

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.

*But
He answered
and said
"It is written:
Man shall
not live by
bread alone,
but by
every word
that proceeds
out of the
mouth of God"*

Matthew 4:1-11



September 20, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church





9:00am

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

Mission Moment: Greenville Juvenile Detention Center

Betsy Boaze

Pumpkin Patch Preview

Andrew Clemmons

***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 4:1-11

Sermon

"Personal Holiness"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude "Adagio from Oboe Concerto" Allesandro Marcello

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***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***ProceSSIONal Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

***Call to Worship**

Holy God,
author of the Word made flesh,
to whom belongs both the first Word and the last,
open us to your Spirit,
that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed,
we may be comforted, convinced, and changed
to the glory of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

***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.

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Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" Jody Webb

***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 “Largo from Xerxes” George Frederick Handel

***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** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 Marc Murphy
Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Personal Holiness” Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH 382

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale" Gordon Young

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



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PUMPKIN Patch Party

OCTOBER 14 | 5-7 PM

costume contest
games + prizes
face painting
food truck
live music

free & all are welcome!



Pickleball Group

1-3pm Mondays
2-4pm Wednesdays



Walking Group

10am Mondays
Cleveland Park Stables
(130 Woodland Way)



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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

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

Tailgate at the Parsonage – Today

Disciple 1 Fast Track Study – begins September 22

Faith & Immigration Justice – 10-11:30am Wednesdays

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

Youth Ski Trip – January 15-18, 2027

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

Prayers & Praises

Anne Levine

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda

Betty Clark

Cormey Family

Don Cochran

Jody Webb's dad, Joseph

Kevin Brown

Susie Saville

John White

Charlie Jones

Doyle Yates

Paul Thorn

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Elinor DeYoung

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