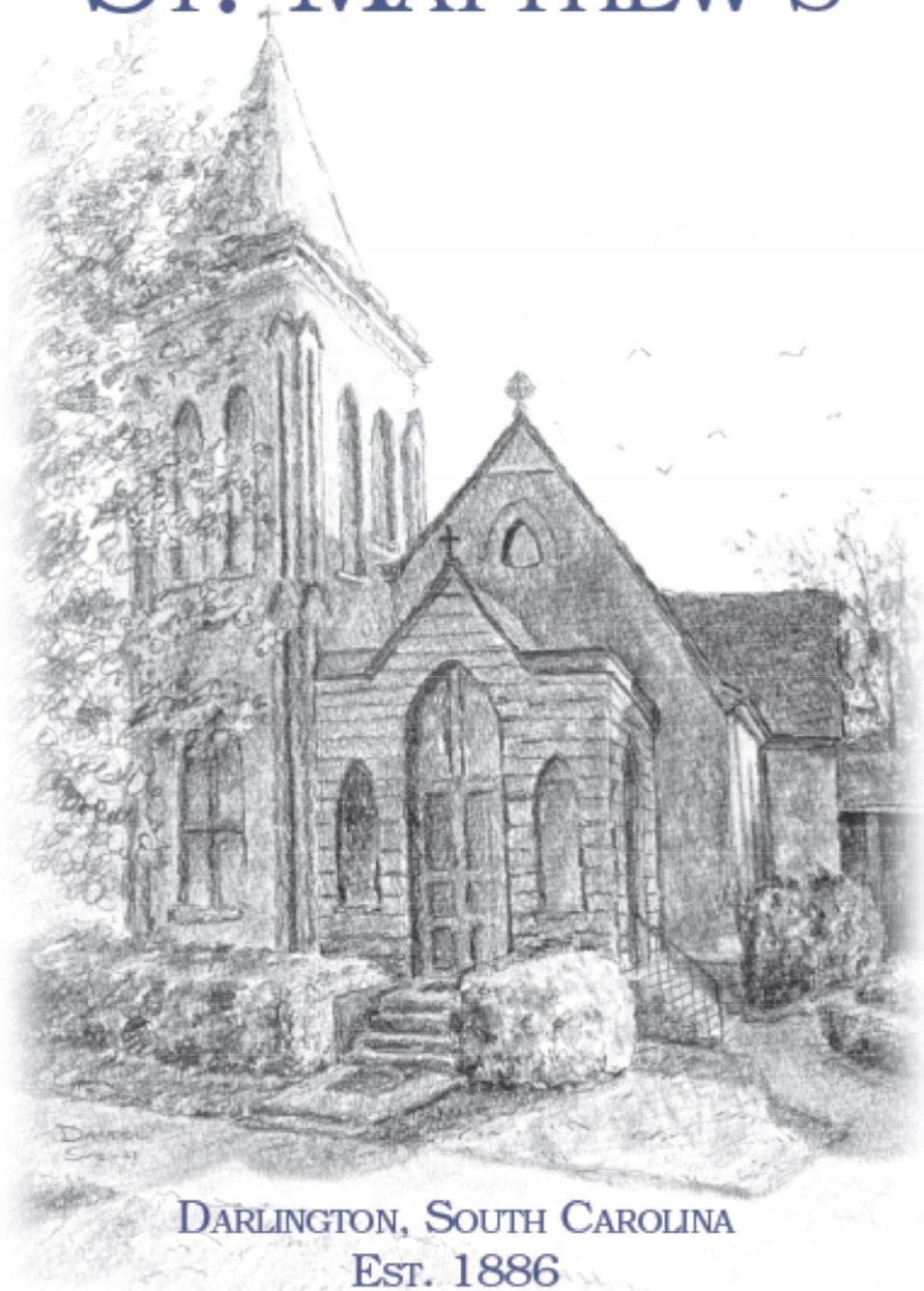


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
April 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

In 1905 a group of God's faithful children laid the cornerstone of the present Church. A lovely structure to begin with, it has been enhanced and further beautified through the years by the work and the gifts of those who have followed in the footsteps of generations of believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Our order of service originated in 1549 in England and features patterns of worship and prayers rooted in the Ancient Apostolic faith and the Reformation. The entire congregation participates in the worship service using the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal. Together, we are the body of Christ and individually members of it (1 Cor. 12:27). If you would like to learn more, please let me know by filling out a Welcome Newcomers Card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate. I will be sure to contact you promptly.

The Reverend E. Ragland (Rags) Coxe

Our schedule of weekly worship and Christian Education is as follows:

Sunday

8am Holy Communion in the Church. This is a shorter service due to the absence of music.

9:45 Christian Education for all ages; Nursery provided.

10:30 Family Service in the Chapel. This is a 15 minute service for families with young children.

11am Holy Communion in the Church with music, and livestream virtual (Zoom)

Last Sunday of the Month (Normally)

11am Morning Prayer. This is usually a lay-led service praise and worship service with a brief homily.

Home Communion is available by request. Please contact the church office or the Rector.

Virtual Participants are encouraged to follow the services using the virtual bulletin which is e-mailed each week and your own Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

All baptized and believing Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available, please ask the clergy.



Saint Matthew's Church

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
The Holy Eucharist



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #214 “Hail the day that sees him rise”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

BCP

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling, said in unison)

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-14

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On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them

in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

Psalm 98:1-5 (standing, sung)

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his own right hand and with his holy arm, *he has won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation; *his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, *and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Sequence Hymn #488 “Be thou my vision”

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

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As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe

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The Ministration of Communion

Communion will be received and consumed at the Communion Rail. Please dip the wafer you receive in the chalice, but not your finger!

The Communion Hymn #343 "Shepherd of souls"

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The Blessing

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The Recessional Hymn #182 “Christ is alive”

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Organ Postlude

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 1/14/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Province of South America and The Most Rev. Nick Drayson, Primate, and his wife, Catherine.

Holy Trinity, Grahamville, The Rev. James Gibson and St. James, Blackville, The Rev. Russell Reed and their congregations

Camp Jubilee

O merciful Lord, Creator of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence will assist our Diocese in acquiring the land you have chosen for Camp Jubilee. Give us grace to honor you by being faithful stewards of all your good gifts through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feasts and Fasts this week

January 14th- Kentigern, Missionary to Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603

January 17th- Anthony, Hermit in Egypt, 356

January 18th- Confession of Peter the Apostle

January 19th -Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

January 20th- Fabian, Bishop of Rome and Martyr, 250

[More information: https://www.saintmatthews.us/liturgicalcalendar](https://www.saintmatthews.us/liturgicalcalendar)

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of
Nell Breeden Early
By Margaret & Billy Early III*

- Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for **Fellowship Time**.
- The **DOK** will meet NEXT Sunday, April 21st at 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Our **youth leaders** are required to attend Youth Protection training classes. This can be achieved via online courses or group courses. Deacon Frank is offering group courses April 16th. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Study** has started back. Mondays at the Purple Fish at 11:00AM and Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. This study is called Lyrics for Life and will be about the Psalms.
- ♦ On **Saturday April 20th**, our church is providing the food and the serving of the breakfast at the Soup Kitchen. We will need 15 casseroles prepared and 10 people to pack and serve breakfast. The casserole preparers will be given the recipe and a pan to cook the needed food. Warm Casseroles will need to be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen at 7:00 AM. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall and pans, recipes, and delivery instructions are available.
- ♦ The Anglican Women will have their **Annual Gathering** at Christ the King in Pawley's Island at May 4, 2024. Registration is open at adosc.org. Need help registering?
Ask Janet Stoda to help at Janet@saintmatthews.us

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood
Nancy Purvis

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman
Bill Howle

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr
Cyndy Rickman

Family and Friends Prayer List

Pres. Jimmy Carter
Keith Shepard
Jeff Shepard
Bert Peckford
Charlotte Roberts
Susan Sheely
Janice Morris
Carolyn Swallow
Sandra Harris
Krystal Baumgardner
Robert Baumgardner
David Luther
Rachel Sims
Stephanie Shaw
David Gravely
Mirella McKay
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
Ricky Galloway
Patsy Sawyer
TC Sawyer
Jake LeVine

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munnerlyn
Judy Melton
Claire Hoole
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Barrett Byrd
Lynn Brown
Dan Harper
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Riggan
Tommy Bolger
Michael Holt
Teresa Moore
Grayson Griggs
Everett Teal
John Jupertinger
Eloise Taylor
Matt Brunson
*Mazie Belser

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Blake Boyd
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Frances Roberts
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Theresa Nanke
Johnny Deas
Wanda Scott
Lee Bass
Adalei Deaver
Ashli Coballes
*Elza Mick

Family Members on Active Military Service:

ITCM William Heitsman USN,
S Sgt. 1st Class David R. Wilson, 82nd Airborne US Army
Pvt. 1st Class Austin Strickland, US Army

Prayer For Expecting and Adopting Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo and Tamara & William Kirven

Our Missionaries:

For the people of our companion parish, Santiago Apostol and their priest,
The Reverend Nephtaly Desir. The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese
of Maseno South.

Birthdays:

April 14: Jenny Altman **April 15:** Andrew Early

Faithfully Departed: Alexander Paul and James Carver

Parish Calendar

Monday April 15	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, April 17	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, April 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Church & Virtual)
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (TPF)

		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
USHERS:	11 a.m.	James Brunson Sam Stokes	Tim Dargan Ed Early
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	John Dexter (L, P, LEM)	TBA (L) Stewart Smith (O)
	11 a.m.	David Welch (L, LEM) Cely Anne Brigman (P, LEM)	Tracy Sutphin (L) Bill Ervin (O)
CRUCIFER:		Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:		Nancy Causey Kay Gray	Janet Stoda Merry Morgan Smith
VIRTUAL:		Stewart Smith	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Margaret & Billy Early, III	Mary Shaw & Caid Kirven
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Annie & Austin Dickson	Michelle & Larry Duke
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Mary Shaw Kirven & Nancy Causey	Debi Sidbury

BISHOP OF ADOSC :	<i>The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar</i>
RECTOR:	<i>The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe</i>
DEACON:	<i>The Rev. Frank Stoda, Jr.</i>
ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER:	<i>Dr. Will Carswell</i>
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:	<i>Jennifer Cashwell</i>
COMMUNICATIONS:	<i>Janet Stoda</i>
NURSERY:	<i>Mary Ervin</i>
SEXTON:	<i>Nathaniel Joe</i>

Vestry:

Sr. Warden-Stewart Smith Jr. Warden-Steve Smith Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler

2025

*William Kirven IV
Debbie Spinazzola
Perry Wilson*

2026

*John Dexter
Bill Ervin
Joanne Robertson*

2027

*Jane Early
Mary Beth Gardner
Shari Stokes*

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