

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 4, 2026

World Communion Day



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

Next Sunday, October 11

10am: Combined Service (Gym)

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.**



St. Matthew
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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!

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, coworkers!



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

Nehemiah 8:10; Philippians 4:4

Sermon

"Rejoice!"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of The Lord's Supper

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude	“Adagio from Oboe Concerto”	Allesandro Marcello
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Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”	UMH 75
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***Call to Worship**

We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.

We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God’s mercy and justice as we build God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

*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	“Prayer of Consecration”	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.

Pastoral Prayer

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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

"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

"In the Garden"

UMH 314

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:10; Philippians 4:4

Lindsay Carrington

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Rejoice!"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of The Lord's Supper

UMH 12

*Closing Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

UMH 715

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale"

Gordon Young

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:10; Philippians 4:4

Nehemiah 8:10

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Philippians 4:4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!



Basketball Registration

closing today October 4!



Meanderers Lunch



October 15 | 11:30am
Hangar 28

Walking Group

10am Mondays
Cleveland Park Stables
(130 Woodland Way)

Pickleball Group

1-3pm Mondays
2-4pm Wednesdays

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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 Unloading – October 11

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Meanderers Lunch – October 15

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

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane John White

Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie Doyle Yates

Jean Sanderson Charlie Jones

Amy King and Family Paul Thorn

Hugh and Sue Edmonds Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Betty Clark Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Don Cochran Elinor DeYoung

Anne Levine Brian and Nancy Leach

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda Ethel Sherrill

Kevin Brown Ann Osborne

Susie Saville

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Maria Christina