

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
worshipping 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.



May 3, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



May 3 | 2-3pm | Front Lawn
Animals of all kinds welcome!

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday



Join us as we recognize and celebrate another exceptional class of confirmands and graduates!

Sunday, May 10



Meanderers Lunch



May 21 | 11:30am
Harveys Family Restaurant

Faith & Immigration Justice

"What We Learned"

Scripture & Facts from Small Group Participants

Immigrants' economic contribution to the US has helped cut our deficit by 1/3 since 1994. This equates to \$14.5 trillion.

– Cato Institute

"For the Lord your God...loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

– Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Shared by Greg & Cindy Pickett

Questions? Want to learn more or join our fall study?
Reach out to Beckie Cormey, Church & Society Chair.



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 14:1-14

Sermon

"You Know The Way"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Holy Communion

***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

Voluntary on "Abbot's Leigh/Hyfydol"

Carolyn Hamlin

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

UMH 559

***Call to Worship**

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! 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

"Whisper to My Heart"

Chancel Choir

***Psalter**

Psalm 43

UMH 778

***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

Chorale on "Irish"

Healey Willan

***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**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

TFWS 2146

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Patton Fiske

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"You Know The Way"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Holy Communion

UMH 12

***Closing Hymn**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH 714

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Chorale on "Sandy's"

Healey Willan

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: Ben Cormey & Jacob Powers

Greeters: Aldersgate Class

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Jimmy Fiske, Marc Murphy

Scripture

John 14:1-14

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."



Volunteer for Children's Church



United Ministries



We were grateful to join community partners at the 10th Annual Uniting for Change Luncheon where meaningful conversations around relational poverty and connection reminded us of the impact we can make together. Thankful for St. Matthew's continued commitment to serving alongside United Ministries!

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!



JESUS is ✨
THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

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



REGISTER NOW!

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

Blessing of the Animals – Today

GJDC Lunch – May 8

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday – May 10

Triune 5th Saturday Lunch – May 30

Summer Combined Worship – May 24 through August 2

Salkehatchie Summer Service – June & July

VBS – July 27-31

Prayers & Praises

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane Elinor DeYoung	Brian & Nancy Leach
Bob Davis	Sue Edmonds
	Ethel Sherrill

Share your prayers and praises with us!

If you have joys to celebrate, concerns to share, or know of someone in need of prayer, support or encouragement, please contact a member of Congregational Care Team:

Betty Davis (chair), Sarah Clemmons, Anna Cobb, Kim Geddie, Adelaide Johnson, Kathy Swilley, Claire Winkler, Kurt McPherson, Bridgette Bagwell, or Jessica Young.

Your updates help us stay connected and respond with love, prayer, and care. Thank you for being a church family that looks after one another!