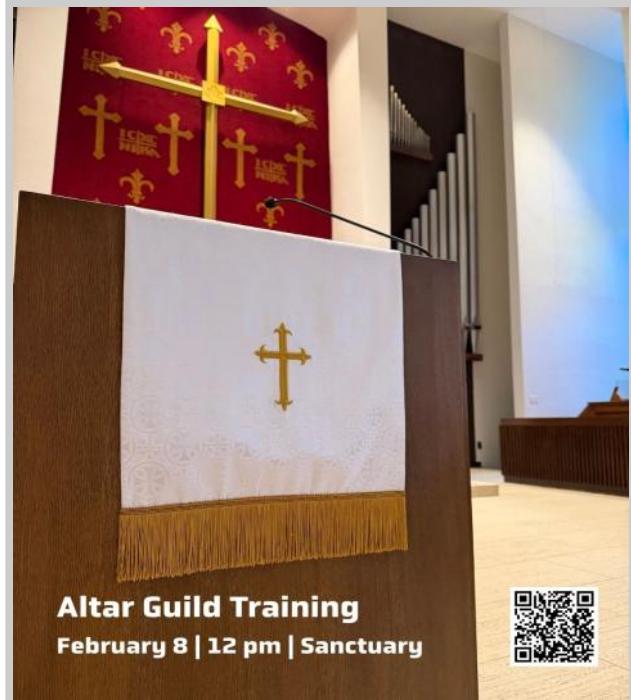
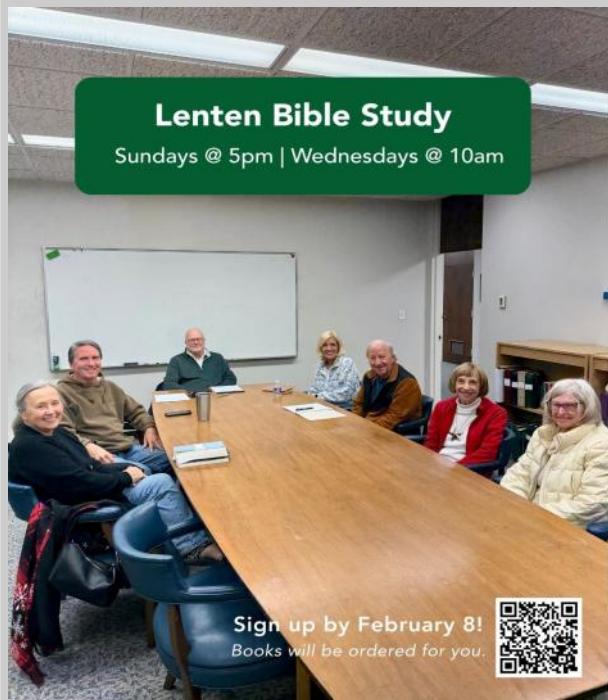


**February 8, 2026**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



**happy birthday!**

Ann Osborne is turning 105 on February 11!

This morning during both worship services, the Congregational Care Team will have a big birthday card for everyone to sign.

Please stop by and sign your name or share a birthday greeting with Ann. What an incredible milestone!

Birthday greetings can also be sent to Ann Osborne at Fairview Park Assisted Living, 544 Harrison Bridge Rd., Apt. 205, Simpsonville, SC 29680.

Thank you!  
Betty Davis, Congregational Care Team





## 9:00am Order of Worship

**February 8, 2026**

### **Announcements**

### **Greeting Time**

### **Opening Worship Songs**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

*Please text prayers and praises by 9:10am to (864) 643-9968*

### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

Micah 6:1-8

### **Sermon**

"What Is Good?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

### **Observance of Holy Communion**

### **Closing Worship Song**

### **Dismissal & Blessing**

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's worship packets are available at the welcome table. Please return folders to the table at the end of the service.

A nursery for newborns through 24 months and preschool class for ages 2 through K4 is available starting at 8:45am on the first floor of the Education Building.

Offering boxes are on the Welcome Table.

# 11:00 am Worship

\*Congregation stands, as able

## Prelude

"Prelude on Evan"

Gordon Young

## Greetings & Announcements

## \*Passing of the Peace

## \*Chiming of the Hour

## \*Processional Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

## \*Call to Worship

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

## \*Gloria Patri (Unison)

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen

## Children's Moment

After, children ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.

## Special Music

"O Lord of Hosts, My God and King"

Chancel Choir

## \*Psalter

Psalm 25:1-10

UMH 757

## \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) "Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## Joys & Concerns of the Church

Please text joys and concerns by 11:10am to (864) 643-9968

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Rev. Kurt McPherson

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## The Offering

*You may give your offering in one of three ways: place check or cash in the offering plate, text the word "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)*

## Offertory

"Elevation in F Major"

Alexandre Guilmant

## \*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn of Preparation

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

## Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Tom McIntyre

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"What Is Good?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

## Observance of Holy Communion

UMH 12

## \*Closing Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH 361

## \*Benediction

## \* Postlude

"Prelude on Tallis' Canon"

Gordon Young

**The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!**

Liturgist: Tom McIntyre

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Jake Fine, Mike Shull, Doug

Acolytes: Emery & Lowry Sides

Webb

Greeters: Trinity Sunday School

# Scripture

## Micah 6:1-8

### God Challenges Israel

6 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

### What God Requires

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

# St. Matthew Happenings



DRIBBLE ON OVER FOR AN ICE CREAM  
PARTY TO CELEBRATE A GREAT SEASON!

*Sunday* **22** *February*

4:30 PM

ST. MATTHEW UMC

FAMILY LIFE CENTER (GYM)

701 CLEVELAND STREET



Our youth soaked up every moment of their skiing and snowboarding adventure in Winterplace, West Virginia! Grateful for the many ways God uses time together to shape hearts and strengthen friendships.



Now enrolling for 2026-2027!



## Pickleball Group

Mondays @ 1-3 pm  
Wednesdays @ 2-4 pm

## Contact Us

St. Matthew UMC  
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Greenville, SC 29601  
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stmatthewumc.net

## Stay In Touch

Find the calendar link at the bottom of our website homepage.

Sign up for our weekly e-blast for the latest updates. Call the office to receive a paper copy.

## Church Staff

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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Walking Group** - Mondays @ 10am

**Pickleball** - Mondays @ 1-3pm & Wednesdays @ 2-4pm

**Faith & Immigration Justice Small Group** -

Tuesdays @ 6pm

**Women's Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

**Altar Guild Training** - Today

**Ash Wednesday Service** - February 18

**Meanderers Lunch** - February 19

**St. Matthew in the Mountains** - February 20-22

**Lenten Bible Study** - begins February 22 & 25

**VBS** - July 27-31

## Prayer Requests

Sue Edmonds

The Wood family

Ethel Sherrill

Linda Thomas

Stacey Thomas

Ann Osborne

Bob Davis

Lois Reid

Steve Quam

Elinor DeYoung

Brian & Nancy Leach

The Dempsey Family

Jody Webb & her dad

Mike Shull's mom, Christine

Judi Misner & Family