

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 19, 2025



**JANUARY
COFFEE
HOUR EVENTS**

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR EVENTS **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

"Pop" by the Popcorn bar and enjoy some tasty treats.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Celebrate National Chocolate Cake Day with us! Indulge in delicious chocolate cake. Because... maybe chocolate cake calories don't count!

Join us on Sundays at 10:30AM for fellowship and delicious treats. If you'd like to be part of a coffee hour team and help once a month, please contact Miriam in the church office.



EPISCOPAL 101 **JANUARY 22, and 29**

Where did the Episcopal Church come from? What makes us unique? Are we Catholic lite? What's with all the funny costumes? Join Genevieve Davis for two weeks of fun exploring "those Episkopals" (games! activities! group discussion!) on January 15th and 22nd, followed by an AMA (ask me anything – yes! we mean it!) session with Genevieve and Fr. Rob on January 29. Submit questions for the AMA ahead of time at 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:

Teresa, Ruth, Remmie, Arianna, Jeanine, Hunter, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Darla, Gerry, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmet, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Candace, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Fire and Hurricane Victims, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, Fabiano, Diana, Phil, Luke, John, Brenda, Pete, Valorie, Cathy, Naomi, Dan, Christy, Dennis, Diane, Brent, Mary, Sybil, Judy, James, Rick, Avery, Emory, Mario, Molly, Cooper, Rose, Sarah, Jessica, Jay, Amanda, Venessa, Desira, Rose, Sarah, Natalie D, Natalie S, Paul, Katy, Randy, Jean, Martha, Tony, Nancy, Clara, Elijah, Maria, Kaufman Family, Rinker Family, Blair Family, Colon Family, Suaib Family, Gonzalez Family, Omar, Mona, Tala, Bayan, Dima, and Carter.

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
Gloria	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 62:1-5	
Psalm • 36:5-10	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	
Gospel • John 2:1-11	
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

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)

*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	
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 • Sunday's Coming

Song • Hallelujah Feeling

Gospel • John 2:1-11

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus • It is You

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Scars

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Gospel Song

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #	
Opening Acclamation	299
Gloria •	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 62:1-5	
Psalm • 36:5-10	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	
Gospel • John 2:1-11	
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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem •	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • Hymn #380 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (verse 3)	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus • Hymnal S130 • Holy, Holy, Holy Lord	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #	
Dismissal	366



YOUTH GROUP

Activities, connection, conversation designed specifically for our middle and high school students.

PACKING HELP

January 20, 9:45AM–3:15PM

Candace "Nana" Timmons is moving to Sterling and needs help packing. Meet at church to carpool to her WV house. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Parent help is also appreciated!

SNOW TUBING

Sunday, January 26, 11AM–4PM

Depart immediately after the 9:30AM service to carpool to Harpers Ferry. Cost \$22. Lunch is additional. RSVP on Band App.

TREE OF LIFE DINNER PREP

Sunday, Feb. 23, 4:30–7:30PM

Meet at church to help prepare dinner for 70 people to enjoy at the weekly Tree of Life dinner. Help our local neighbors by providing a warm, delicious meal.

There is no cost to attend the Tree of Life event. As always, friends are welcome to join in the fun!

Scan the QR Code to stay updated with all the youth happenings, or contact our Youth Minister, Ben at Ben.Merola@stmtts.org.



DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Sundays at 9:30AM

Middle and high school students are invited to start Sunday mornings with a treat and some thought-provoking conversations at Donuts and Discovery. Join us for donuts and engaging faith discussions tailored just for you. It's the perfect way to connect with friends, explore big questions, and deepen your understanding of faith.



FAITH FACTORY KIDS LABS

Children's ministry gets messy with a special lesson each Sunday in January, followed by more messy fun during coffee hour at 10:30AM.

Jan. 19–Wacky Science Weekend

The Lord transforms us, just as Jesus transformed water into wine. Then join us at coffee hour for a visit with special animal friends.

Jan. 26–Faith Factory Fitness

Fun physical activities that show us how we are each important to the Lord, just like parts of a body. Then join us at coffee hour for a rock your body game of Twister and bubble ball battle.



BREAD OF LIFE BOOK GROUP

BREAD OF LIFE BOOK GROUP MONDAYS AT 7PM

This January, we invite you to join us as we continue our study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*.

We meet Mondays (in-person and on Zoom) for discussions that inspire, challenge, and connect us in faith. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, we invite you to join us. Email office@stmmts.org for the Zoom link if you'd like to join virtually.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

REMEMBERING GREG JOHNSON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1:00 PM

Join friends and family as we joyfully celebrate and remember the life of Greg Johnson. A communion service will be held followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please contact Heidi Lathrop if you are able to assist with the reception. We anticipate a large crowd to remember Greg so we ask those who are able to please carpool and/or park off site. Donations in Greg's memory may be made to St. Matthew's or the USO.



GAME NIGHT

BOARD GAME NIGHT! FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 6-9PM

Do you love tabletop games? Uno, Machi Koro, Star Wars Deck Building, King of Tokyo, Tether, Forbidden Desert, 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.



SAVE THE DATE VBS 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 21-25, 2025

VBS 2025 will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust—our True North.

Register today or share with a friend at stmmts.org/VBS.

Documentation of service hours will be provided to all teens who need to record service hours for school clubs.



BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies (HRTS) returns in 2025. HRTS packs 280 bags of food each week to feed local school children. Pack with us on Tuesdays at 12pm in the Classrooms on the Hill, and the first Sunday of each month at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

Learn more about feeding children in our community by visiting the link above or contact Hilary at Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtsterling.org.



VISION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Save the date for Vision Sunday. The annual vision meeting will be held in two parts:

- 1.) Fr. Rob's vision presentation and voting on the new member of the leadership team will take place during all three services.
- 2.) The financial overview, 2025 budget, and Q&A will take place on Zoom at 6PM.

We hope you'll plan to participate as we look ahead to the great things in store for our community in 2025!



2025 WOMEN'S MINISTRY SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 9AM - 11AM

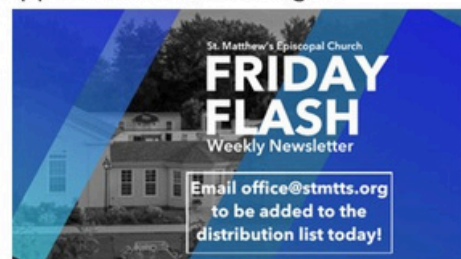
RSVP: stmtts.org/womensbrunch
Join us for a delightful Women's Brunch and Small Group Event at St. Matthew's! Connect with fellow women in our community for a time of fellowship and enjoy delicious food. If you don't have time to make something to share don't let that deter you from attending. We always have lots of food, and we are just happy to have you join us.

Contact the office if you need child care at Office@stmtts.org.



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2 EPIPHANY

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, January 19, 2025

COLLECT

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 62:1-5

FOR ZION'S SAKE I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of

your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Refrain

In your light, O God, we see light.

Psalm 36:5-10 *from the Book Common Prayer*

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| 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds. | 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights. |
| 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD. | 9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light. |
| 7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. | 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart. |

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

NOW CONCERNING spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

ON THE THIRD DAY there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet

come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, January 19th

- 8:00 am - Rite II Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory
- 9:30 am - Middle & High School Student
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service

Monday, January 20th

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

Tuesday, January 21st

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Wednesday, January 22nd

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 pm - Sterling Playmakers
- 7:00 pm - Sterling Playmakers
- 7:00 pm - Episcopalian 101 with Genevieve
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Mindful Ministry with Zorana

Thursday, January 23rd

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study with Fr. Rob
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24th

- 1:00 pm - Celebration of Life for Greg Johnson
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Saturday, January 25th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 19th: Sean Ecker, Kate Ecker, Brooklyn Gould, Siena Severino, Wes Acierto
- January 20th: Matt Harmon, Elizabeth Wallis
- January 22nd: Glenn Lintelman, John Runski
- January 23rd: Annabella Rose
- January 25th: David Stoneburner, Ceci O'Grady

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- January 24th: Renee & John Martin

ATTENDANCE January 12, 2025

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	24	22
9:30 AM	38	171
11:00 AM	11	42
Faith Factory		23
Youth Group		17

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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CASH OR
CHECK

Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church"

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 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) Tuesday & Friday at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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