

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 7, 2024



CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, JAN. 27 AT 6 PM
STMTTS.ORG/CHILI

Mild, medium, or hot, come share your favorite pot of chili! Join us at St. Matthew's for a good old-fashioned Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off and tasting!

To enter: bring a large crockpot (and extension cord) of your chili or a pan of your favorite cornbread. Awards will be given for Spiciest, Best All Around, Most Unique, and Vegetarian.



2024 WOMEN'S MINISTRY
SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 9AM - 11AM

RSVP: stmtts.org/womensbrunch
Join us for a delightful Women's Brunch and Small Group Event at St. Matthew's! Connect with fellow women in our community for a time of fellowship, discuss the plans for the 2024 Women's Ministry, and enjoy delicious food. This is a potluck event, so bring your favorite dish to share! Contact the office with questions or if you need child care. 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. 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 or contact our office via email at 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, Paine, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Myers Family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Bobby, Elijah, Philip, Pat, Mary W., Tonia, Bronwyn, Sanjay, Susanna, Fabiano, Lawrence Family, 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, Arianna, Becky, RL, Priscilla, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Frances, Jeff, Peggy, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, and Asley.

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 • Isaiah 61:10-62:3	
Psalm • 147:13-21	
Second Reading • Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	
Gospel • John 1:1-18	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Rob Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
<i>(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)</i>	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord,</i>	
<i>And of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	364
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World	
	366

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song •

Song •

Gospel • John 1:1-18

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism

Amalia Joy Rouse

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 •

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song •

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #299 • Spirit of God (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4)	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 61:10-62:3	
Psalm • 147:13-21	
Second Reading • Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	
Gospel • John 1:1-18	
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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Sweet, Sweet Spirit	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • #380 vs. 3 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus • Hymnal S125 • Holy, Holy, Holy	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #691 • My Faith Looks Up To Thee (all verses)	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #544 • Jesus Shall Reign (vs. 1, 2, & 3)	
Dismissal	366

ENGLISH TEA & TREATS

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 10:30 AM

You're invited to join us for fellowship and fun in between the 9:30 AM and 11 AM services on Sunday, January 21. Celebrate National Hot Tea month as we enjoy a selection of teas and treats.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY "IN THE BEGINNING"

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY STARTING JANUARY 10

Join Fr. Rob on Wednesday evenings from 7 PM - 8 PM for a new series.

Jan. 10 - Genesis 1

Jan. 17 - John 1

Jan. 24 - Joshua 1

Jan. 31 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Feb. 7 - Revelation 21



PANCAKE SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING

PANCAKE SUPPER/ANNUAL MTG TUES., FEBRUARY 13

Save the date for our annual pancake supper combined with our annual meeting. Enjoy delicious pancakes and breakfast treats. We will also celebrate the successes from 2023 and share plans and elect new leaders for 2024.

We hope you'll join us. Please contact Lisa Caselli at office@stmtts.org if are able to help with set-up, clean-up, or cooking.

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**MESSAGE
ON THE GO**

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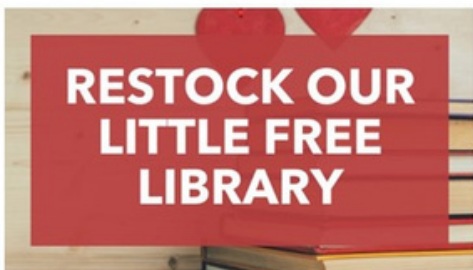
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- Pasta Sauce
- Soup
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- Jelly

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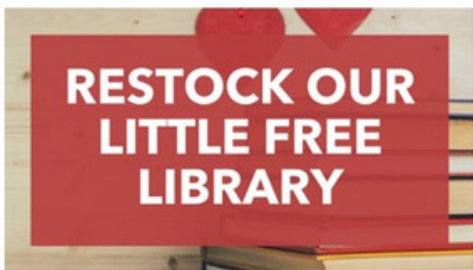
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1 EPIPHANY

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Revised Common Lectionary

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COLLECT

Traditional

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Contemporary

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

IN THE BEGINNING when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Refrain

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

Psalm 29 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord,
you gods, * ascribe to
the Lord glory and
strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord
the glory due his
Name; * worship the
Lord in the beauty of
holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord
is upon the waters; the
God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the
mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is
a powerful voice; * the
voice of the Lord is a
voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord
breaks the cedar
trees; * the Lord breaks
the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip
like a calf, * and Mount
Hermon like a young
wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord
splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the
wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord
makes the oak trees
withe * and strips the
forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the
Lord * all are crying,
“Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits
enthroned above the
flood; * the Lord sits
enthroned as King for
evermore.

11 The Lord shall
give strength to his
people; * the Lord
shall give his people the
blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

WHILE APOLLOS was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

JOHN THE BAPTIZER appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, January 7th

- 8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Donuts & Discovery for Middle & High School Students
- 10:30 am - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, January 8th

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

Tuesday, January 9th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 10:00 am - Outside Book Group
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, January 10th

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, January 11th

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

Friday, January 12th

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

Saturday, January 13th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 7th: Jeffrey Rickard, Annette Brennan, Otto Zetlan
- January 8th: Austin Glascock, Everett Hurst
- January 9th: Maria Tuttle, Grace Wiseman
- January 11th: Michelle Drew, Lauren Merola
- January 13th: Aidan Ecker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- January 9th: Haley & Ted Elliott

ATTENDANCE

December 24, 25 & 31, 2023

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
Advent 4	20	19
Christmas Pageant	32	309
8:00 PM	25	200
11:00 PM	17	123
Christmas Day	-	26
31 Dec - 8:00AM	16	19
31 Dec - 9:30AM	35	173
31 Dec - 11:00AM	21	31

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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
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Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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