

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

8:45am-12:00pm

Childcare available in
Education Building for
K4 & under

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.

"Abba, Father, he said"

**"everything is possible
for you. Take this cup
from me. Yet not what I
will, but what you will."**

Mark 14:36

August 23, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
August 29 | 11:20am

Help us share God's love by feeding our neighbors
at Triune Mercy Center.

We'll meet at Triune (222 Rutherford St.) at
11:20am on Saturday, August 29. Plan to be there
about an hour. The more volunteers the merrier!

Questions? Contact Claire Winkler.





9:00am

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Songs**

Children's Moment

After, ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.

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

Mark 14:32-36

Sermon

"The Prayer-Filled Life"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude	“Air from Orchestral Suite #3”	JS Bach
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Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	UMH 64
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***Call to Worship**

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God’s never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God’s love, all things will work together for God’s good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God’s never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God’s good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (<i>Unison</i>)	UMH 70
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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.

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Special Music	“Be Strong in the Lord”	Chancel Choir
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***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 by: check or cash in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 659-1812, or giving online at stmatthewumc.net

Offertory

"Little Prelude in F"

JS Bach

*The Doxology (Unison)

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

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH 395

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-36

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Prayer-Filled Life"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH 399

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Yorkminster Processional”

Gordon Young

Scripture

Mark 14:32-36

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

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.



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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Summer Pickleball – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – August 29

Choir Open House – September 9

Tailgate at the Parsonage – September 20

Faith & Immigration Justice Study – begins September 23

Pumpkin Unloading – September 27

The Holy Spirit Study – begins October 4

Second Pumpkin Unloading – October 12

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Charge Conference – October 26

St. Matthew in the Mountains – March 12-14, 2027

Prayers & Praises

Susie Saville

Kevin Brown

Linda Thomas

John White

McPherson Family

Doyle Yates

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry

Paul Thorn

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

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