

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!

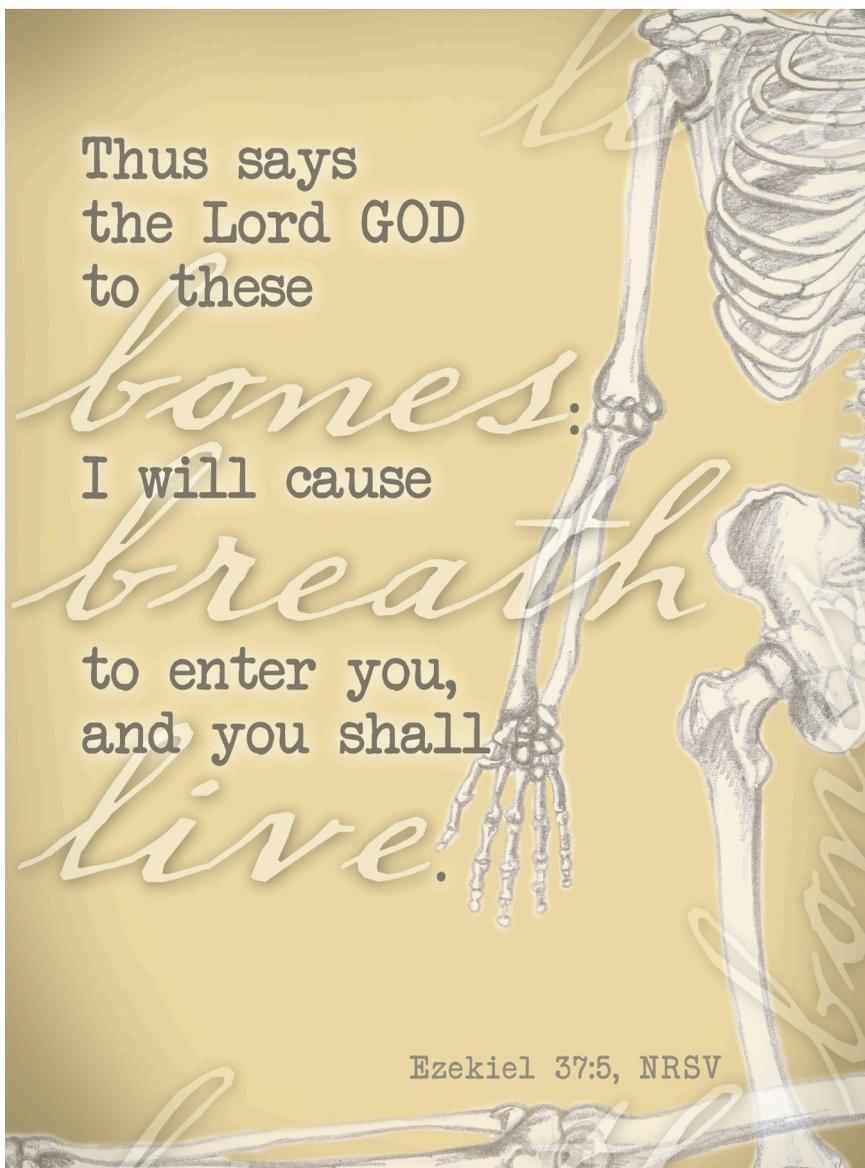
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



March 22, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Vacation Bible School 2026

July 27-31 | 9am-12pm

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!



Global Food Drive

Now through April 12, we are seeking support for Loaves & Fishes Global Food Drive. Items most needed:

- Rice
- Dry beans
- Pasta & sauce
- Coffee
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned chiles
- Canned protein (tuna, chicken)
- Cooking oil
- Corn flour
- Cans with pop tops
- Canned fruits
- Seasonings: chicken bouillon powder, garlic powder, dry parsley, cilantro
- Hot sauce
- Dried chiles: guajillo, chile de arbol, etc.
- Ready-to-eat meals
- Fruit juices
- Peanut butter & jelly

Pop top cans highly requested!

Donations can be brought to the office or to Sunday worship services. Thank you for your support!

A Church & Society Initiative



Acolyte & Crucifer





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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

"Dem Bones"

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 "Gethsemane" David Cherwien

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 154

***Call to Worship**

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road 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.

Special Music "Lord of the Dance" Jody Webb

Psalter Psalm 36:5-10 UMH 771

***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 resurrection 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Robert Farley

***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**

"Be Still, My Soul"

UMH 534

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Terhune Sudderth

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Dem Bones"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Third Mode Melody"

Thomas Tallis

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: Faithful Followers Class Acolyte: Bennett Lynch

Ushers: Jason Lynch, Bartley Sides, Mark Swilley, Van Thomas

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"



**"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

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 | 10:15am



Donations of filled Easter eggs are needed!
Eggs can be placed in collection bins at either service or brought to the church office before Sunday, April 5.



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.



St. Matthew Happenings

Contact Us

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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.

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Walking Group - 10am Mondays

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

Lenten Bible Study - 5pm Sundays & 10am Wednesdays

70th Anniversary Art Unveiling - March 29

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2

Easter Sunday - April 5

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 8

Loaves & Fishes Food Drive - through April 12

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

Cathy Harrington

Ann Osborne

Brian & Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

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