

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!

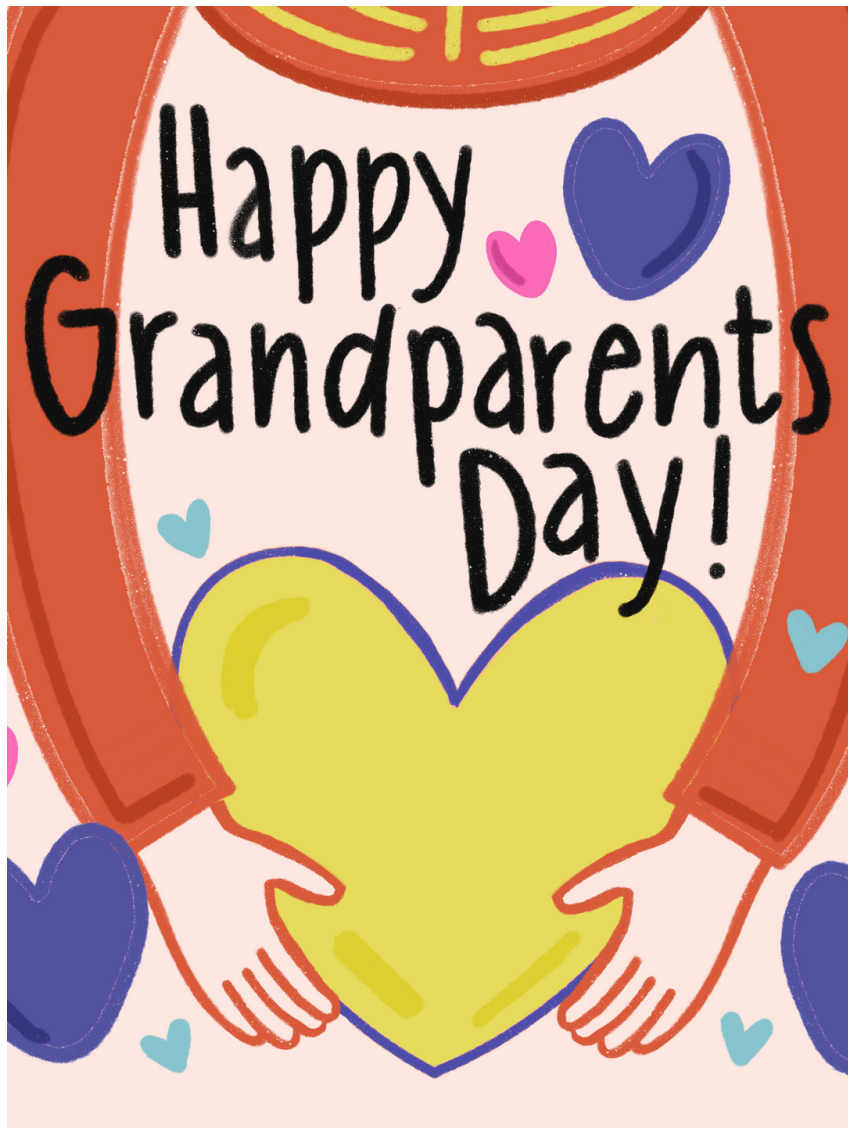
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



September 13, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



*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!**



Buy your pumpkin t-shirt!
\$20 (youth & adult sizes)
Purchase by September 17!



Volunteer in the patch!
Beginning September 27
Shifts available 10am-7pm



9:00am

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Preview

Marnie Cree

***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 John 14:15-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15

Sermon

"Paraclete Sayings"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude	"It Is Well with My Soul"	Carolyn Hamlin
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Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Preview	Jennie Carrington
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***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	UMH 110
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***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 <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.

Children's Moment

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Special Music	"How Can I Keep from Singing?"	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 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.

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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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Robert Lau

*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

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH 152

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15

Maya Powers

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Paraclete Sayings"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Passacaglia"

Gordon Young

Scripture

John 14:15-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15

14:15-17

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

25-26

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

15:26-27

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16:7-15

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Pickleball – 1-3pm Mondays & 2-4pm Wednesdays

Disciple 1 Fast Track Study – mid-September

Meanderers Lunch – September 17

GJDC Lunch – September 18

Tailgate at the Parsonage – September 20

Faith & Immigration Justice Study – begins September 23

Pumpkin Unloading – September 27 & October 11

The Holy Spirit Study – begins October 4

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Charge Conference – October 26

High School Retreat – December 4-6

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

Prayers & Praises

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda

Betty Clark

Cormey Family

Don Cochran

Jody Webb's dad, Joseph

Susie Saville

John White

Charlie Jones

Doyle Yates

Paul Thorn

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Ann Osborne

Thank you so very much for your prayers, calls, messages, cards, food, hugs, and kindness following the passing of my mother. Your love and support have meant more to me and my family than I can express. We are truly grateful.

*With heartfelt thanks,
Pastor Kurt*