9:00am-9:45am
The Branch Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center (Gym)

10:00am-10:45am
Sunday School for All

11:00am-12:00pm
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

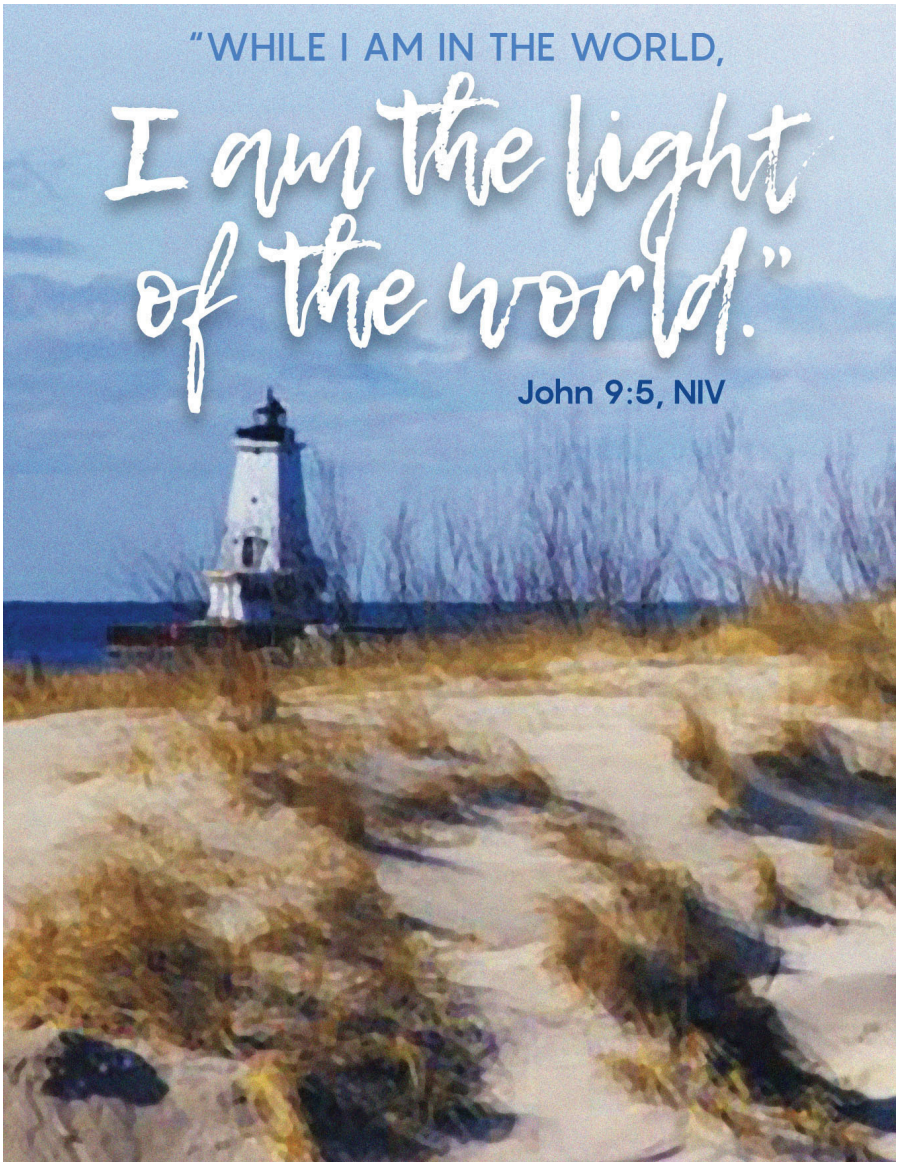
We are so glad you are worshiping with us, and a special welcome to our guests.

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.



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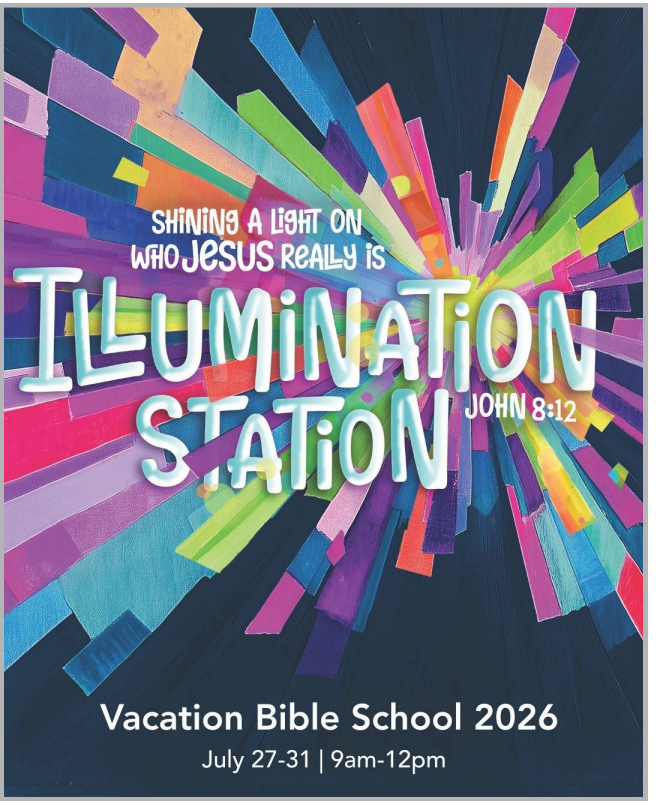

Registration Now Open for Children & Volunteers!

ALL are invited to join us for a week filled with fun, faith, and discovery as we shine a light on who Jesus really is.

At Illumination Station, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world.

With a variety of volunteer roles available, there is a perfect role for everyone! All necessary materials and information will be provided for you ahead of time.

Register and join us for the brightest week of the year!

mission opportunity

Help us provide lunch for 50 youth and staff at Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC) on Friday, March 20 from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Food will need to be delivered to Betsy Boaze by 9:30am or to GJDC at 10:30am on March 20. Anything not requiring refrigeration can be delivered to the church office by 3:30pm on March 19.

Sign up to donate food!

the branch
at St. Matthew UMC

9:00am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

***Greeting**

***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 John 9:1-41

Sermon "Seeing and Believing" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

Children's worship packets and offering boxes can be found on the welcome table. Please return worship packets at the end of the service.

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

11:00am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Gilbert Martin

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

***Call to Worship**

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.
We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.
The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.
We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.
The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.
We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.
Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.
Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

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

Psalter Psalm 34 UMH 769

***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 the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ressurection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Offering

You may give your offering in one of three ways: place check or cash in offering plate, text "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at stmatthewumc.net

Offertory "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" David Cherwien

***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** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

Scripture Reading John 9:1-41 Bartley Sides

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Seeing and Believing" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH 381

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Jesus I Will Ponder" Paul Manz

Assistive listening devices are available for anyone who may benefit from hearing assistance during the service. Please see an Usher in the Narthex to receive one.

Greeters: Growing in Faith Class *Acolytes: Emery & Lowry Sides*

Ushers: Jason Lynch, Mark Swilley, Van Thomas

Scripture: John 9:1-41

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” 10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. 11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.” 12 “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said. The Pharisees Investigate the Healing 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” 16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided. 17 Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” 18 They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. 19 “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?” 20 “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” 25 He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” 26 Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27 He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?” 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. Spiritual Blindness 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” 38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” 41 Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

"My Square is Where?"
70th Anniversary Art Unveiling
March 29 | 10-10:15am

What was once many is now one... our 70th Anniversary Art Squares Project is complete! Get a close up view before it's hung and see if you can find your square.

Come to the gym stairwell at 10am on March 29 (Palm Sunday) to see and celebrate!

All Sunday School classes will still meet with a delayed start.

Maundy Thursday

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you..."

APRIL 2
6:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW UMC
701 CLEVELAND STREET
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 8
9:30am-2:30pm
Family Life Center (Gym)

Give blood and save a life! Appointments are now available for our next blood drive on Wednesday, April 8 from 9:30am-2:30pm. Register ahead of time and you'll save time on donation day.

American Red Cross

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group - 10am Mondays

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

Lenten Bible Study - 5pm Sundays & 10am Wednesdays

Meanderers Lunch - March 19

GJDC Lunch - March 20

70th Anniversary Art Unveiling - March 29

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2

Easter Sunday - April 5

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 8

Youth Sunday - April 26

United Ministries Luncheon - April 29

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday - May 10

VBS - July 27-31

Prayers & Praises

Field Family
Brown Family
Cormey Family
Sides Family
Jody Webb's dad
Moyd Family & birth of baby Eli
Don Smith
Amy King
Don Cochran
Ann Osborne
Brian & Nancy Leach
Sue Edmonds
Ethel Sherrill
Elinor DeYoung
Steve Quam
Stacey Thomas
Bob Davis