

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 delighted that
you are worshipping with
us today, and we offer a
special welcome to our
guests.

It is our hope that you
will experience God's
presence among us and
feel encouraged to join
us again in worship.

If you have questions
about becoming part of
the life and ministry of
St. Matthew UMC,
please speak with our
pastor or ministry
directors. We trust you
will find St. Matthew to
be a welcoming
community and place to
call your church home.

Our Mission

To build life-changing
relationships with God,
one another, and our
community.



May 10, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

GREENVILLE DISTRICT
Worship Celebration

ST. MATTHEW UMC
SANCTUARY

701 CLEVELAND ST., GREENVILLE, SC

Sunday | May 17, 2026 | 4pm

Reception to Follow

Meanderers Lunch



May 21 | 11:30am
Harveys Family Restaurant



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
May 30 | 11:20am

This month, we're serving hungry people at Triune Mercy Center. St. Matthew has been providing a noon meal on the months that have a fifth Saturday for over 25 years!

If you would like to help serve, come to Triune (222 Rutherford St., Greenville, SC) at 11:20am on Saturday, May 30.

Questions? Contact Claire Winkler at claire.winkler@charter.net or 864-380-2384.



Supper with Sisters of Scripture

Join us for part one of a bible study, *Twelve Women of the Bible*, exploring the real stories of our sisters in scripture. Learn about their struggles, faith, victories, and the God who meets us right where we are. A salad supper will be provided each week.

This five-week study will meet Tuesdays from 6-8pm in the Youth Room on June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Led by Kary Mitchell and Susan White.



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with teachings from: **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

Sign Up!





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

Proverbs 31:25-31

Sermon

"In Praise of Our Mothers"

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

“Voluntary in C”

James Hook

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH 139

***Call to Worship**

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

***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

“In This Very Room”

Chancel Choir

Recognition & Blessing of Our Graduates

*The flowers on the altar are lovingly given in honor of our mothers and mother figures,
and in celebration of our confirmands and graduates.*

Congratulations

to our graduates!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11



Tyson Fine

Tyson is graduating from Riverside High School and will attend Clemson University this fall where he plans to pursue civil engineering.



Hamilton Shew

Hamilton is graduating from Christ Church Episcopal School and this fall will attend the University of Chicago where he plans to study math and economics.



Sophie McPherson

Sophie earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of South Carolina. She is taking a gap year before grad school, and working on a ranch in Wyoming through September.



Nick Wattenbarger

Nick earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He will continue doing research on campus this summer while deciding on future plans.



Jacob Cree

Jacob graduated in December 2025 from Clemson University with a degree in Packaging Science. He works for General Mills as a R&D Packaging Engineer in Minneapolis, MN.



Jacob Stocker

Jacob graduated in December 2025 from Clemson University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

A Service of *Confirmation*

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Andrew John Clemmons
Benjamin Jefferson Cormey
Edward Bennett Lynch



A special thank you to our confirmation mentors: Terhune Sudderth (Bennett), Clay Young (Andrew), and Edward Johnson (Ben).

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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

"Interlude"

Gilbert Martin

***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**

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529

Service of Confirmation

UMH 33

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:25-31

Bonnie Lynch

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"In Praise of Our Mothers"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH 557

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Praise"

Gilbert Martin

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: Cate Cormey & Charlotte Shew

Crucifer: Hamilton Shew

Greeters: Trinity Class

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Jimmy Fiske, Marc Murphy

Scripture

Proverbs 31:25-31

- 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
- 26 She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- 27 She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
- 29 "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
- 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Faith & Immigration Justice

"What We Learned" Scripture & Facts from Small Group Participants

Currently, there are 70,000-80,000 detainees held by DHS.

The vast majority are held in private mass detention prisons with 7,500-8,000 people each. The current plan is to more than double that number in 12 months by buying more very large buildings. – National Public Radio

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

Shared by Terhune Sudderth

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

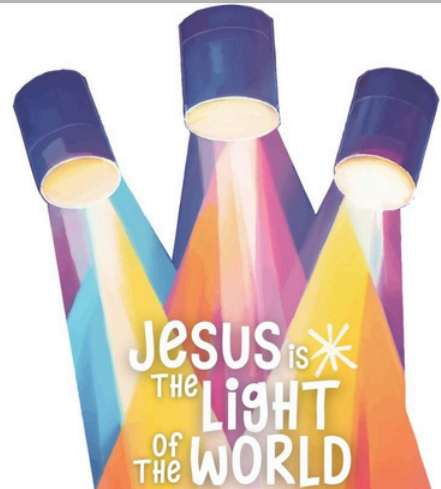


Summer Worship

**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!



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



REGISTER NOW!

St. Matthew Happenings

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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

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday – Today

Greenville District Worship Celebration – May 17

Meanderers Lunch – May 21

Summer Combined Worship – May 24 through August 2

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – May 30

Women's Bible Study – Tuesdays beginning June 2

Kid's Color Clay Cafe Outing – June 6

Salkehatchie Summer Service – June & July

Vacation Bible School – July 27-31

Prayers & Praises

Maya Powers' mom, Leya
Elinor DeYoung
Bob Davis

Brian and Nancy Leach
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!