Christian Formation 11-8-26

St. Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

The Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 Christian Formation

Preschool: 6mo – 5K will go to the Nursery.
Elementary: 1st – 5th grade. Meet in the Narthex at 9 am.
Teens: EYC Room. Meet your teacher in the Narthex at 9 am.
Adults: Andy Donnan's "What Does It Mean to be The Church?", resumes in November. Holy Grounds in the Kitchen.

10:00 One Sunday Service

Sunday Evening

EYC at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.
Bible, Bread & Wine w/Fr. Paul at 5:30 pm in the Kelly Rm.

The PreSchool's Chili Cook-Off!

Thursday evening, November 19. At 5:30 pm in the gym. Come enjoy the same wonderful format: judge the chili, buy the chili, and bid in the silent auction on a wide variety of gifts and treasures. New This Year: a tempting selection of homemade Thanksgiving desserts, available to purchase in support of our beloved PreSchool. Pro tip: Buy dessert from one of St. Matthew's famous bakers and chefs, and check one more thing off your Thanksgiving list!

PreSchool News

We would be grateful for donations of facial tissue and baby wipes. **Our next staff meeting is Monday, November 23rd,** and we would be so grateful for another Dinner Angel to provide a donation or a light dinner for our hard-working teachers. Thank you all so much for all your support this school year!

Advent Begins: Cupcakes & Holiday Wreath Making

Sunday, November 29, After the 10:00 a.m. service in the gym. Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the Church calendar and a season of waiting, hope, and preparation for the coming of Christ. One of its most familiar traditions is the Advent wreath, a circle of evergreens with four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. As another candle is lit each week, its growing light reminds us of the hope and expectation at the heart of this season. Join us for cupcakes and Holiday Wreath Making as we welcome Advent together! Bring the family and enjoy a creative intergenerational tradition that helps us prepare our homes and hearts for Christmas.

Compline

Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc. 9:15 pm.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist

with Healing at 6:30 pm.

The Toymaker's Gift

Children's Christmas Pageant!

Join us during the 10:00 a.m. service on December 20 for our annual Children's Pageant! Families interested in participating are invited to meet with Donna Simpson, Choir Director, in the sanctuary following the service on October 25. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in November from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please call the church office at 576-0424. Thank you for helping bring this special Christmas tradition to life at St. Matthew's!

Welcoming John Rhoden to EYC Leadership

St. Matthew's is delighted to welcome John Rhoden back home and into a new role as leader of our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)! John brings energy, enthusiasm, and a natural rapport with our young people. The kids are excited to have him stepping into this role, and we are equally excited to see what this next chapter of EYC will bring. Please join us in giving John a warm St. Matthew's welcome!

Being Good Stewards

St. Matthew's participates in the Spartanburg PART Plastics Reduction program. Our efforts include eliminating bottled water and polystyrene products, using reusable and sustainable supplies, and recycling plastic film from community outreach operations.
You Can Help! Bring a reusable water bottle, use refill stations, and choose sustainable dishware at parish events.
Together, small choices make a lasting difference in caring for God's creation.

Christmas Schedule

Here is our Christmas Week schedule as currently planned. Small changes may be made as we get closer to the season, so please check back for any updates. Thank you for your flexibility as we move through this busy and meaningful time together.

Dec 24 Thursday Christmas Eve, 5 pm and 11 pm in the Sanctuary
Dec 25 Friday Christmas Day, 10 am, Streamed Liturgy
Dec 27 Sunday 9:00–9:45 Christian Formation
10:00 One Sunday Service
EYC at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.
Bible, Bread & Wine w/ Father Paul at 5:30 pm, Kelly Rm.
Dec 30 Wednesday Holy Eucharist w/Healing, 6:30 pm.

Stewardship

Simply visit stmatthewsepiscopal.org/giving, (use this QR code) choose Recurring, and select the schedule that works best for you. It's secure, convenient, and easy to change at any time. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Jane Bird, Church Administrator, at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.