



## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**All Saints' Day  
Sunday, November 3, 2024**



## 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. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4  
Zoom Meeting ID 747 4043 8363  
Passcode: Stmatts



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS GOAL 250 BAGS! DUE NOV. 11**

**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, or sign up to volunteer November 14, 15, or 16 to sort, shop, and pack. Contact Anna for more info at [Office@stmatts.org](mailto:Office@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](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:

Sean, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Rennie, Webster, Julia, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, 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, 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, and Sarah.

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 25:6-9	
Psalm • 24	
Second Reading • Revelation 21:1-6a	
Gospel • John 11:32-44	
Sermon	Gabriel Oakes, Seminarian
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

*(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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Communion of the People	
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Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

## The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Survivor

Song • Old Church Choir

Lessons

Reading • Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel • John 11:32-44

Sermon

Gabriel Oakes, Seminarian

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 • Holding On to You

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Love Found Me

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #	
Opening Acclamation	299
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 25:6-9	
Psalm • 24	
Second Reading • Revelation 21:1-6a	
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## The Holy Communion

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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 • #	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #	
Dismissal	366



### **BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG**

Backpack Buddies has returned for the 2024-2025 school year, and we are back to packing 280 bags per week! Join us for packing on Tuesdays at noon and TODAY, November 3 at 10:30AM.

Do you know a teen looking for service hours? We are actively seeking people or companies interested in hosting neighborhood or company food drives.

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



### **HELPING HANDS**

One of the ways we support St. Matt's members is by sharing meals after a baby is born, illness, or surgery. Please email Miriam at Office@stmmts.org to be added to the email distribution list, then you choose how often you'd like to participate. It's a very flexible way to serve and share love.



### **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 [stmmts.org/christmasplay](http://stmmts.org/christmasplay)**. This will also provide details on auditions and rehearsals.

Questions? Contact Hilary at FaithFactory@stmmts.org



### **2030 FALL HIKE-NOV. 17, 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, 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.

Need child care? Contact Miriam in the church office—we'd love to help.



**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.



**STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS**  
**YOUTH ALPHA, SUNDAYS 5-7 PM**

(No meeting on Nov. 17—Alpha will be combined with the hike.)

Each session includes dinner, fun games, and meaningful conversations aimed at helping teens grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Alpha Youth exists to **EQUIP THE CHURCH** to help **RISING GENERATIONS** discover and develop a **RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS**. We do this by providing transformative **EXPERIENCES AND CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS**.



**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.



## BREAD OF LIFE BOOK GROUP

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

This is a co-ed book group and you may join at anytime. Our next book will be *An Altar In The World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Please contact Darrell if you'd like to learn more. [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org)



## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

Join Fr. Rob each Wednesday at 7PM or Thursday at 12PM for an engaging Bible study. Whether you're new to studying the Bible or a seasoned reader, this group offers a welcoming space to explore scripture, share insights, and grow in faith together. All are welcome—bring your questions.



## November Kids Events

### **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!

November 3–HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing for all

November 10–Thank you cards for Veterans

November 17–Thank you cards for teachers



## NATIONAL VANILLA CUPCAKE DAY

### **NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Join us in the parish hall for tasty treats at 10:30AM.



## FAMILY MOVIE OUTING

### **FAMILY MOVIE OUTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Let's kick off the holiday season with a fun afternoon movie at Dulles Town Center. Time TBD. Buy your tickets in advance and see we'll see you there.





# ALL SAINTS' DAY



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

November 1, 2024

*Traditional*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive a great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him

in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

or

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25:6-9

ON THIS MOUNTAIN the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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**Refrain**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors.

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**Psalm 24** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | The earth is the Lord's<br>and all that is in it, * the<br>world and all who dwell<br>therein.     | who can stand in his holy<br>place?"   |
| 2 | For it is he who founded it<br>upon the seas * and made<br>it firm upon the rivers of<br>the deep. | 4 "Those who have clean<br>hands and a pure<br>heart, * who have not<br>pledged themselves to<br>falsehood, nor sworn by<br>what is a fraud. |
| 3 | "Who can ascend the<br>hill of the LORD? * and   | 5 They shall receive a<br>blessing from the Lord *   |

and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this King of glory?” \* “The LORD, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” \* “The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

### **SECOND READING:** Revelation 21:1-6a

I SAW A NEW HEAVEN and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

### **GOSPEL:** John 11:32-44

WHEN MARY CAME where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping,

and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, November 3rd

- 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
- 10:30 am - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

### Monday, November 4th

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

### Tuesday, November 5th

- 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, November 6th

- 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 7th

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

### Friday, November 8th

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

### Saturday, November 9th

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 3rd: Oliver Massa
- November 4th: Andrew Wiseman
- November 5th: Destiny Chambers, Fred Brittain, Summer Kane
- November 6th: Rick Sather
- November 7th: Elliott Beltrane
- November 8th: Rita Knisely, Jen Lofquist, Ian Wright

## ATTENDANCE October 27, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	20	22
9:30 AM	23	148
11:00 AM	13	40
Faith Factory		18
Youth Group		8

## HELP SUPPORT

ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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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](https://stmmts.org/live)

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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