

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!

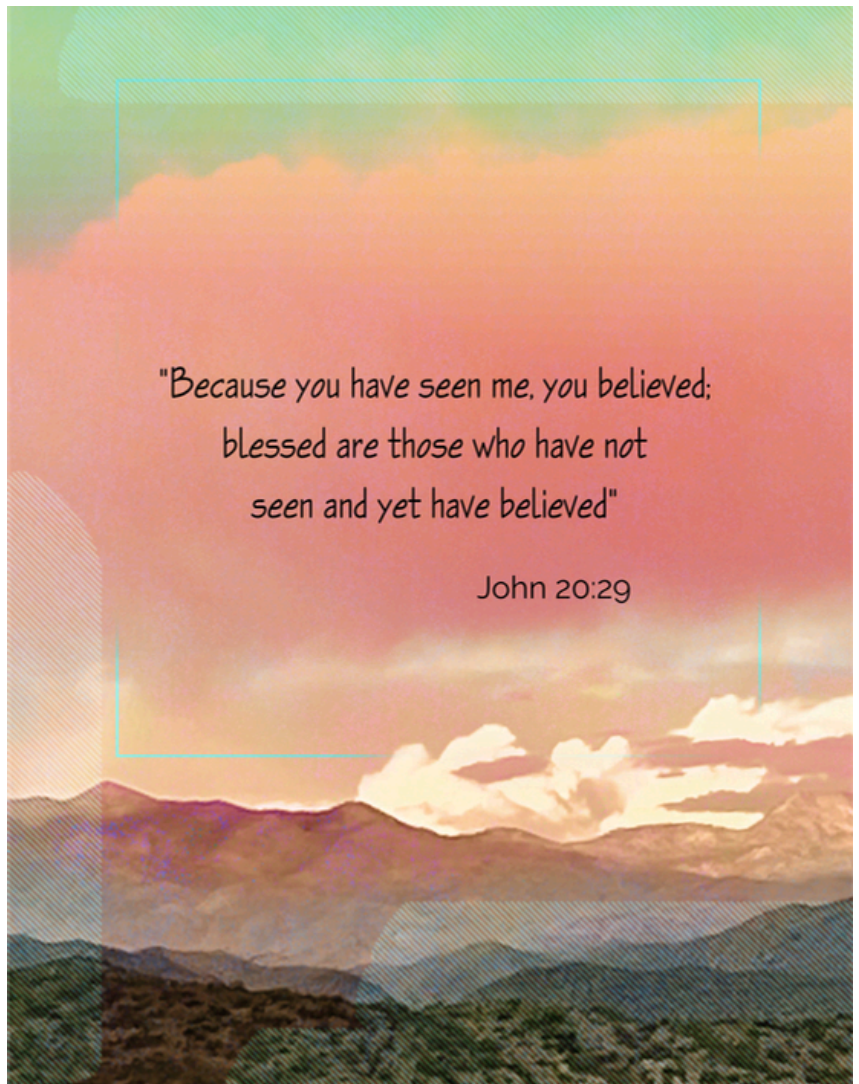
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



*"Because you have seen me, you believed;
blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed"*

John 20:29

April 12, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Global Food Drive

Now through April 15, we are seeking support for Loaves & Fishes Global Food Drive:

- 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 Sunday worship services by Wednesday. Thank you!

A Church & Society Initiative

Meanderers Lunch



April 16 | 11:30am
Blockhouse Restaurant & Oyster Bar



Youth Sunday
April 26

Faith & Florals

Women's Ministry Event

Women of all ages (and youth girls) are invited to join us for **Faith & Florals** – an afternoon of floral design, meaningful fellowship, and a devotion as we reflect on the beauty of growing in God's grace.

Create your own stunning bouquet with a hands-on class guided by Tiffany Sweeting of JoMars Florist. Class is \$40/person and includes florals and a vase to take home.

Join us! Sunday, April 26 from 2-4pm at Jennie Carrington's (15 Collins Crest Court.)



Sign up by Sunday, April 19
(spots are limited!)



9:00am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

Mission Moment

Terhune & Denise Sudderth

***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 20:19-31

Sermon

"Unless I See"

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 "Largo" Woldemar Bargiel

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

Mission Moment Terhune & Denise Sudderth

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

***Call to Worship**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know?

What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! 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 "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" Chancel Choir

***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.

Psalter Psalm 37:1-11 UMH 772

***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

"Ave Verum"

W.A.Mozart

***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**

"Christ Is Risen"

UMH 307

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Maya Powers

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Unless I See"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH 304

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"The Strife is O'er"

Wilbur Held

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.

Acolytes: Andrew Clemmons, Jacob Powers

Greeters: Trinity Class

Ushers: Jake Fine, Lee Geddie, Edward Johnson, Don Smith

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

May 3 | *Animals of all kinds welcome!*



Blessing of the Animals

Faith & Immigration Justice

"What We Learned" **Scripture & Facts from Study Participants**

Our recent Just Faith small group was enlightened by studying legal processes, history, scripture, data, and recent literature regarding immigration in the US.

Over the next few weeks, we will share some of the convicting facts as well as compelling scripture with our church family.

"Are they here legally?" is the modern version of "Who is my neighbor?" found in The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

-Denise Sudderth

Questions? Want to learn more or join our fall study?
Reach out to anyone from this small group or our Church & Society Committee (chaired by Beckie Cormey.)

**REGISTER NOW FOR
ILLUMINATION STATION!**



**SHINE A
LIGHT *
ON JESUS**

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

Summer Worship

**One Combined Service
10am in the Sanctuary
May 24 – August 2**

Our summer combined services will intentionally weave together the unique elements of The Branch and Traditional Worship. Whether you prefer the stir of contemporary praise or the grounding beauty of liturgy and hymns, you'll find a home in this unified hour of worship.

Join us as we celebrate our shared faith and enjoy being together all summer long!



St. Matthew Happenings

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

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Walking Group – 10am Mondays

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

Loaves & Fishes Food Drive – through April 15

Meanderers Lunch – April 16

Youth Sunday – April 26

Faith & Florals – April 26

United Ministries Luncheon – April 29

Blessing of the Animals – May 3

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday – May 10

Summer Combined Worship – May 24 through August 2

Salkehatchie Summer Service – June & July

VBS – July 27-31

Prayers & Praises

Katie Jenkins

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

Don Cochran

Ann Osborne

Brian & Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

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