

# To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2023 • 11:00 am**



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

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, student ministry update, and Q&A 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!



## **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 better.

Please email Miriam in the church office for the address and 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:**

Pete, Skip, Desmond, Jeannie, Michael, Tim, Emma, Susan, Amber, Yimam family, Fredericks family, 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, Josh, Reatha, Athena, Kathleen, Heriberto, Rosaura, Matthew, Denise, Bellamy family, Jose, Pete, Annie, MaryLea, , Alan, Nishah, Marty, John G., Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, John, Candace, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, James, Sean, Deb, Teressa, Mel, Eric, Ginny, and Lisa.

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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## The Holy Communion

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<i>All things come of thee, O Lord,</i> <b><i>And of thine own have we given thee.</i></b>	
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Blessing	339
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# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song •

Song •

Gospel • Matthew 4:12-23

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 •

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song •

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song •

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn •	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria •	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 9:1-4	
Psalm • 27:1, 5-13	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
Gospel • Matthew 4:12-23	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
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## The Holy Communion

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Sanctus •	
The Lord's Prayer	364
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Communion Hymn •	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World •	
Dismissal	366





## **YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 9-15, 2023**

This summer, St. Matthew's Youth (rising 6th graders 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.

Youth will also enjoy indoor and outdoor games, sharing meals together, and participating in morning and evening worship and study programs.

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

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)



## **CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF TODAY AT 10:30AM**



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24-29, 2023, 5:30-8:30PM STMTTS.ORG/VBS**

Save the date for the best week of summer! Register today using the link above, then invite a friend.



## **TABLETOP GAME N27HT FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 6-10PM**

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Monopoly, Trouble? 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)**



**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.



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

Flower dedications are welcome to honor special occasions like baptism, birthday, & anniversaries. Use the link above to submit a dedication today.



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

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



## 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! WENDESDEAYS, 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)







# 3 EPIPHANY

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

**COLLECT**

Sunday, January 22, 2023

*Traditional*

GIVE US GRACE, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

GIVE US GRACE, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:1-4

THERE WILL BE no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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## Refrain

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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### **Psalm 27:1, 5-13** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 The LORD is my light<br>and my salvation; whom<br>then shall I fear? * the<br>LORD is the strength of<br>my life; of whom then<br>shall I be afraid?          | 9 Therefore I will offer<br>in his dwelling an<br>oblation with sounds of<br>great gladness; * I will<br>sing and make music to<br>the LORD. |
| 5 One thing have I asked<br>of the LORD; one thing I<br>seek; * that I may dwell<br>in the house of the<br>LORD all the days of my<br>life;                     | 10 Hearken to my voice,<br>O LORD, when I call; *<br>have mercy on me and<br>answer me.  |
| 6 To behold the fair<br>beauty of the LORD *<br>and to seek him in his<br>temple.   | 11 You speak in my<br>heart and say, "Seek<br>my face." * Your face,<br>LORD, will I seek.   |
| 7 For in the day of trouble<br>he shall keep me safe in<br>his shelter; * he shall<br>hide me in the secrecy<br>of his dwelling and set<br>me high upon a rock. | 12 Hide not your face<br>from me, * nor turn<br>away your servant in<br>displeasure.   |
| 8 Even now he lifts up<br>my head * above my<br>enemies round about<br>me.  | 13 You have been my<br>helper; cast me not<br>away; * do not forsake<br>me, O God of my<br>salvation.  |

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

NOW I APPEAL TO YOU, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

NOW WHEN JESUS heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the

sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, January 22nd

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service  
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service  
10:30 am - That's in There?!? Youth Grp  
10:30 am - Chili & Cornbread Cook-off  
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service  
12:30 pm - Young Professionals  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274  
8:15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### Monday, January 23rd

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 24th

9:00 am - Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Wednesday, January 25th

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 26th

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

### Friday, January 27th

6:00 pm - Boardgame Night  
7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Saturday, January 28th

8:00 am - Men's Group  
9:00 am - Court of Honor Set-up  
2:00 pm - Gonzalez Court of Honor  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 22nd: Glenn Lintelman, John Runski  
January 23rd: Annabella Rose  
January 24th: Gina Schlabach, Natalie Brennan  
January 25th: Ceci O'Grady  
January 26th: Allison Lesser, Alice Otis  
January 27th: Grace Kelly  
January 28th: Alyson Severino

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 22nd: Peggy & Jeff Beyer  
January 24th: Renee & John Martin

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 15, 2023

<i>Time or Place</i>	<i>Attendance Online</i>	<i>Attendance In-Person</i>
8:00 AM	16	21
9:30 AM	33	118
11:00 AM	13	47
Faith Factory		8

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

## GIVE ONLINE

[stmtts.org/give](https://stmtts.org/give)

## VENMO

@stmttssterling



## CASH OR CHECK

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:**

[stmtts.org/give](https://stmtts.org/give)

## **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.

## **St. Matthew's Staff & Vestry**

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Syd Severino

## **Service Volunteers**

**Ushers** | Justin Warnick, Zena Horaibi, Jim Helein

**Lectors** | Martha Olson, Jim Helein

**Eucharistic Ministers** | Richard Henry, Gerry Wardell

**Tellers** | Dan Robertson

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

**Altar Guild** | Ann Lowden, Tom Leary, Richard Henry