

## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 11, 2024 · 8:00am



### PANCAKE SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING

#### **PANCAKE SUPPER/ANNUAL MTG TUES., FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 PM**

Enjoy delicious pancakes and breakfast treats, and then stay for the annual meeting. We will celebrate the successes from 2023 (WOW! What a year!) and share plans, the budget, and elect new leaders for 2024.

After enjoying pancakes, children are invited to meet in classroom three to watch the new Trolls movie during the meeting. We hope you'll join us. Contact Lisa Caselli if you are able to help at [office@stmmts.org](mailto:office@stmmts.org).



#### **LENT AT SAINT MATTHEW'S [STMSTS.ORG/LENT](http://STMSTS.ORG/LENT)**

The Ash Wednesday liturgy with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 6AM, 12PM, and 7PM on Wednesday, February 14. The 7PM service will be livestreamed.

We welcome you to walk the Lenten journey with us at St. Matthew's. Visit the link above to find lots of resources: Bible studies, recipes, book and app recommendations, FAQ's, and the Lenten devotional. Printed copies of the devotional are also available by the front door.

## 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 visit our website: [stmmts.org/Baptism](http://stmmts.org/Baptism) or 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:

MaryLea, Alan, Nishah, Marty, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, Candace, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teressa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Sites Family, Frank, Tess, Brian, Mike, Zach, Scotty, Brad, Myers Family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Bobby, Elijah, Philip, Pat, Mary W., Tonia, Bronwyn, Sanjay, Susanna, Fabiano, McKeown Family, Viola, Harry R, Karter, Addie, Mercedes Family, Crystal, Benjamin, Shaumbey, Ruth, Rennie, Webster, Julia, Charlene, Dustin, Chris, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Saint, Amelia, Kassadi, Kyle, Samantha, Dawn, Ruby, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Priscilla, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Frances, Jeff, Peggy, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Christy, Nick, Sarah, and Marie.

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

Opening Prayer	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Holy God	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • 2 Kings 2:1-12	
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Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
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## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*(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.stmmts.org/give](http://www.stmmts.org/give))*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**And of thine own have we given thee.***

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# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Good Morning Mercy

Song • Walking Free

Gospel • Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism

*Leonard Thomas Boddy*

*Aniyah Mileena Boddy*

*Bonnie Charlene Boddy*

Baptismal Covenant

Baptism

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

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 • Old Church Choir

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #436 • Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
(verses 1, 2, & 3)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm • 50:1-6

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel • Mark 9:2-9

Sermon The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People, Form III 387

Confession of Sin and Absolution 359-360

Peace 360

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem •

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology • #380 vs. 3 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus • Hymnal S129 • Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer 364

Breaking of the Bread 364

Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn • #488 • Be Thou My Vision (all verses)

Post-Communion Prayer 365

Blessing

Procession into the World • 376 • Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
(verses 1, 2, & 3)

Dismissal 366





### SUPPORT BACKPACK BUDDIES

### BACKPACK BUDDIES/HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Share the message of HRTS and follow us on social media @hungerresponse. Also, Backpack Buddies will be packing on at noon on Tuesdays (Feb. 13, 20, 27) in the Classroom on the Hill.

We also accept donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups).

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help fight childhood hunger in our community, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee by email at Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtserling.org

### BREAD OF LIFE BOOK GROUP MONDAYS AT 7PM



### CO-ED BOOK GROUP MONDAYS AT 7PM

Join us in classroom four on Monday evenings during Lent as we read and discuss Seven Words; Listening to Christ From the Cross, by Susan G. Robb. We will begin each meeting with a short 10-12 minute video followed by a discussion of the video and corresponding chapter from the book.



### OUTREACH VOLUNTEER MEETING SUN., FEBRUARY 18, 10:30 AM

Join us to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Saint Matthew's. Our Outreach Team is a group of volunteers passionate about making change in our community. Join this amazing ministry and help us Know and Share God's Love even more in 2024!

### DELIVER FOOD FOR LINK FOOD PANTRY



### LINK FOOD PANTRY ST. MATT'S DELIVERY MONTH

February is St. Matthew's month to assist with food deliveries. A great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by delivering food to those in need in our community. Learn more and sign up at: [stmmts.org/LINK](http://stmmts.org/LINK)

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### FRIDAY FLASH

Weekly Newsletter

Email [office@stmmts.org](mailto:office@stmmts.org)  
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# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY [STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSMINISTRY](https://stmtts.org/womensministry)

Did you miss the Women's Brunch or forget to sign up for upcoming events? Visit the link above to learn more about ways to connect.

## MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS AT 8 AM  
IN THE TRAILER & ON ZOOM.

[mensgroup@stmtts.org](mailto:mensgroup@stmtts.org)

## MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. Want to learn more? Contact [mensgroup@stmtts.org](mailto:mensgroup@stmtts.org).

# WE'RE HIRING

## WE'RE HIRING! [STMTTS.ORG/WORKWITHUS](https://stmtts.org/workwithus)

St. Matt's is seeking a sound technician that has experience with sound mixing and is good with troubleshooting. Please help us by sharing the link above.

## Wandering Heart

coming home

## LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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Join us either Wednesday evenings at 7 PM or Thursdays at 12 PM for our Lenten Bible study groups starting Wednesday, February 21.

What can we learn from stories of wandering hearts in the Bible? Where do we see ourselves in these stories? We will explore stories, make connections from our lives, and leave each week with a new practice to help us listen for God's voice.



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## MESSAGE ON THE GO

## CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY PODCAST

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## PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE

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## EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP

## HELPING HANDS

Email [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) to be added to the email distribution list to assist members in need of meals or rides.





## DONUTS & DISCOVERY



10:30 AM



### YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

**Faith Factory Unplugged:** 6-8th graders, 9:30 AM, classroom four. Bible study and life lessons.

**Donuts and Discovery:** Middle and high schoolers, 10:30 AM, classroom one. Donuts, Starting Point series, Palm Sunday Passion planning. Also, stay updated with Band App! Scan the QR code to join for group updates, chats, & event reminders.



### YOUTH SERVICE EVENT TODAY! SUNDAY, FEB. 11, 12PM

Join us for the Youth Service Event today, Sunday, Feb. 11, at noon in the parish hall. Help Ben decorate for the pancake supper and enjoy a pancake art lesson. Then, join the Youth Pancake Art Station at the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, at 4 PM. Arrive at 4 PM to set up, serve, and take turns creating pancake art during the Pancake Supper & Annual Meeting. Supper starts at 5:30, followed by the Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM.



### SUMMER 2024 YOUTH MISSION [STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION](https://stmtts.org/youthmission)

Register now for the youth mission trip, June 23-29, 2024. Rising sixth - twelfth graders (and chaperones) are invited. The goal this year is to help students navigate the many influences in their lives and encourage them to look toward Jesus, the greatest influencer of all time, so they use their influence to positively change their culture.

Find more details and register at the link above.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 12PM SPORTROCK CLIMBING

Middle & high school students and friends are invited to indoor rock climbing. Find details & RSVP online at [STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS](https://stmtts.org/youthevents) or on the Band App.

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## LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, February 11, 2024

### COLLECT

#### *Traditional*

O GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### *Contemporary*

O GOD, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

NOW WHEN THE LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Beth-

el came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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## Refrain

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken.

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**Psalm 50:1-6** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \* he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \* God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \* before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \* to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \* those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \* for God himself is judge.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

IF OUR GOSPEL IS VEILED, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

JESUS TOOK WITH HIM Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, February 11th

- 8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Donuts & Discovery for Middle & High School Students
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - Youth Decorating & Pancake Art Lessons
- 12:30 pm - Young Professionals
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

### Monday, February 12th

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

### Tuesday, February 13th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 10:00 am - Outside Book Group
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 5:30 pm - Pancake Supper & Annual Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Wednesday, February 14th

- 6:00 am - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 12:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Thursday, February 15th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 11:00 am - Anam Cara (closed group)
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Friday, February 16th

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

### Saturday, February 17th

- 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

- February 11th: Malou Rennert, Joe Hart, Emily Schmid, Julia McCall, Graham McCall
- February 12th: Sandra Gentry, Andrew Wright
- February 14th: Andrew Lee
- February 16th: Chris Hallett
- February 17th: Linda Thurston, Peyton Elliott

## ATTENDANCE

February 4, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	24	23
9:30 AM	29	156
11:00 AM	22	41
Faith Factory		21
Youth Group		4

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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In-Person & Online

**8:00AM** | This is a traditional communion service using Rite II 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](https://stmmts.org/live)

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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