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.

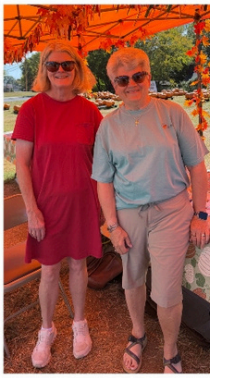
We trust you will feel the presence of God among us and hope you will want to worship with us again.

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 8, 2026

Pumpkin Volunteer Celebration

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

thank you!

Whether you unloaded pumpkins, worked a shift, or helped behind the scenes, thank you for making this year's pumpkin patch possible! Your time, energy, and hospitality supported the ministries of St. Matthew and helped us share God's love with our neighbors. We are grateful for every helping hand!





For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

-2 Corinthians 9:12



Stewardship Sunday Celebration

November 15

9am: The Branch Worship

10am: Breakfast (Parlor)

11am: Traditional Worship



St. Matthew Kids

greenvillezoo

SOUTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 15 @ 2-4 PM

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP!

Meanderers Lunch



November 19 | 11:30am

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the branch
at St. Matthew UMC

9:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

A Moment of Thanksgiving: Celebrating the Pumpkin Patch

***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.

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon "Keep Awake" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude "Benedictus on a Sicilian Melody" Gordon Young

Announcements

A Moment of Thanksgiving: Celebrating the Pumpkin Patch

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

***Call to Worship**

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
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 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 "Musette" Gordon Young

***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** "My Hope Is Built" UMH 368

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13 Terhune Sudderth

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

Sermon "Keep Awake" Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn** "When We All Get to Heaven" UMH 701

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Rigaudon" Gordon Young

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The
foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones,
however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in
coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’
7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the
wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’
9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’
10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins
who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’
12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’
13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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.

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!





FALL Social

NOVEMBER 20

6:30-9:30pm

rsvp by november 15

adults only

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Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School
July 26-30, 2027

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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
Faith & Immigration Justice – 10-11:30am Wednesdays
Stewardship Sunday – November 15
Children's Fall Outing – November 15
Meanderers Lunch – November 19
GJDC Lunch – November 20
Fall Adult Social – November 20
High School Retreat – December 4-6
Children's Christmas Pageant – December 13
Carols on Cleveland – December 16
Christmas Cantata – 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

Yates Family
Helen Bates and Family
Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane
Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie
Jean Sanderson
Hugh and Sue Edmonds
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
Susie Saville
Betty Clark
Don Cochran
John White
Charlie Jones
Elinor DeYoung
Brian and Nancy Leach
Ethel Sherrill
Ann Osborne