

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.

**October 11, 2026**

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

TODAY

Sunday, October 11

11:15am: Lunch & Pumpkin Unloading

After combined worship, join us on the front lawn for lunch by our Trinity and Growing in Faith Sunday School classes before unloading our second truck full of pumpkins.

Lots of helping hands needed! *Please bring a wheelbarrow and gloves if you have them.*

Volunteer in the patch and help us raise money for local missions and church ministries! **Shifts open daily 10am-7pm.**



Meanderers Lunch



October 15 | 11:30am
Hangar 28



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

**PUMPKIN
Patch
Party**



OCTOBER 14 | 5-7 PM

costume contest
games + prizes
face painting
food truck
live music

free & all are welcome!

get involved!

VOLUNTEER

greet visitors, lead party games,
face paint, donate candy, sell
pumpkins, setup or cleanup



SPREAD THE WORD

pumpkin patch party is a free
community event - invite your
friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Hymns

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e're in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude

Announcements

Staff Appreciation

Beth Murphy

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Songs**

Branch Band

***Call to Worship**

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

***Gloria Patri (Unison)**

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.

***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 10:10am 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 in one of three ways: place check or cash in offering plate, text "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at stmatthewumc.net

Offertory

***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**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Bonnie Lynch

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Give Thanks"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

***Benediction**

Children's worship packets can be found in a basket beside the welcome table.

Please return worship packets at the end of the service.



Staff Appreciation Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



Rev. Kurt McPherson
Senior Pastor



Bridgette Bagwell
Director of Children
& Church Ministries



Michael Craig
Facilities Manager



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Leader



Lyuda Prince
Nursery Staff



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Preschool Director
& Nursery Staff



Pam Worthy
Custodian



Jessica Young
Director of Youth
& Church Ministries



Thank you, Pastor and Staff, for all
the work you do at St. Matthew!
We appreciate you so much!

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

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

Disciple 1 Fast Track Study – 1:30-3pm Tuesdays

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

The Holy Spirit Study – 5-6pm Sundays

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Meanderers Lunch – October 15

Charge Conference – October 26

All Saints Day – November 1

Pumpkin Volunteer Celebration – November 8

Stewardship Sunday – November 15

Fall Adult Social – November 20

High School Retreat – December 4-6

Children's Christmas Pageant – December 13

Christmas Cantata – December 20

Youth Ski Trip – January 15-18, 2027

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

Prayers & Praises

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane	Betty Clark
Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie	Don Cochran
Jean Sanderson	Kevin Brown
Amy King and Family	John White
Hugh and Sue Edmonds	Doyle Yates
Susie Saville	Charlie Jones
Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda	Elinor DeYoung
Paul Thorn	Brian and Nancy Leach
Paul Thorn's brother, Raymond	Ethel Sherrill
Paul Thorn's mom, Leila	Ann Osborne
Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie	
Beth Shoemaker's sister, Maria Christina	