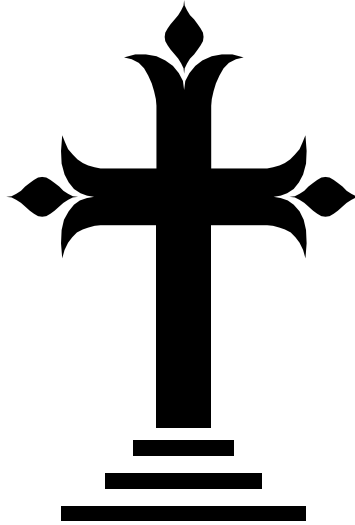


Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



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Our mission is to preach, teach, heal and make disciples.

**Sunday Services – 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Healing Service – 6:30 P.M.**

**The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards, Bishop
The Reverend Paul R. Abernathy, Resident Priest
Donna Simpson, Organist/Choir Director
Derek R. Langley, Director of Christian Formation
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Michelle Pierce, Director of Communications
Jane Bird, Church Administrator
Allie Fowler & Melissa Pellin, Nursery**

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Please talk to God in silence before the service; after the service talk to friends

Prelude *"Here is Love"* by William Rees/Robert Lowry (2013, Melwin Music Group)

Processional *"Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest!"* Hymnal 305

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work,

and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

God promises that deliverance is coming soon to his people, so they are to be faithful, do justice, and welcome all who are being drawn to the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 67 (In Unison)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul expresses his hope that Israel will come to accept Jesus as the Messiah, just as Gentile believers have embraced the New Covenant.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn

“Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit’s Might!”

Hymnal 521 (1,2)(3,4)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

“Say What?!”

Danny Shelton, Seminarian

Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Silence

Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Prayer for Spiritual Growth

Gracious Father, we ask spiritual growth for ourselves, our families and friends, and especially for our family St. Matthew's. Grant us growth in understanding and willingness to be your Body in this world. Empower us to live the mission of Christ: to preach, teach, heal and make disciples. In joyful thanksgiving for the blessing of your presence in our lives, compel us to share you with everyone we meet. May our numbers increase, our commitment deepen, our lives be joyfully yours. Make us a God-centered people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Stewardship Announcement

Laura McGee

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
by Isaac Watts/Mack Willberg (1995, Hinshaw Music)

Flute: Sarah Donnan

Offertory Hymn

The Doxology

Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

David Dubay 1990, www.palmettopastor.com

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power
and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord we sing Your praise.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Lord we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power
and might.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing
your praise. Lord we sing your praise.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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People and Celebrant

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Sung

Wonder Love & Praise #875

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, { in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. Congregation *2. Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be

known to us, Lord Je - sus, { in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

Je - sus, { in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns

“God Will Make a Way”

1. Commune with Me. Commune with Me.
Between the wings of the cherubim. Commune with Me.
2. I worship You. I worship You.
Between the wings of the cherubim. I worship You.
3. I'll meet You there. I'll meet You there.
Between the wings of the cherubim. I'll meet You. There.

“When the Morning Gilds the Sky”

Hymnal 427

“Let Saints on Earth”

Hymnal 526

“O Jesus Crowned with all Renown”

Hymnal 292

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn for Going Forth

“Holy Father, Great Creator!”

Hymnal 368

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Meet Danny Shelton:

Danny was raised in Spartanburg and is a graduate of Spartanburg High School and Wofford College. An avid reader and lifelong learner, he has worked in education and service throughout his professional life. Currently, he works at the immigration law firm of James A. Jones, PC. In the process of discernment and study on his path to becoming a deacon, Danny is a Seminarian in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Danny has been a parishioner at St. Matthew's for more than 26 years, lives in Moore, SC, and has three daughters - Madison, Samantha, and Hailey.

Servers

Eucharistic Minister (Vested):	Danny Shelton
Eucharistic Minister:	Amy Holbein
Lector:	Susan Pretulak
Crucifer:	Luke Soto
Torchbearers:	Isaac Soto, Debbie Richardson
Greeter:	Kathy Bloomfield, Grace Keller
Ushers:	Robin File, Zach Pretulak
Streaming and Sound Tech Team:	Carol & Doug Wishard, Ted Lucktenberg
Vestry of the Month:	Will Boyd

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

17	Don Davis	20	Amy Holbein
18	Sophia McCullough		Marcus Giles
	Mary Paul	21	Juanita Thaxton
19	Edith Gilley		Joe Ellis
			Lloyd Nickerson

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as *he/she* begins another year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Wedding Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Ministry of the Diocesan Chapters of the Order of the Daughters of the King

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Wales

SAVE THE DATE

August 16, 2026

Aug 16 One Sunday Service at 10 am. Homily: Danny Shelton.

Children's Formation from 10 to Eucharist. 6mo – 5K to Nursery. 1st – 5th grade, Lg Classrm.
EYC (Episcopal Youth Community). 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.
Bible, Bread & Wine with Father Paul at 5:30 pm. This week we gather at Leesa Simmons' home at 105 Woodgrove Trace, 29301. Text Lindsay at 303-870-2108 with Q's.

Aug 19 Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist w/Healing, 6:30 pm.

Aug 23 One Sunday Service at 10 am.

Children's Formation from 10 to Eucharist. 6mo – 5K to Nursery. 1st – 5th grade, Lg Classrm.
EYC (Episcopal Youth Community). 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.
Bible, Bread & Wine Location tba, w/ Father Paul at 5:30 pm. Text Lindsay at 303-870-2108 with Q's.

Aug 26 Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist w/Healing, 6:30 pm.

Aug 30 One Sunday Service at 10 am.

Children's Formation from 10 to Eucharist. 6mo-5K to The Nursery. 1st-5th grade, Lg Classrm.
EYC (Episcopal Youth Community). 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.
Bible, Bread & Wine Location tba, w/ Father Paul at 5:30 pm. Text Lindsay at 303-870-2108 with Q's.

Sept 2 Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist w/Healing, 6:30 pm.

****Sept 6 **TWO Sunday Services** at 9 & 11:15 am. with Christian Formation between.**

Children's Formation. 6mo-5K to The Nursery. 1st-5th grade, Lg Classrm.
EYC (Episcopal Youth Community). 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.
Bible, Bread & Wine w/ Father Paul at 5:30 pm in the Kelly Room.

Sept 7 Monday, Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Sept 9 Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist w/Healing, 6:30 pm.

Sept 13 TWO Sunday Services at 9 & 11:15 am. with Christian Formation between.

Children's Formation. 6mo-5K to The Nursery. 1st-5th grade, Lg Classrm.

WORSHIP

Sundays:

Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am 'til autumn.

Children's Formation, 10 till Eucharist.

Childcare in the Nursery, 6 mos - 4 yrs

Episc. Youth EYC: Resumes August 9.

Bible, Bread & Wine, 5:30 pm. Kelly Rm.

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist w/ Healing, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Every Evening: Compline, between 9 & 9:15 pm. Live on St. Matt's Facebook.

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Food Pantry & Free Medical Clinic:

Wednesdays: Welcome & Assist Clients, 9:30-11am

Contact Harvey Gloystein, 713-816-0112

Tuesdays: Setting Up for Wednesdays

Contact Heather Yevcak, 704-560-3905

Brotherhood of St. Matthew's: 2nd Tues./mo. 6:30 pm.

Women's Bible Study: 2nd Tues./mo. 6:30pm.

Morning Bible Study will resume in September.

Daughters of the King: 2nd Sat./mo. 2 pm.

Choir: Wednesday nights 7 - 8 pm.

Education for Ministry (EfM): Resumes in fall.

Vestry: 3rd Tues./mo. 6:30 pm, Library Conf. Rm.



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