

### **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!**

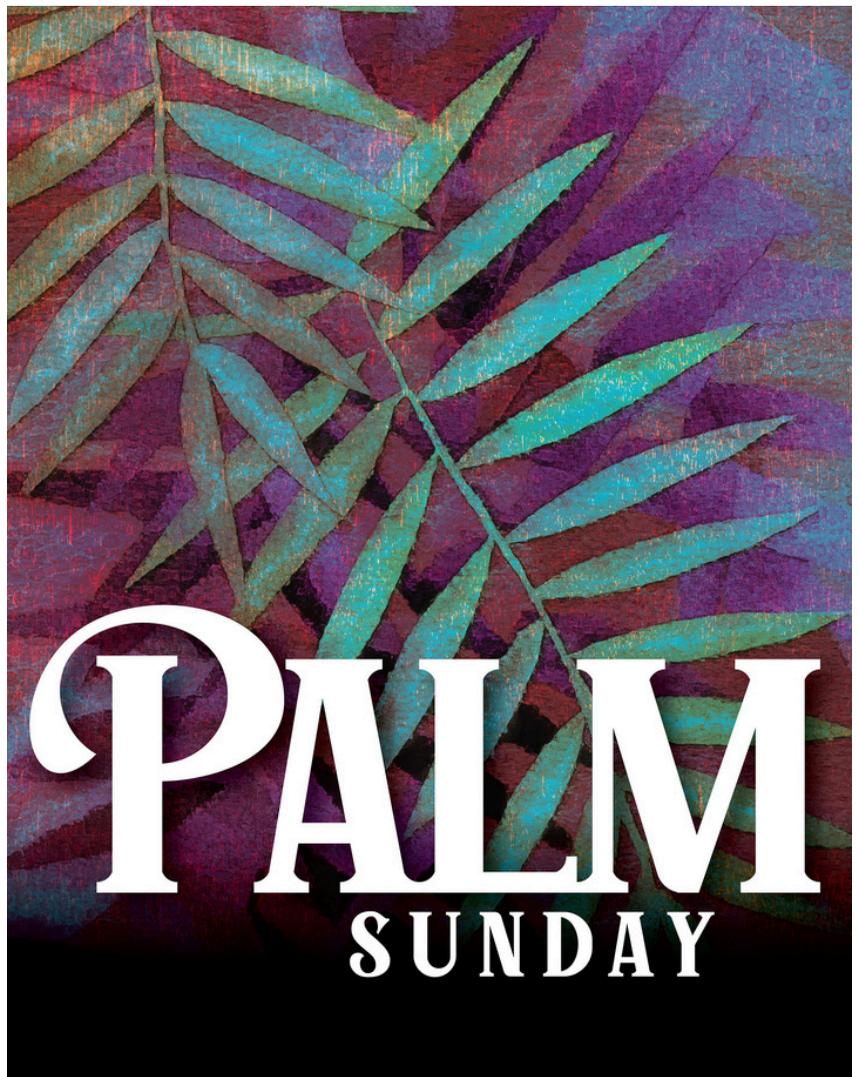
We are so glad you are  
worshiping with us, and a  
special welcome to our  
guests.

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 29, 2026**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church



# 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

# Easter Sunday

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



## Worship with us!

Sunday, April 5

7am: Sunrise (Cady Shelter)

9am: The Branch (Family Life Center)

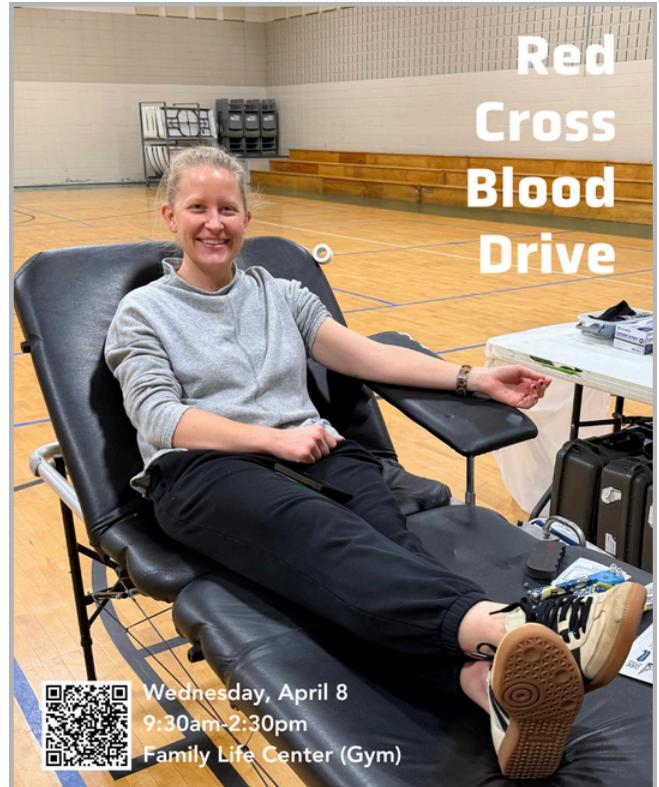
11am: Traditional (Sanctuary)



## 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)



## 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**

Matthew 21:1-11

### **Sermon**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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.)*



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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](http://stmatthewumc.net)*

## **Offertory**

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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**

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

UMH 277

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11

Tim Brookshire

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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## **\*Closing Hymn**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH 278

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Hassler/Bach

*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: Youth      Acolytes: Andrew Clemmons, Jacob Powers*

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

## Scripture

### Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

**Vacation Bible School 2026**  
July 27-31 | 9am-12pm



## 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

### 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!

## UNITING FOR CHANGE *Luncheon*

BENEFITING



Wednesday, April 29  
11am-1pm

Greenville Convention Center

As a founding member of United Ministries, St. Matthew is sponsoring a table at the annual Uniting for Change Luncheon and **we have seats available!**

It will be an inspiring and impactful gathering elevating the conversation around Relational Poverty and the Power of Connection, featuring keynote speaker Kevin F. Adler.

*To reserve a seat, please reach out to our missions committee chairs, Bridgette or Jessica.*

# 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.

## Church Staff

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**Walking Group** - 10am Mondays

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

**Lenten Bible Study** - 4pm Today & 10am Wednesday

**70th Anniversary Art Dedication** - Today

**Maundy Thursday Service** - April 2

**Easter Sunday** - April 5

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - April 8

**Loaves & Fishes Food Drive** - through April 12

**Meanderers Lunch** - April 16

**Youth Sunday** - April 26

**United Ministries Luncheon** - April 29

**Confirmation & Graduation Sunday** - May 10

**Salkehatchie Summer Service** - June & July

**VBS** - July 27-31

## Prayers & Praises

Don and Beth Shoemaker's  
daughter-in-law, Nha

Quam Family

Tom McIntyre

Carol Lauvray

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane

Cathy Harrington

Field Family

Brown Family

Cormey Family

Amy King

Don Cochran

Ann Osborne

Brian & Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Elinor DeYoung

Bob Davis