

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!

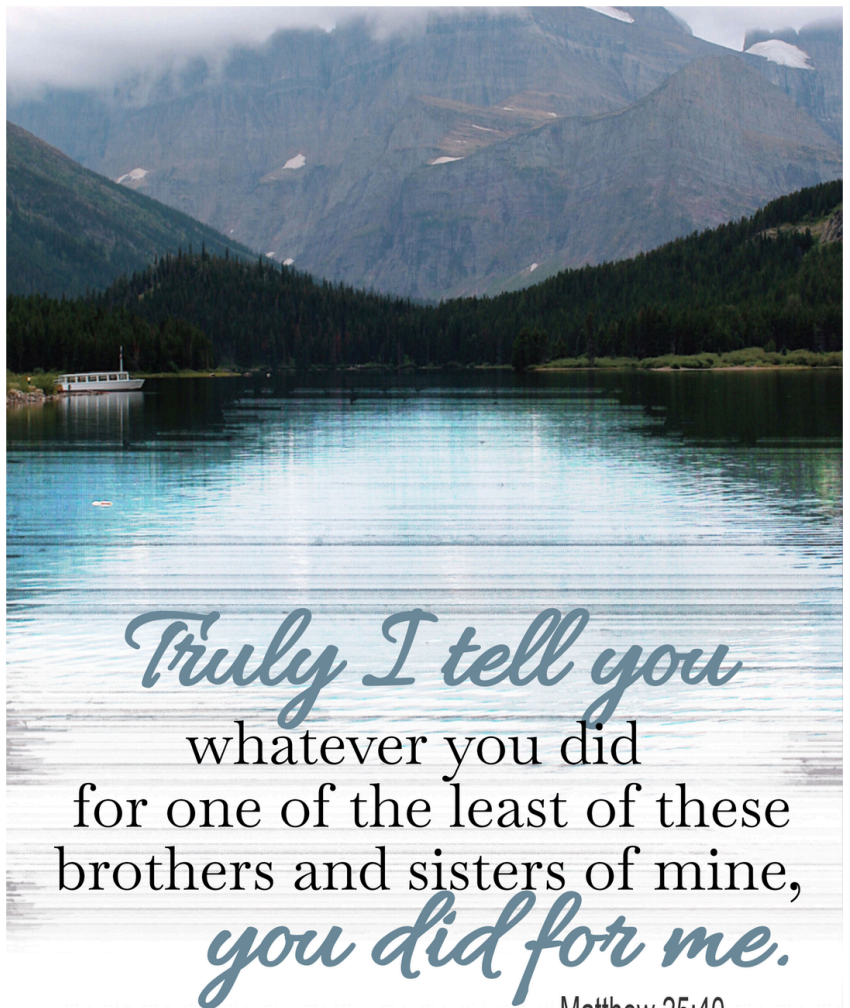
We are so glad you are
worshipping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.

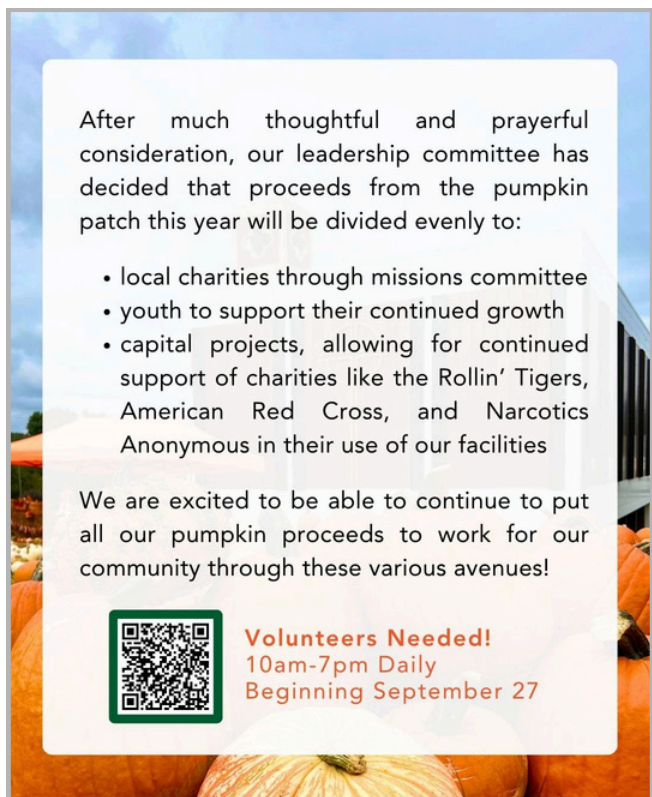


Matthew 25:40

August 30, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



After much thoughtful and prayerful consideration, our leadership committee has decided that proceeds from the pumpkin patch this year will be divided evenly to:

- local charities through missions committee
- youth to support their continued growth
- capital projects, allowing for continued support of charities like the Rollin' Tigers, American Red Cross, and Narcotics Anonymous in their use of our facilities

We are excited to be able to continue to put all our pumpkin proceeds to work for our community through these various avenues!



Volunteers Needed!
10am-7pm Daily
Beginning September 27



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

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"Justice and Compassion"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

Pumpkin Patch Preview

Emily O'Brian

***Blessing**

11:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude	"Be Thou My Vision"	Gordon Young
----------------	---------------------	--------------

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Preview		Emily O'Brian
------------------------------	--	---------------

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	UMH 62
---------------------------	-------------------------------------	--------

***Call to Worship**

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri <i>(Unison)</i>		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	"How Great the Love"	Chancel Choir
----------------------	----------------------	---------------

***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 11:10am 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.

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

"Amazing Grace"

Gordon Young

*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

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH 519

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Tim Brookshire

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Justice and Compassion"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

UMH 569

*Benediction

*Postlude

Voluntary on "Kresmer"

Gordon Young

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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.



Choir Open House

September 9 | 6:30-7:30pm
Choir Room (3rd Floor Sanctuary)



mission
opportunity

Help us provide lunch for 60 youth and staff at Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC) on Friday, September 18 from 10:15am-12:30pm.

Food will need to be delivered to Betsy Boaze by 9:30am or to GJDC at 10:15am on September 18. Anything not needing refrigeration can be brought to the church office by 3:30pm on September 17.



Sign up to help serve
or donate food!



TAILGATE *at the parsonage*

SEPTEMBER 20 | 5-7 PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
GAMEDAY FOOD TO SHARE
AND TAILGATE ESSENTIALS
(chairs, cooler, games)



Acolyte & Crucifer



Contact Us

St. Matthew UMC
701 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC 29601
864-424-1966
stmatthewumc.net

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.

Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson
kmcpherson@stmatthewumc.net

Director of Children and Church Ministries

Bridgette Bagwell
bbagwell@stmatthewumc.net

Director of Youth and Church Ministries

Jessica Young
jyoung@stmatthewumc.net

Music Ministry Leader

Amy King
akingsings88@gmail.com

Organist

Charlie Jones
cjonesfu3x@gmail.com

Office Administrator

Leah Einhorn
officeadmin@stmatthewumc.net



stmatthewumcgreenville



stmatthewumc

St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Pickleball Group – returning September 9 1-3pm

Choir Open House – September 9

GJDC Lunch – September 18

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 11

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Charge Conference – October 26

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

Prayers & Praises

Jody Webb's dad

Mel Levine

Susie Saville

Kevin Brown

Linda Thomas

John White

McPherson Family

Doyle Yates

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda Ann Osborne

Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry

Charlie Jones

Paul Thorn

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill