

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!

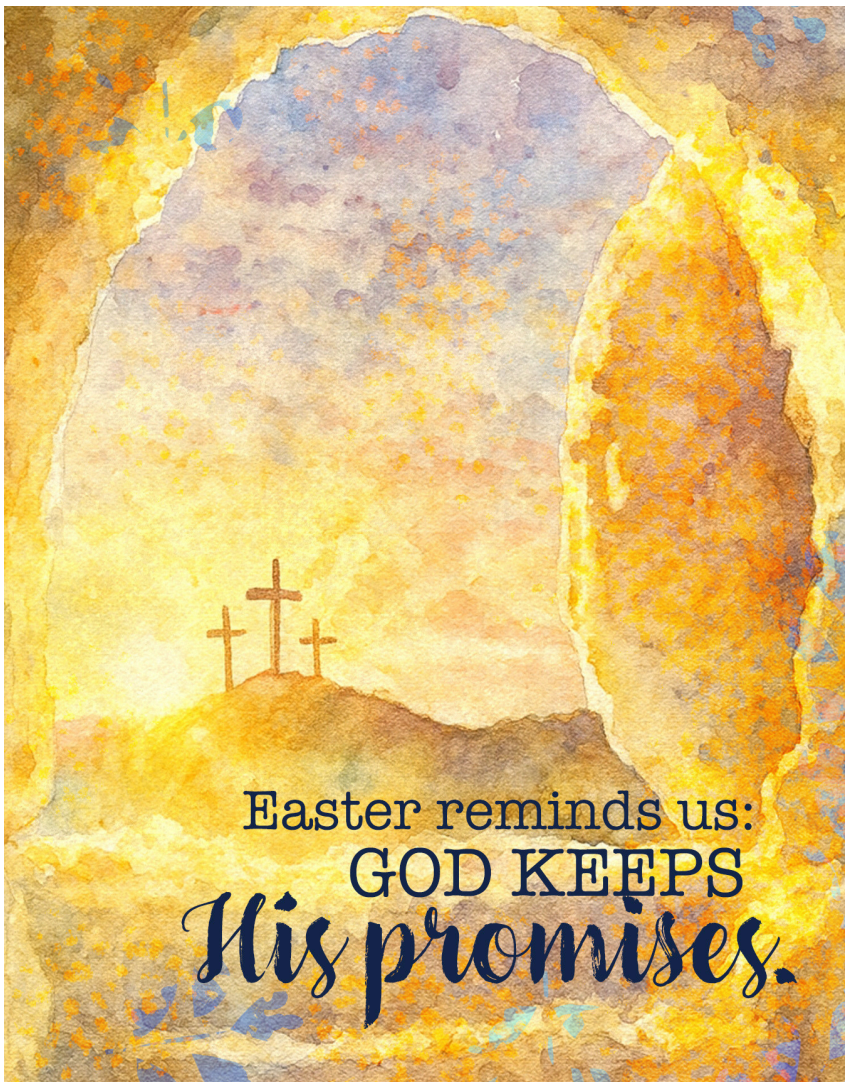
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



April 5, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Red Cross Blood Drive



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



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



Meanderers Lunch

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

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!)



7:00am Order of Worship

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Opening Worship Song

Lyrics on following page

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Sermon

"No Greater Love"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Holy Communion

Closing Worship Song

Lyrics on following page

Benediction

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

REPEAT

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God



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.

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***Closing Worship Song**

***Benediction**

*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

Offertory

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Wilbur Held

***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**

"He Lives"

UMH 310

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Robert Boggs

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"No Greater Love"

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Holy Communion

UMH 12

***Closing Hymn**

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

UMH 322

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Tocatta on *"Gaudeamus Pariter"*

James Biery

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: Frances Carrington, Addie Johnson **Crucifer:** Tyson Fine

Greeters: Aldersgate Class **Ushers:** Jake Fine, Lee Geddie, Edward Johnson, Don Smith

Scripture

John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**The Easter lilies adorning our Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in honor and in memory of these loved ones.**

In Honor of

Billy & Chris DeYoung
My grandchildren & great grandchildren
(Josh, Mary, Liam, Thomas, Catherine & Will)
Our family
Doyle Yates
Lee, Kim, Kate, Gray, & Madison Geddie
Christine Shull
Sherrie Nagy
Our mothers
Madison & Gray Geddie

Given By

Elinor DeYoung

Elinor DeYoung
Nancy & Gary Groff
Mark & Kathy Swilley
Claire Winkler
Betty & Mike Shull
The Cormey Family
Kim & Lee Geddie
Kim & Lee Geddie



In Memory of

Tom DeYoung & Bryan DeYoung
My parents & 2 deceased babies
Lee Boaze
My precious mother, Lois Reid
Hal Barnes
Our parents
My parents
Ms. Sandra & Ms. Valerie
Our parents
Tomas deSaubruit Boggs
Melree Woods Boggs
Ed & Virginia Cansler
Bill & Gay Swilley
Rodney Jordan
Ike & Lorene Davis
T. & Mamie Sudderth
Dora & Wesley Cook
Rev. Daniel Murray Shull, Jr.
Joseph & Mary Stonoha
Michele & Jay Marckim
Loved ones
Harold G. Shoemaker
Isabel M. Shoemaker
Anacleto D. Miller
Victorina P. Miller
Rev. Pat Wood
Art Carlson
Jack & Mary Alice Griffeth
Sarah & Hall Turner
Mary George & Clif Smith
Louis Nagy
My uncle, Mike Hines

Given By

Elinor DeYoung
Elinor DeYoung
Betsy Boaze
Judi Misner
Carolyn Barnes
Sue & Hugh Edmonds
Claire Winkler
St. Matthew Preschool Staff
Nancy & Gary Groff
Robert, Aaron & Samantha Boggs
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Mark & Kathy Swilley
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Ellen Jordan
Terhune & Denise Sudderth
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Betty & Mike Shull
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Mary Ann Stonoha
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Mary Ann Stonoha
Don & Beth Shoemaker
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Aldersgate Sunday School
The Sides Family
Betty & Mike Davis
Sarah & Don Smith
Sarah & Don Smith
The Cormey Family
Kim Geddie

UNITING FOR CHANGE *Luncheon*



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.

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!



REGISTER NOW FOR ILLUMINATION STATION!



SHINE A
LIGHT *
ON JESUS

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

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.

"The same law shall apply to the native-born and to the alien who is living among you." -Exodus 12:49

Of the 68,000 ICE detainees in custody as of December 2025, 73% have no criminal record. (Cato Institute)

-Beth Zweigoron

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

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

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15am Today

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 8

GOAL Justice Nehemiah Action - April 9

Loaves & Fishes Food Drive - through April 12

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

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

Elinor DeYoung

Bob Davis