

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!

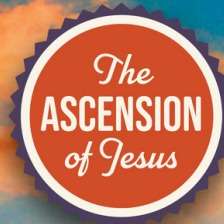
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



**“I am sending
the promise of my
Father upon you.
But stay in the city
until you are clothed
with power from
on high.”**

LUKE 24:49, ESV

September 6, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Choir Open House

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

High school youth and adults are welcome for refreshments, fellowship, and our first rehearsal of the fall as we start preparing Christmas music.



Buy your pumpkin t-shirt!

Youth and adult sizes available
Purchase by September 13 on website

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



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

Luke 24:44-49

Sermon

"My Words"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Holy Communion

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
Order of Worship

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Prelude	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	J. Wayne Kerr
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Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	"O Worship the King"	UMH 73
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***Call to Worship**

We meet in different buildings; in different towns.
We speak different languages and sing different hymns.
We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.
Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.
We join together on one journey,
the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.
We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.
Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day.
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	"He Loved Them to the End"	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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Michael Burkhardt

***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 Need Thee Every Hour"

UMH 397

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-49

Robert Boggs

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“My Words”

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Holy Communion

UMH 12

*Closing Hymn

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH 600

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. Wayne Kerr

Scripture

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."
⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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.

Meanderers Lunch



September 17 | 11:30am
Olive Garden



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)



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch

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

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

Office Closed – September 7 (Labor Day)

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 & 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

Cormey Family

Don Cochran

Jody Webb's dad, Joseph

Mel Levine

Susie Saville

Kevin Brown

John White

Doyle Yates

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

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

Ann Osborne