

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 18, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Volunteers Needed!
10am-7pm Daily

Our pumpkin patch is off to a great start, and we're **so thankful** for everyone who has supported so far. There's still plenty of time for **YOU** to get involved!

Volunteer in the patch and help us continue to raise money for local missions and church ministries!



Every Tuesday at 10:30am, young children and their families are invited to join us for Tuesday Tales, featuring a story and fun activity together!





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

1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sermon

"Pray Constantly"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude "Largo" Woldemar Bargiel

Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "God is Here" UMH 660

***Call to Worship**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. 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 "I Lord of Hosts, My God and King" 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.

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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

"O Lord Most Holy"

Franz Abt

***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**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

UMH 399

Scripture Reading

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Patton Fiske

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

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Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

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

UMH 569

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Toccata"

Flor Peeters

Scripture

1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray continually.



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
October 31 | 11:20am

Help us share God's love by feeding our neighbors at Triune Mercy Center.

We'll meet at Triune (222 Rutherford St.) at 11:20am on Saturday, October 31. Plan to be there about an hour. The more volunteers the merrier!

Questions? Contact Claire Winkler.



FALL
Social

NOVEMBER 20

6:30-9:30pm



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Acolyte & Crucifer



Volunteer for Children's Church

Opportunities to serve in BOTH services!

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

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

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

The Holy Spirit Study – 5-6pm Sundays

Charge Conference – October 26

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – October 31

All Saints Day – November 1

Basketball Begins – November 7

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

Lewie Bates

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane

Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie

Jean Sanderson

Amy King and Family

Hugh and Sue Edmonds

Susie Saville

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda

Paul Thorn and Family

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Maria Christina

Roland Cline

Betty Clark

Don Cochran

Kevin Brown

John White

Doyle Yates

Charlie Jones

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Ethel Sherrill

Ann Osborne