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

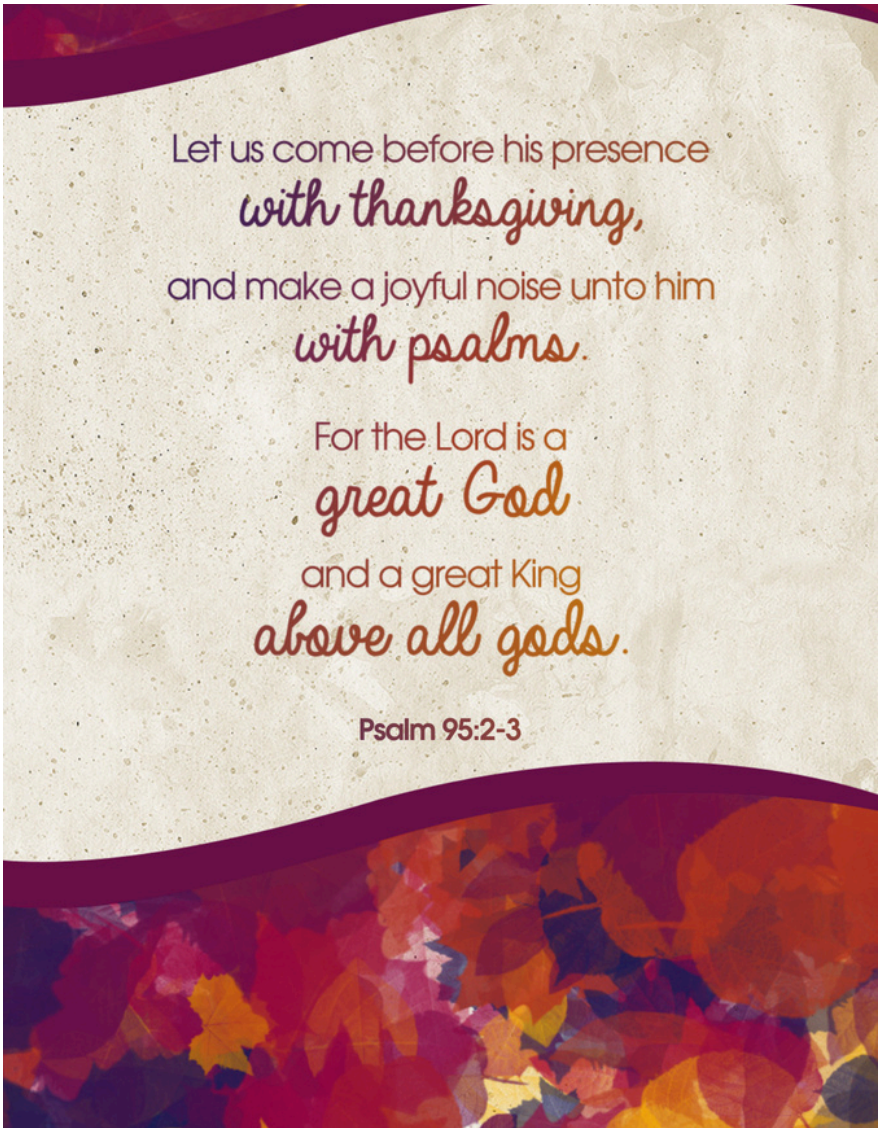
8:45am-12:00pm
Childcare available in Education Building for K4 & under

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 22, 2026

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



mission opportunity

Help us care for our college students by signing up to donate care package goodies! Packages will be assembled by our youth and shipped to students ahead of final exams in early December.

This is a wonderful way for us to continue showing love to the undergraduate and graduate students who have called St. Matthew their church home.

Sign up to donate a dozen goodies from our wish list!







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.

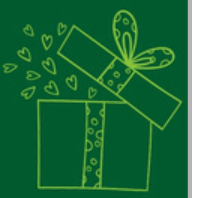
This four-week Advent Study, led by Pastor Kurt, will meet in the Conference Room on November 29 and December 6, 13, and 20.

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!



the branch
at St. Matthew UMC

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 Psalm 95:1-7

Sermon "Give Thanks" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude "This is My Father's World" Robert Lau

Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH 62

***Call to Worship**

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.

We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.

Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. 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.

Children's Moment

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Special Music "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Jody Webb

***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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The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

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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 "For the Fruits of All Creation" Robert Lau

***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** "We Gather Together" UMH 131

Scripture Reading Psalm 95:1-7 Robert Boggs

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

Sermon "Give Thanks" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH 694

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Voluntary on "We Gather Together" Gordon Young

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
  let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
  and extol him with music and song.
3 For the Lord is the great God,
  the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
  and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
  and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
  let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
7 for he is our God
  and we are the people of his pasture,
  the flock under his care.

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.

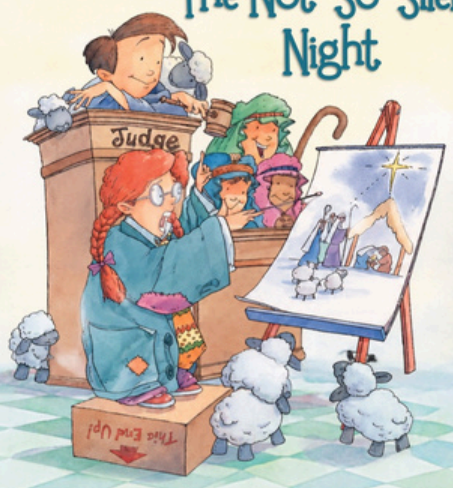
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MERCH SHOP!



Apparel, hats, home goods, basketball gear, and more for all ages. Explore these featured styles and many more in our new Merch Shop. Every purchase supports church ministries!

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

The Not-So-Silent Night



light refreshments to follow in Parlor

CAROLS on cleveland

DECEMBER 16 | 6-7 PM

carols | rue's cocoa & coffee bar | cookies



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get involved!

VOLUNTEER

bake cookies, greet visitors, help with crafts, bring a fire pit or tent, setup or cleanup, donate a coat

SPREAD THE WORD

carols on cleveland is a free community event - invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

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

Hamilton Shew
Cathy Joens
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
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