

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.

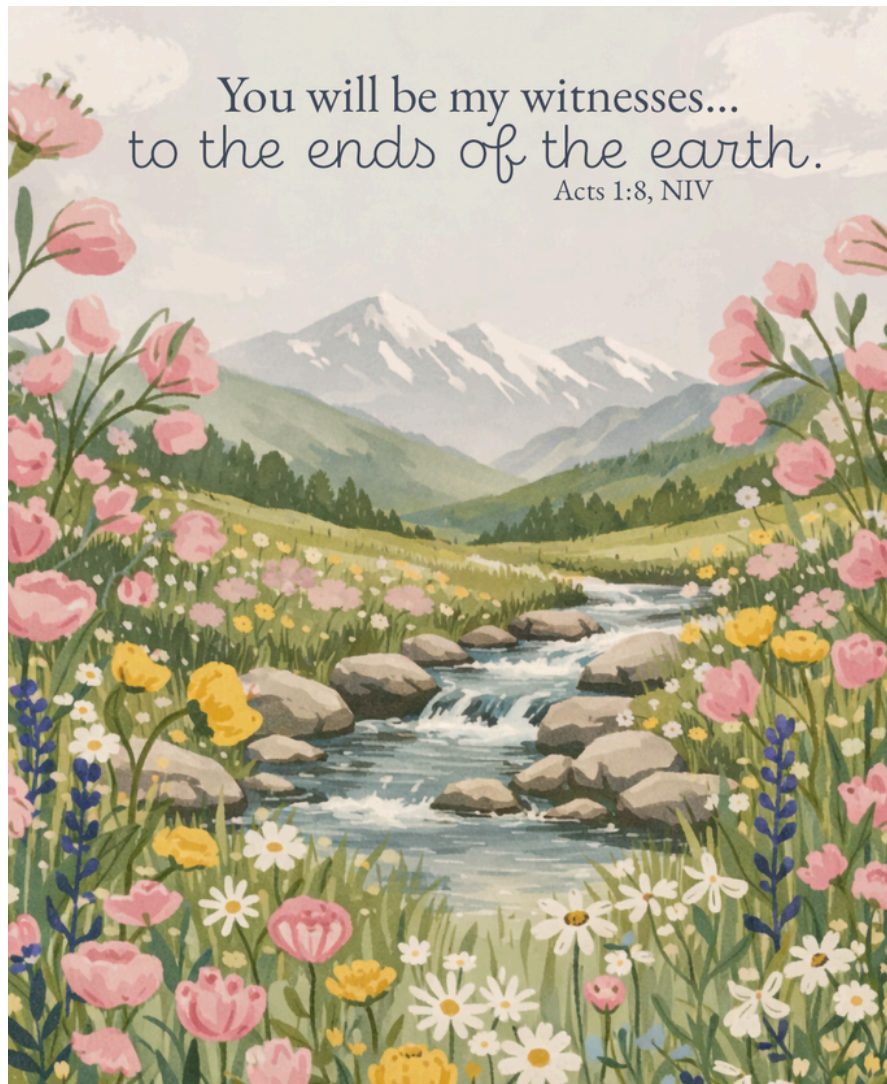
If you have questions
about becoming part of
the life and ministry of
St. Matthew UMC,
please speak with our
pastor or ministry
directors. We trust you
will find St. Matthew to
be a welcoming
community and place to
call your church home.

Our Mission

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

You will be my witnesses...
to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8, NIV



May 17, 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



Congratulations Confirmands



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.





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 17:1-11, Acts 1:6-11

Sermon

"Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

Marc Murphy

***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

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Don Hustad

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

UMH 312

***Call to Worship**

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

Through Christ we are made one with one another.

In life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ guides us into life with God.

Through Christ, we are made one with God.

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life here and now. So come, let us worship God who saves us into that eternal life with Him and one another.

Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

***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

“Lord, Here Am I”

Chancel Choir

***Psalter**

Psalm 46

UMH 780

***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.

Summer Sundays

May 24 – August 2

Join us this summer as we blend faith, community, and the joy of being together!

Summer Blend

9:15am in the Parlor

A space where coffee, community, and faith meet. You're invited to gather, connect, and experience all of St. Matthew. From catching up with old and new friends to hearing ministry highlights and inspiring stories from charity partners, this time is designed to create meaningful moments together.



Kid's Corner: Kids are invited and will have a fun activity each week!
Optional childcare is available for 3 & under in the Education Building.

Combined Worship

10:00am in the Sanctuary

A thoughtful blend of The Branch and Traditional Worship, honoring the gifts of both. Whether you are drawn to the energy of contemporary praise or the rich, grounding beauty of liturgy and hymns, you'll find a meaningful home in this shared hour of worship. *Children's Church is available.*



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

Summer Blend Series

9:15am Sundays in the Parlor



May 24 (*Memorial Day Weekend*)

Organ Concert (*Sanctuary*)

Enjoy music by our wonderful organist, Charlie, to prepare your hearts for worship.



May 31

Fostering Great Ideas

Hear how FGI brings great ideas to life, restoring hope for children in foster care.



June 7

Breakfast Potluck

Bring your favorite breakfast food to share. There may be a prize for the fan favorite!



June 14

Safe Harbor

Learn how SH is helping all people feel safe, valued, and supported in relationships.



June 21 (*Father's Day*)

Donuts & "Dadvice"

Come for donuts and stay for an honest, funny, and inspirational dad advice panel.



June 28

Coffee & Connection

Join us for coffee, conversation, and community. You might meet someone new!



July 12

Branch Band Concert (*Sanctuary*)

Energize your morning with contemporary worship music by our talented band.



July 19

United Ministries

Explore how UM programs support our neighbors who are experiencing scarcity.



July 26

Vacation Bible School Kickoff

Step into VBS Illumination Station for a preview of the week and ways you can support.



August 2

Salkehatchie Sunday

Hear a recap from our Salkehatchie volunteers and take part in a panel-style Q&A.

Pastoral Prayer

Please text prayers and praises by 11:10am to 864-593-0718

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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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

"Beautiful Savior"

Michael Burkhardt

***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**

"The Voice of God Is Calling"

UMH 436

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11, Acts 1:6-11

Bartley Sides

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

Marc Murphy

***Closing Hymn**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH 580

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

Don Hustad

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.

Acolyte: Lowry Sides

Crucifer: Frances Carrington

Greeters: Growing in Faith Class

Scripture

John 17:1-11

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Acts 1:6-11

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

COLOR CLAY Cafe

Kid's Summer Kickoff
June 6 | 11:30am-1:30pm

All kids 3 and up are invited to kickoff summer with us at Color Clay Cafe!

Lunch and dessert will be provided. Each child will be able to choose a pottery piece (animal, mug, bowl, etc.) to paint however they like! Cost is \$10/child.



Learn more & sign up!



Volunteer for Children's Church



Registration Open!



Since 1978, Salkehatchie has been more than a UMC outreach—it's a life-changing experience. In one week, volunteers help families feel safe, warm, and secure in their homes. With 28 camps across SC each June and July, youth (14+) and adults alike are invited to serve!

Women's Bible Study

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!



St. Matthew Happenings

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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

Greenville District Worship Celebration – Today

Meanderers Lunch – May 21

Village Engage Workshop – May 21

Summer Sundays – May 24 through August 2

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – May 30

Youth Summer Lock In – 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

Collier Family

Mike Shull's mom, Christine

Maya Powers' mom, Leya

Elinor DeYoung

Bob Davis

Brian and Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill