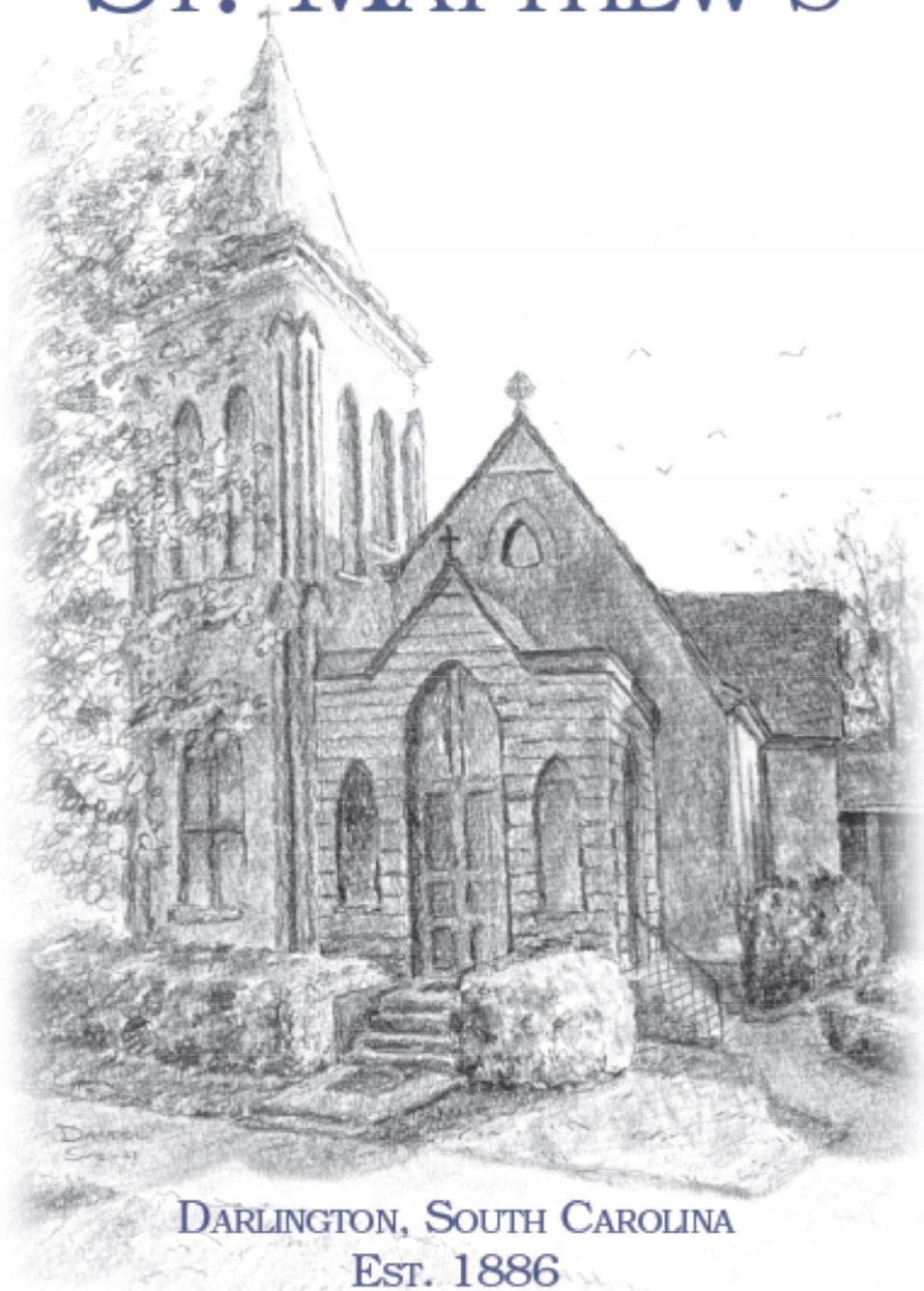


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
February 18, 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) Coxé

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



First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
The Holy Eucharist

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #143 “The glory of these forty days”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 25:3-9 (standing, sung)

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me forth in your truth, and teach me, *for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies, *and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, *but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; *therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, *and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth *to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Sequence Hymn #294 “Baptized in water”

(Sung to hymn tune *Bunessan*)

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

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

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

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-13

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9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The 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 #337 “And now, O Father”

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The Recessional Hymn #511 “Holy Spirit, ever living”

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Organ Postlude

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2/18/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, Bishop Clark Lowenfield and his wife, Tricia.

Christ Church, Florence, Mason Rogers, Sr. Warden and his congregation.

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

February 18th: Martin Luther, Reformer of the Church, 1546

February 21st: **Ember Day**, William “Billy” Graham, Evangelist, 2018

February 23rd: **Ember Day**, Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156

February 24th: **Ember Day**, Matthias the Apostle

More information: <https://www.saintmatthews.us/liturgicalcalendar>

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Thanksgiving for Ayden Jones
By Michelle Jones*

- Please join us after the service for **Fellowship Time** in the Parish Hall.
- The **DOK** will meet TODAY at 3:30 p.m.
- Starting TODAY, **The Marriage Course** is being offered from 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for all couples seeking to strengthen their marriage. The course is like a date night - supper and conversations at a private table. Child care is not provided due to space constraints, but some couples may want to house-pool. Please contact Rags or Suiter with any questions.
- Since there is a Pee Dee Land trust event on the 24th of February, we are postponing the **Altar Guild Meeting** until after Easter. Men and women over the age of 16 are always welcome to come in and watch to find out what Altar Guild is all about. Please contact Janet Stoda if interested in this ministry.

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr

Family and Friends Prayer List

Pres. Jimmy Carter
Keith Shepard
Jeff Shepard
Bert Peckford
Joey Saleeby
Susan Sheely
Janice Morris
Carolyn Swallow
Sandra Harris
Denise Harris
Archie Bigelow
David Luther
Sandy Wilcox
Neil Strieff
David Gravely
Frankie James
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
Pat Folsom
Olin L. Purvis, III
Rachel Sims
Frances Roberts
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
TC Sawyer
Patsy Sawyer

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munnerlyn
Judy Melton
Frankie Tanner
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Denise Garris
Lynn Brown
Nancy Harrison
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Riggan
Tommy Bolger
Michael Holt
Teresa Moore
Grayson Griggs
Everette Teal
John Jepertinger
Eloise Taylor
Matt Brunson
Matthew Brunson
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Ashli Coballes
Dan Harper

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zorgias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Linda Hudson
Johnny Deas
Wanda Scott
Gra Whitehead
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araïna Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Charlotte Roberts
Claire Hoole
*Lee Bass

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

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:

February 19: Michelle Jones **February 20:** Larry Duke **February 24:** Emily Wenteler

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 19	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, February 25	Second Sunday in Lent	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	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)

Today

Next Week

USHERS:	11 a.m.	Ollie Dewitt Lorna Matthews	James Brunson Sam Stokes
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Ollie Dewitt (L, P, LEM)	Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Marvin Lawson (L, LEM) Bobby Kilgo (P, LEM)	Tracy Sutphin (L) David Welch (O)
CRUCIFER:		Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:		Suiter Coxe Caroline Dargan Jessie Whitaker	Suiter Coxe Caroline Dargan Jessie Whitaker
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Michelle Jones	Betts & Skip Bailey
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Nancy Causey	Meredith & Campbell Coxe
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Suiter Coxe & Mary Dean Kilgo	Merry Morgan Smith & Gena Ervin

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

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*William Kirven IV
Debbie Spinazzola
Perry Wilson*

*John Dexter
Bill Ervin
Joanne Robertson*

*Jane Early
Mary Beth Gardner
Shari Stokes*

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