

### **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.



**August 2, 2026**  
**Salkehatchie Sunday**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# ILLUMINATION STATION VBS

We had an **incredible** week at VBS and it would not have been possible without all of you. **Thank you** to everyone who volunteered, attended, donated items, and helped make this week happen. We can't wait until next year!



*mission  
opportunity*

St. Matthew is excited to once again sponsor a **Back-to-School Breakfast on Tuesday, August 4** for teachers and staff at the **Washington Center**, a dedicated school for students with intellectual disabilities.

Volunteers are needed to help provide breakfast foods, juice, and coffee, and to come and serve.



**Learn more & sign up!**



## Back-to-School Bash

**August 9 | 5-7pm**  
**YMCA Pool + Fellowship Hall**

Calling all families (parents + youth + kids)... you're invited to round out Promotion Sunday at our **Back-to-School Bash on August 9!**

Come enjoy a fun evening together featuring a pool party at the YMCA splash pad (5-6pm) followed by a pizza party in the Fellowship Hall (6-7pm). Let's start the school year off right!



**RSVP by August 7!**



## Promotion Sunday

**Sunday, August 9**

**Blessing of the Backpacks +  
3rd Grade Bible Presentation**

## Opening Songs

### This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*(Chorus)*

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*(Repeat Chorus)*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

*(Repeat Chorus)*

### We Need a Miracle

You're the same God today  
And the same God tomorrow  
Help me see a victory You already see  
Let my faith be today  
What it will be tomorrow  
When I sing the victory You already see,  
Oh Jesus, I believe,

*(Chorus)*

We need a miracle  
You are the miracle-maker  
God of the impossible  
There is no power greater  
Exceeding, abundant  
Beyond what we could ask or think  
We call on Your name, Jesus

By the power of Your name  
And all for Your glory  
The sick are healed, the soul is filled  
The battle has been won  
On Your promise, I stand  
And in faith, I believe in  
That what I pray in Your name  
It's already done, oh, oh  
Let Your will be done,

*(Repeat Chorus)*

In the waiting, You get the glory  
In the healing, You get the glory  
In the breaking, You get the glory  
And in the breakthrough, You get the glory  
*(Repeat)*

*(Repeat Chorus)*

We need a miracle,  
You are the miracle-maker  
God of the impossible,  
There is no power greater  
Exceeding, abundant,  
Beyond what we could ask or think  
We call on Your name  
We call on Your name  
We call on Your name, Jesus

# Order of Worship

*\*Congregation stands, as able*

**Prelude** "My Jesus I Love Thee" Diane Bish

## Announcements

## \*Passing of the Peace

**\*Opening Songs** "This is Amazing Grace" & "We Need a Miracle" Branch Band

**Children's Special Music** "Bright" & "Illumination Station" VBS Participants  
*After, ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.*

**\*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 in 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.

## Pastoral Prayer

*Please text prayers and praises by 10:10am to 864-643-9968*

*Children's worship packets can be found in baskets in the Narthex.  
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 9am in the Education Building (first floor.)*

**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.

**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](http://stmatthewumc.net)*

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| <b>Offertory</b> | Hymn Tune "St. Cuthbert" | Healey Willan |
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**\*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**

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| <b>*Hymn of Preparation</b> | "When Morning Gilds the Skies" | UMH 715 |
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| <b>Salkehatchie Testimonies</b> | Sam Carrington, Addie Johnson, Terhune Sudderth |
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| <b>Holy Communion</b> | UMH 12 |
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| <b>*Closing Hymn</b> | "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" | UMH 540 |
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**\*Benediction**

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| <b>*Postlude</b> | Hymn Tune "Sandys" | Healey Willan |
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*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.*

**Greeters:** Aldersgate Class     **Ushers:** Lee Geddie, Tom McIntyre, Marc Murphy, Van Thomas






## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 19  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Family Life Center (Gym)

We're **looking** for blood donors! Appointments are now available for our next blood drive on Wednesday, August 19 from 9:30am-2:30pm. Register ahead of time and you'll save time on donation day.



American Red Cross




## 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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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Walking Group** – 10am Mondays

**Summer Pickleball** – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

**Washington Center School Breakfast** – August 4

**Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes** – August 9

**Promotion Sunday** – August 9

**Back-to-School Bash** – August 9

**Youth Lake Day** – August 16

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – August 19

**Meanderers Lunch** – August 20

**Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch** – August 29

## Prayers & Praises

Pastor Kurt's mom, Frances

Paul Thorn

Logan O'Brian

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Becky Cline

Bonnie Lynch's mom, Jocelle

Anna Cobb's grandson, Crescent

Elinor DeYoung

Betty Shull

Brian and Nancy Leach

Doyle Yates

Sue Edmonds

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

Ethel Sherrill

Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry