

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 29, 2023**



NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAY, NOV. 5 AT 3PM

Are you new to Saint Matthew's or looking to learn more about our community and ministries? We'd love to get to know you better. Please join us on Sunday, November 5, 3pm in the parish hall. Children are welcome.

Please RSVP to the office by
November 1 at Office@stmtts.org.



THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS GOAL 220 BAGS! DUE NOV. 7 [STMTTS.ORG/THANKSGIVINGBAGS](https://www.stmtts.org/thanksgivingbags)

Fill a reusable grocery bag (or two) for a family in need this holiday season. Bags and suggested shopping items are available at the front of the church or online.

Use the link above to share the shopping list with a friend, purchase food to ship directly to church, and sign up to help pack bags on Saturday, November 11. Want to learn more? Contact Kristin at Kristin.Drummond@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:

Flood Victims, MaryLea, Alan, Nishah, Marty, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, Candace, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Sites Family, Frank, Tess, Brian, Mike, Zach, Paine, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Myers Family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Bobby, Elijah, Philip, Pat, Bob, Mary W., Tonia, Bronwyn, Sanjay, Susanna, Fabiano, Lawrence Family, McKeown Family, Viola, Harry R, Karter, Addie, Mercedes Family, Crystal, Benjamin, Shaumbey, Ruth, Remmie, Webster, Julia, Charlene, Dustin, Chris, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Gerry, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Saint, Amelia, Kassadi, Kyle, Woll Family, Dawn, Ruby, and Kay.

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 • Deuteronomy 34:1-12	
Psalm • 90:1-6, 13-17	
Second Reading • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	
Gospel • Matthew 22:34-46	
Sermon	Genevieve Zetlan
Nicene Creed	358
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Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	364
Communion of the People	
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Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Rollin'

Song • Clean Heart

Gospel • Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Genevieve Zetlan

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)

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Good to Me

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Running Home

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #427 • When Morning Gilds the Skies
(vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm • 90:1-6, 13-17

Second Reading • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel • Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon Genevieve Zetlan

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution 360

Peace 360

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Let There Be Peace

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus • S130

The Lord's Prayer 364

Breaking of the Bread 364

Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn • #620 • Jerusalem, My Happy Home (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Post-Communion Prayer 365

Blessing

Procession into the World • #569 • God the Omnipotent! (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Dismissal 366



BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG

School is in session and Backpack Buddies is busy providing weekend meals! We are packing 270 bags per week! Join us Tuesdays at noon in the Classroom on the Hill or on Sunday, November 5 at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

We are always accepting donations of shelf-stable items like oatmeal, breakfast cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned proteins, granola bars, and more.

Contact Hilary for more info at hilary.hultman-lee@hrtsterling.org



GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 6PM-9PM

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Who Killed Dr. Lucky? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Bring your favorite game and a snack to share, as we hang out and try new games. We meet the last Friday of each month.



NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30AM for fellowship, connection, and special treats!

November 5 - International Hot Sauce Day! Bring your favorite hot sauce to share. We'll provide tortilla chips and sour cream to cool the flames.

November 19 - National Camp Day. Nothing says camping like S'mores! Join us on November 19 and make S'mores with Hershey, Reese's, and other candy treats!

November 26 - National Cake Day. Join us for a selection of different cakes as we celebrate Christ the King and National Cake Day.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

In the month of November, our Wednesday Bible study will be focusing on the book of Psalms. Join Fr. Rob from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM as we take a look a closer look at this book of the Bible and how it has deepened people's life of faith down through the ages. We'd love for you to join us! (Please note: We will NOT meet on November 22, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving).



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YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEEVENTS DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Middle and high school students are invited to join Ben on Sundays at 10:30am in classroom four for donuts and discussion about how to create helpful guardrails in our lives.

CLIMB UPTON TODAY, OCTOBER 29, 3PM-5PM

Meet at church at 3PM. Cost \$20.

Climb Upton is a 90 element vertical adventure. Climbers can choose from three levels of difficulty so there is something for all. RSVP:

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEEVENTS

GREAT FALLS HIKE TUES., NOV. 7, 11AM - 2PM

It's a day off of school! Meet at church and then we'll hike Great Falls. Bring water and lunch. RSVP:

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEEVENTS

YOUTH SERVICE DAY WED. NOV. 22, 3:30PM - 6PM

Meet at church, then carpool to Dulles Towne Center where we'll volunteer at the Anna Sudha Volunteer Kitchen. RSVP:

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEEVENTS

YOUTH BOWLING FRIDAY, NOV 24 | TIME TBA

Join Ben and some of your St. Matt's friends for an afternoon of Bowling at Bowl America in Sterling (just off of Dranesville Rd.) Time and cost coming soon.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITION SUNDAY, NOV. 19 AT 10:30AM


Children ages three - middle school are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant. All those interested in participating should

Register at stmtts.org/pageant.

This link will also provide all the details on rehearsal times.

Auditions for speaking parts will be held on November 19 at 10:30am.

Questions? Contact Kara at Kara.Laughlin@stmtts.org



2024 YOUTH GROUP SUMMER MISSION TRIP

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



22 PENTECOST

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

COLLECT

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

MOSES WENT UP from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this

day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Refrain

We shall rejoice all the days of our lives.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Lord, you have been
our refuge * from one
generation to another. | 4 For a thousand years
in your sight are like
yesterday when it is
past * and like a watch in
the night. |
| 2 Before the mountains
were brought forth, or
the land and the earth
were born, * from age to
age you are God. | 5 You sweep us away like
a dream; * we fade away
suddenly like the grass. |
| 3 You turn us back to the
dust and say, * “Go back,
O child of earth.” | 6 In the morning it is
green and flourishes; * in
the evening it is dried up
and withered. |

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| <p>13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.</p> <p>14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.</p> <p>15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and</p> | <p>the years in which we suffered adversity.</p> <p>16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.</p> <p>17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.</p> |
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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

WHEN THE PHARISEES heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, October 29th

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
2:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
3:00 pm - Youth Climb Upton
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, October 30th

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

Tuesday, October 31st

9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
1:30 pm - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, November 1st

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

Thursday, November 2nd

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

Friday, November 3rd

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

Saturday, November 4th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 29th: Patty Harmon, Zoe Karnas
October 30th: Thaisa Beach
October 31st: Genevieve Zetlan, Samara
Traum
November 2nd: Pam Hart
November 3rd: Oliver Massa
November 4th: Andrew Wiseman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 2nd: Marcy & Roger
Sternitzke, Alyson & Sydney
Severino

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 22, 2023

<i>Time or Place</i>	<i>Attendance Online</i>	<i>Attendance In-Person</i>
8:00 AM	13	18
9:30 AM	36	113
11:00 AM	18	44
Faith Factory		8
Youth Group		11

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

GIVE ONLINE

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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

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

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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