

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17, 2024 · 8:00am

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MIDWEEK MINDFUL MOMENT WITH ZORANA ON WEDNESDAYS

Do you feel like life is always on fast forward? Take a break from the hustle and join Zorana for a Mindful Moment. This is a peaceful 30-minute Zoom session designed to help you reconnect with God while enjoying meditation and a chance for women's fellowship –perfectly timed for midweek renewal. Bring your favorite cup of tea at 8PM on Nov. 20, 27, and Dec. 4.
Zoom Meeting ID 747 4043 8363
Passcode: Stmatts

Christmas

NATIVITY PLAY
AUDITIONS

CHRISTMAS PLAY AUDITIONS SUNDAY, NOV. 24 AT 10:30AM

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to be in the play, while those in 6th grade and above are encouraged to join the tech, costume, and stage crew.

All those interested in participating should **register at stmatts.org/christmasplay**. This will also provide details on auditions and rehearsals.

Questions? Contact Hilary at FaithFactory@stmatts.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:

Sean, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Rennie, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmett, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Verdun, 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, Barbara, Jonathan, Jay, Amanda, Venessa, Desira, Rose, Sarah, Natalie D, and Natalie S.

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 • 1 Samuel 1:4-20	
Canticle • The Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10)	
Second Reading • Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	
Gospel • Mark 13:1-8	
Sermon	Genevieve Zetlan
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.stmtts.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 • Rest in the Father

Song • Carry Me

Lessons

Old Testament Reading • 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Gospel • Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

Genevieve Zetlan

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus • Bring the Rain

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Friend in High Places

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Lead on, Good Shepherd

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • 432 O Praise Ye the Lord	
Opening Acclamation	299
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • 1 Samuel 1:4-20	
Canticle • The Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10)	
Second Reading • Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	
Gospel • Mark 13:1-8	
Sermon	Genevieve Zetlan
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People	
Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Children's Prayer	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus • Holy, Holy, Holy	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • 341 For the Bread Which You Have Broken	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • 618 vs. 1, 2, 4 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	
Dismissal	366



FALL YOUTH FUN & SERVICE
Sunday, November 17, 1PM-5PM
Great Falls Hike and Alpha

Calling all middle and high school students—Get ready for an exciting fall hike at Great Falls! We'll enjoy the fresh air and incredible views, all while hanging out with friends.

Plus, instead of our usual 5 PM Alpha Youth meeting, we'll be diving into some of the big questions we've explored so far while we're on the trail, making this hike a perfect mix of fun and deep conversation.

Save the Date: Nov. 27, 1-5PM
Tree of Life Thanksgiving Prep

Let's get together to prepare meals for Tree of Life's annual Thanksgiving Together Ministry!

This is more than just cooking—it's an opportunity to create meaningful connections and offer hope to those facing hard times, especially during a season where gratitude and giving mean so much.

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 27th at St. Matthew's to make a difference in the lives of others. Let's come together, share our hearts, and offer support in a time of need.

Scan the QR Code to stay updated with all the youth happenings.



KIDS SUNDAY FUN

Sunday morning is an important faith building time for the entire family. We invite your preschool–fifth grade children to join us at 9:30AM for Faith Factory - St. Matt's Sunday morning faith formation. It's a chance for kids to learn about God's love for them through Bible stories, relationship building, singing songs, art projects, & more! After worship stay for fun and games or a special treat each Sunday at 10:30AM!

Nov. 17—Thank yous for teachers

Nov. 24—Christmas Play Pageant Auditions for speaking roles.



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.



**GIVING
TUESDAY**
SUPPORT
BACKPACK BUDDIES

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STERLINGHELP.ORG/SUPPORT

1 in 4 children in Loudoun County Schools is food insecure. That means someone in your child's classroom won't have enough to eat this weekend.

Join us on December 3rd for #GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement that transforms communities when they work together for a worthy cause, and together we will help fight childhood hunger right here in Sterling.

Be a Giving Tuesday Ambassador for HRTS by visiting the link above.



GAME NIGHT ON BLACK FRIDAY!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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.



2030 FALL HIKE—TODAY, 12PM

Whether you're single, married, or starting a family, our 2030 group is a great opportunity for those in their 20's and 30's to build friendships and community. Join Robby and Emily Stevens on November 17, to connect with others and enjoy the outdoors at our fall hike. We'll meet at the church at noon to carpool to Great Falls. Bring a trail lunch to enjoy while we hike through the beautiful scenery.



SCAM ALERT
STMTTS.ORG/SCAMS

As the holiday season approaches, we find this is a time when fraudulent emails and texts are sent asking well intentioned church members to provide support for fake causes. Please review the link above for information on how to spot false claims. Also, St. Matthew's clergy and staff will never ask you to email or text gift card codes. If you receive a request that seems sketchy, please call the office to confirm 703-430-2121 or email Miriam at Office@stmmts.org.



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.



FAMILY MOVIE OUTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Let's kick off the holiday season with a fun afternoon movie at Dulles Town Center. Time TBD. Watch Friday Flash for details.



ROB RECOMMENDS [STMTTS.ORG/ROBREADS](https://stmtts.org/robreads)

Fr. Rob often recommends books in Sunday messages. If you're looking for a holiday gift for yourself or others, check out some of his latest suggestions at the link above.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Rob each Wednesday at 7PM or Thursday at 12PM for an engaging Bible study. (No Bible study November 27 or 28.) Whether you're new to studying the Bible or a seasoned reader, join this welcoming space to explore scripture, share insights, and grow in faith together. All are welcome—bring questions.



CHRISTMAS AT ST. MATT'S

Invite your friends and family and join us for any of our Christmas services. All services include holiday music, communion, and a Christmas message from Rev. Rob Merola.

Christmas Eve

3 PM - Children's Christmas Nativity Play and service

5 PM - Classic Christmas Mass with soloists and strings

8 PM - Festival Christmas Service with live band

1 PM - Traditional Midnight Mass with hymns, choir and strings

Christmas Day

10 AM - Classic Christmas Day service with holy communion



26 PENTECOST



Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

November 17, 2024

COLLECT

Traditional

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

BLESSED LORD, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

ON THE DAY when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will

look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

Refrain

There is none to be compared to you, our God.

Canticle: The Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

My heart exults in you, O God; *

my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, *

for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, *

nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; *

only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The weapons of the mighty are broken, *
but the weak are clothed in strength.
Those once full now labor for bread; *
those who hungered now are well fed.
The childless woman finds her life fruitful, *
and the mother of many sits forlorn.
God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; *
gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.
God raises the poor from the dust; *
and lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with rulers *
and inherit a place of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are God's *
on which the whole earth is founded.
God will guide the path of the faithful, *
but the wicked will languish in darkness.
For it is not by human might *
that any mortal will prevail.
The foes of our God will be shattered; *
the Most High will thunder through the heavens.
The Almighty will judge the earth to its ends *
and will give strength to the ruler of God's own choosing.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, [15-18], 19-25

EVERY PRIEST STANDS day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and

their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

AS HE CAME OUT OF THE TEMPLE, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, November 17th

- 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
- 12:00 pm - 2030: Great Falls Hike
- 1:00 pm - Youth: Great Falls Hike

Monday, November 18th

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:30 pm - Girl Scouts Troop 2157
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live

Tuesday, November 19th

- 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 - Vestry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Wednesday, November 20th

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Mindful Ministry with Zorana

Thursday, November 21st

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 6:15 am - Girl Scouts
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22nd

- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Saturday, November 23rd

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 17th: Amanda Boone
- November 19th: Sharon Muniz, Megan Greenlund
- November 20th: Susan Norris, Brynn Hunter
- November 21st: Peggy Beyer
- November 22nd: Bonnie Boddy
- November 23rd: Davis Zetlan, Ellie Hurst

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- November 20th: Kathryn & John Frawley
- November 23rd: Kathleen & Bart Ecker

ATTENDANCE

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	22	25
9:30 AM	23	171
11:00 AM	11	44
Faith Factory		15
Youth Group		9

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made payable to
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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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