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.



November 15, 2026

Stewardship Sunday

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



mission opportunity

Help us provide a Thanksgiving meal of turkey and all the trimmings for 50 youth and staff at Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC) on Friday, November 20 from 10:15am-12:30pm.

Food will need to be delivered to Betsy Boaze by 9:30am or to GJDC at 10:15am on November 20. Anything not needing refrigeration can be brought to the church office by 3:30pm on November 19.

Sign up to help serve or donate food!







the branch
at St. Matthew UMC

9:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

Mission Moment: Thanksgiving Food Drive Marnie Cree

***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.

Welcome New Members Nick & Emma Eubanks

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.

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Sermon "Be Generous" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude "My Jesus I Love Thee" Carolyn Hamlin

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***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

***Call to Worship**

Family of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! 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 "Whisper to My Heart" 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	"Interlude"	Gilbert Martin

***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**	"What Gift Can We Bring"	UMH 87

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 9:6-10	Tim Brookshire

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	"Be Generous"	Rev. Kurt McPherson
***Closing Hymn**	"Take My Life, and Let It Be"	UMH 399

***Benediction**

***Postlude**	"Prelude in Classic Style"	Gordon Young

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows
generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided
in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having
all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:
"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."
10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and
increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

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.



The Redemption of Scrooge

MATT RAWLE

Advent Study
Sundays @ 5pm

Can Ebenezer Scrooge truly find redemption? In "The Redemption of Scrooge," author Matt Rawle explores the timeless story of A Christmas Carol through the teachings of Jesus, revealing how hope, generosity, and Christ's love can transform our lives.

This four-week Advent Study, led by Pastor Kurt, will meet in the Conference Room on November 29 and December 6, 13, and 20.

Sign up!

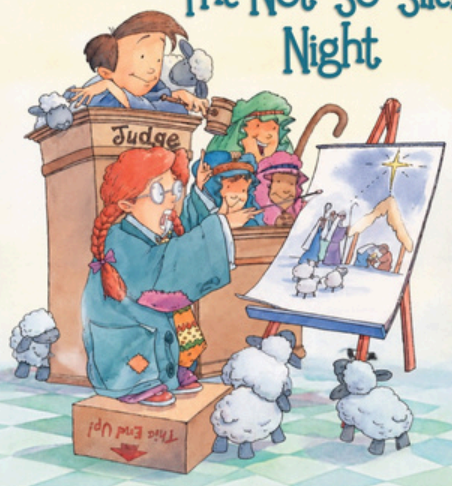
A Christmas Gift for Our Staff

SPRC is collecting an offering to give as Christmas bonuses to our wonderful staff. Please consider donating to help show our staff how much we love them at Christmas and the whole year through.

You can give online, place it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Church Office. Please mark your donation as "staff appreciation." The deadline to contribute is December 7.
Thank you!

Children's Christmas Pageant
December 13 | 10:15am | Sanctuary

The Not-So-Silent Night



light refreshments to follow in Parlor

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays
Pickleball – 1-3pm Mondays & Wednesdays
Disciple 1 Fast Track Study – 1:30-3pm Tuesdays
Meanderers Lunch – November 19
GJDC Lunch – November 20
Fall Adult Social – November 20
Advent Study – 5pm Sundays beginning Nov. 29
High School Retreat – December 4-6
Children's Christmas Pageant – December 13
Carols on Cleveland – December 16
Christmas Cantata – December 20
Blue Christmas – December 20
Youth Ski Trip – January 15-18, 2027
St. Matthew in the Mountains – March 12-14, 2027
Vacation Bible School – July 26-30, 2027

Prayers & Praises

Family of Ann Osborne
Mike Shull's mom, Christine
Angel King's mom, Rachel
Family of Doyle Yates
Helen Bates and Family
Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane
Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie
Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda
Paul Thorn
Paul Thorn's mom, Leila
Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie
Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry
Beth Shoemaker's sister, Maria Christina
Charles Hughes
Sue Edmonds
Jean Sanderson
Roland Cline
Susie Saville
Betty Clark
Don Cochran
John White
Elinor DeYoung
Brian and Nancy Leach
Ethel Sherrill