

## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2023**



### **CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF** **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 10:30AM**

The St. Matt's Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off is making a come back! Join us between the 9:30am and 11am services to share your favorite chili and cornbread. Start testing recipes now so you are ready to bring your best. Categories include: Beef/Pork, Poultry, and Veggie. Cornbread entries are also welcome!



### **NEWCOMERS RECEPTION** **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 3PM**

Are you new to St. Matt's or just want to learn more? Join us at the home of Justin and Sara Warnick for conversation and treats. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you.

Please email the church office for directions at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org).

## WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website [www.stmmts.org](http://www.stmmts.org). We are so glad you are here!



## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion. If you would like to receive, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Please contact our office via email at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org) or phone at 703-430-2121.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

### Please pray for the following:

James, Sean, Joe, Deb, Donald, Ellsworth, Cheri, Ian, Brian, Will, Beltrane family, Terry, Teresa, Caroline, Shelby, Tom Jr., Betty, Joseph, Jackie, Joann, Paul, Kim, Mel, Mona, Debbie, Joe, Pete, Skip, Desmond, Jeannie, Michael, Tim, Susan, Verdun, John, Candace, victims of violence, Emma, Mary Margaret, Sam, Amber, Yimam family, Fredericks family, Ann, E, Laura, Will, William, Frank, Florence, Jerry, Warren, Eddie, Janice, Charlie, Dillon family, Zach, Amy, Julia, Langenkamp family, Nicholas, Crystal, Paulo, Mary W., Jon, Joyce, John S., Panita, McKeown family, Deepak, Hurricane victims, Vicki, Greg, Mary Ann, Sharp family, Anthony, Carston, Huxton, Jos, Reatha, Lea, Athena, Kathleen, Derek, Heriberto, Rosaura, Matthew, Denise, Bellamy family, Jose, Pete, Regina, Neil, Annie, MaryLea, Bonnie, Artur, Alan, Nishah, Marty, John, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, and Gina.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

# 8 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

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Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Walking Free

Song • Carry Me

Gospel • John 1:29-42

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

### The Holy Communion

Offertory

*(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at [www.stmtts.org/give](http://www.stmtts.org/give))*

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Bring the Rain

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Holding on to You

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • River of Life

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

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Gloria •	
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Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
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## YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 9-15, 2023

This summer, St. Matthew's Youth (rising 6th graders/age 11 and up) will partner with Group Mission in Erie, PA to repair and transform homes while deepening their faith and building new relationships with

peers and youth leaders.

Find more information or register today at [stmmts.org/youthmission](http://stmmts.org/youthmission).

Mission leader, Jae Mitchell, will be visiting Donuts & Discovery on Sunday, Jan. 15 to chat with students about the trip. He'll also be available in the parish hall to answer parents questions at 10:45am.

A \$50 deposit is due to reserve your spot. Friends are always welcome! Scholarships and payment plans are available. Contact the office at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org).

# JANUARY KIDS EVENTS

## JOIN FAITH FACTORY

Always fun, sometimes messy, lessons on faith.  
Sundays at 9:30 & 11 am! Pre-K through 5th grade.

## COFFEE HOUR KIDS FUN

Sundays between the 9:30 and 11 am services. Games and events for kids while parents enjoy fellowship and a cup of coffee or two!

SUN  
JAN 1

### NEW YEARS GAMES

Minute to Win It Wacky Games!

Join us for games and New Years fun!

SUN  
JAN 8

### THREE KINGS DAY!

Three Kings Day Celebration

Join us to celebrate Three Kings Day!

SUN  
JAN 15

### DISNEY'S STRANGE WORLD

Join us to watch Disney's new movie Strange World!

SUN  
JAN 22

### CHILI COOK OFF!

Bring your favorite chili and/or cornbread and come vote to see whose chili reigns supreme!

SUN  
JAN 29

### LEGO PARTY!

Brick building fun

Come and create some Lego masterpieces!



[stmmts.org/events](http://stmmts.org/events)



## **VISION SUNDAY/ ANNUAL MTG SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Save the date of Sunday, February 5th for Vision Sunday. The annual meeting will be held in two parts: voting on new members of the vestry/leadership team and the Rector's Vision presentation will take place during all services. The financial overview, 2023 budget, and student ministry update will take place between the 9:30am and 11am services. We hope you'll plan to be here as we look ahead to the great things in store for our community in 2023!



**SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**  
Beginning November 6th

## **DONUTS & DISCOVERY**

Middle and high schoolers – Join Genevieve in classroom four at 10:30AM on Sundays! The current series is called "That's in There?!" – a look into some of the weirdest and most surprising things you didn't know were in the Bible.

Sunday, January 15, will also include a discussion about the 2023 summer student mission trip.



## **FLOWER DEDICATION** **STMTTS.ORG/FLOWERS**

Flower dedications are welcome to honor special occasions like baptism, birthday, & anniversaries.



## **MEN'S GROUP** **SATURDAYS AT 8AM**

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for prayer, discussion, and fellowship.



## **TABLETOP GAME NIGHT** **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 6-10PM**

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Pandemic, Wing Span? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Have a fun game that you've been wanting to play? Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share, as we enjoy hanging out and trying new games.

**QUESTIONS? Contact Mason Turner at [Mason@mac.com](mailto:Mason@mac.com)**

## DELIVER FOOD FOR LINK FOOD PANTRY



### LINK FOOD DELIVERIES [STMTTS.ORG/LINK](http://STMTTS.ORG/LINK)

Make a difference in the lives of families and individuals in our community by delivering food for the LINK Food Pantry. St. Matt's is specifically helping with deliveries the last two weeks of January and March 2023. Visit [stmtts.org/link](http://stmtts.org/link) to choose a delivery date. Invite a friend - it's a great way to serve together!

### HELP FEED HUNGRY KIDS IN STERLING BACKPACK BUDDIES

Drop off donations Tues/Thurs 8am - 5pm  
OR shop online [stmtts.org/shopBB](http://stmtts.org/shopBB)

### BACKPACK BUDDIES [STMTTS.ORG/BACKPACKBUDDIES](http://STMTTS.ORG/BACKPACKBUDDIES)

Join us Tuesdays at noon in the Classroom on the Hill as we pack bags to support families in our community. We'll also be packing together on Sunday, January 29 at 10:30am in the parish hall. Learn more ways to help at the link above.

# January

## WATCH WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH

### WATCH FOR THE NEW YEAR! WENDESAYS, 7PM-8PM

Have you ever had questions about the Bible? Is it really any different than any other book? How much of it can we believe? Isn't it full of contradictions? What's the best way to actually read the Bible?

For the New Year, we thought we'd start with questions like these as we consider what the Bible has to offer 21st century human beings living in a very different world than the one in which it was written.

On January 18th. This series will conclude January 25th as we reflect on specific, practical principles that help us better understand the Bible.

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20's OR 30's & LOOKING  
TO ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? JOIN US!

## Young Professionals A.K.A YoPro

[CAITLIN.DRONFIELD@STMTTS.ORG](mailto:CAITLIN.DRONFIELD@STMTTS.ORG)

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Yo Pros meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30pm, For bible study, outings, and fellowship.

We'd love for you to join us.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## MESSAGE ON THE GO

### CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY PODCAST

Listen at  
[stmtts.org/podcast](http://stmtts.org/podcast)





# 2 EPIPHANY

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

**COLLECT**

Sunday, January 15, 2023

*Traditional*

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

LISTEN TO ME, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes

of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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## Refrain

Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

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### **Psalm 40:1-12** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.   | 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you. |
| 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.     | 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.  |
| 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD. | 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);   |
| 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.                                | 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not   |

- required, \* and so I said,  
 “Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is  
 written concerning me: \*  
 ‘I love to do your will, O  
 my God; your law is deep  
 in my heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteous-  
 ness in the great con-  
 gregation; \* behold, I did  
 not restrain my lips; and  
 that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness  
 have I not hidden in my  
 heart; I have spoken of  
 your faithfulness and  
 your deliverance; \* I have  
 not concealed your love  
 and faithfulness from  
 the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD; do  
 not withhold your  
 compassion from me; \*  
 let your love and your  
 faithfulness keep me safe  
 for ever,

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

PAUL, CALLED to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

JOHN SAW JESUS coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, January 15th

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service  
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service  
10:30 am - That's in There?!? Youth Grp  
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274  
8:15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### Monday, January 16th

12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace  
7:00 pm - Bread of Life  
7:30 pm - Free to Live  
8:00 pm - Compline  
8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

### Tuesday, January 17th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together  
9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery  
9:00 am - Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry  
7:30 pm - Sandwich Generation Small Group  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery  
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Wednesdays at Church with Fr. Rob  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Thursday, January 19th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together  
10:45 pm - Anam Cara  
3:00 pm - Celebration of Life  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Friday, January 20th

7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Saturday, January 21st

8:00 am - Men's Group  
9:00 am - Reverence Committee  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 15th: Paula Lawall, Marie Pyhtila  
January 16th: Rick Ferguson, Matthew Merola, Thomas Luke, James Luke  
January 18th: Orin Hatton, John Martin, Hadley Beltrane  
January 19th: Sean Ecker, Kate Ecker, Brooklyn Gould, Evelyn Smith, Siena Severino  
January 20th: Matt Harmon, Bethany Whitehouse

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 16th: Rita & Dewayne Knisely  
January 17th: Bi Wu & Felix Motta

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	16	22
9:30 AM	28	143
11:00 AM	22	77
Faith Factory		8

**HELP SUPPORT**  
ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

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Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church" and placed into the collection plate

**For more ways to give and information on automatic giving:**

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## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

In-Person & Online

**8:00AM** | This is a traditional communion service using Rite I from the Book of Common Prayer.

**9:30AM** | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

**11:00AM** | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

**Compline (evening prayer)** Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

**Online Worship**  
**stmmts.org/live**

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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**Tellers** | Dan Robertson

**Flower Guild** | Martha Olson, Pam Hart, Priscilla Shingleton

**Altar Guild** | Lisa Lintelman, Linda Merola, Anitrus Jones