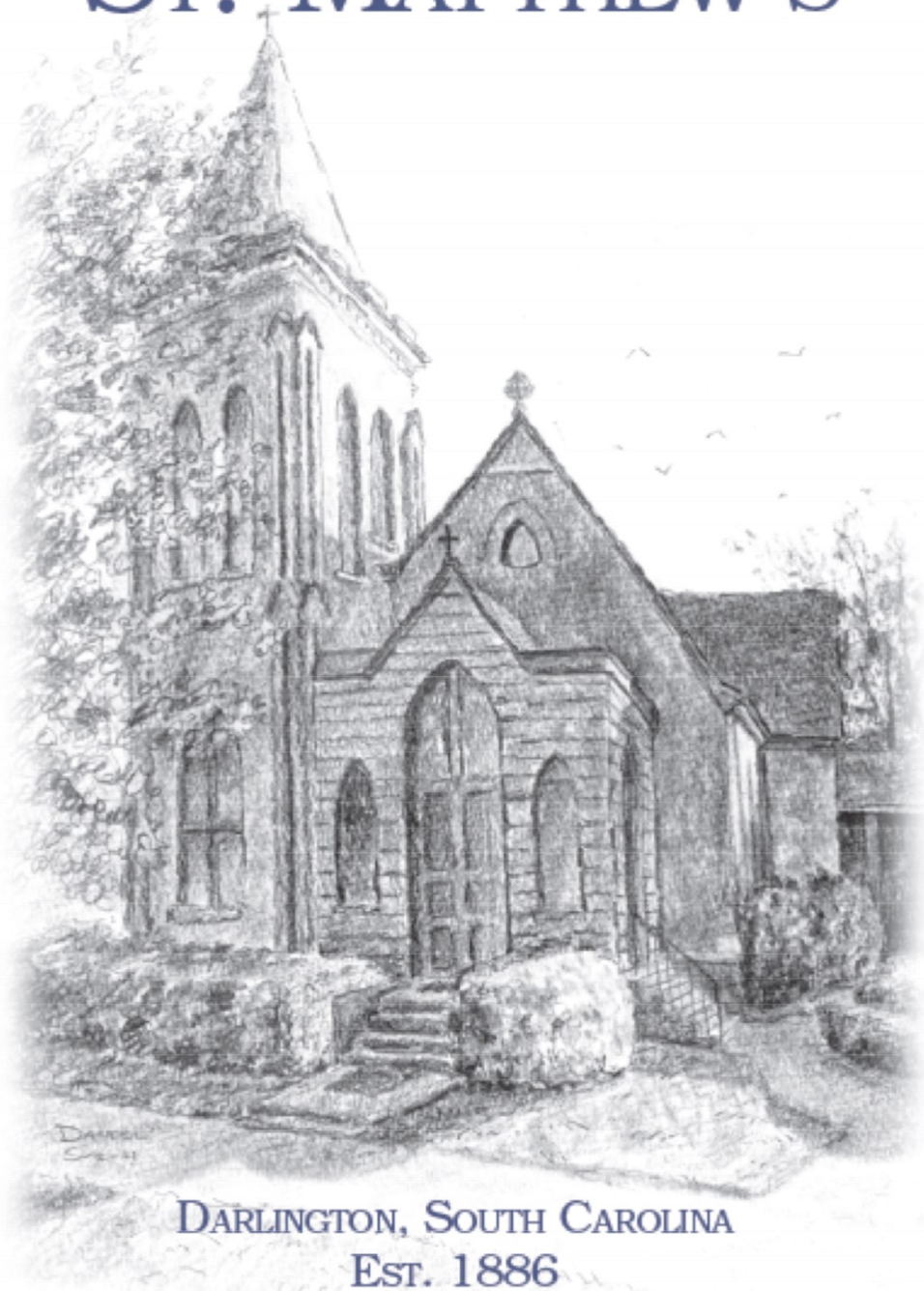


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The First Sunday of Epiphany:
Baptism of our Lord
Holy Eucharist
January 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

We hope you encounter the risen Lord Jesus in today's worship service. Our liturgy originated in 1549 in England and features Biblical 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. If you would like to learn more, please let one of our clergy know to schedule an appointment or a pastoral visit.

Our current weekly worship schedule is as follows:

Sundays:

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

11am Holy Eucharist in the Church with music, and livestream Virtual. If you prefer to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please let the usher know so the Clergy can accommodate your request.

Last Sunday of the Month: (Normally)

11 am Morning Prayer—In church and livestream Virtual. This is usually a lay-led praise 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 and a Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the Parish 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 First Sunday of Epiphany:
 Baptism of our Lord
 January 7, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
 The Holy Eucharist



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #127 “Earth Has Many a Noble City”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

People: **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

	<u>BCP</u>
The Collect for Purity	124
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The Collect of the Day (kneeling, said in unison) See Insert

Old Testament Reading See Insert

Psalm **(sung)** See Insert

The Epistle See Insert

The Sequence Hymn #296 “We Know That Christ is Raised”

The Gospel See Insert

Sermon The Reverend E. Ragland Coxe

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*Down Galilee’s slow roadways a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
“You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice.”
We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”*

-Sylvia G. Dunstan

The Sursum Corda	132
The Sanctus	Hymnal S130 or 132
The Prayer of Consecration	132
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The Prayer of Humble Access	135
The Agnus Dei	Hymnal S158 or 136

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 #339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

The Post Communion Prayer 137

The Blessing 137

The Recessional Hymn #616 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

(Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

The Organ Postlude

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the College of Bishops Meeting, January 8-12th.

The Diocesan Staff, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council
of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Camp Jubilee

O merciful Creator, Lord 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 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 7: The First Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

January 10: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1645

January 13: Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 367

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Daniel B. Causey, III
By Nancy Causey*

- **Annual Meeting Reports** are due TODAY.
- Please join us TODAY after the 11:00 Service for **Painting and Fellowship**.
- **Women's Bible Study** begins THIS WEEK with a study of the Beatitudes. The first sessions will start TOMORROW, Monday, January 8th at the Purple Fish and Wednesday, January 10th in the Parish Gall. All women are invited to attend.
- The **Parish Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **January 28th**, following the 11:00am service. In this meeting members will elect a Junior Warden, 3 vestry members and 4 delegates for convention (2 primary and 2 alternates.) *“Every baptized Christian who is a communicant and who contributes regularly to the support of the Parish is hereby declared a member of the Corporation of St. Matthew's Church, Darlington, S. C.; and shall be entitled to a seat in every church meeting; and, having reached the age of seventeen (17), will have a vote.” St. Matthew's By-Laws 1995*
- Men, please pick up your **Pancake Supper tickets**.
- Reminder for those who pledge using **Realm**: Please logon to Realm and click on Giving and schedule your donation (s) for 2024. Please select 2024 Fund and confirm payment method. Also, it is a good idea to make sure the end date is correct on giving for 2023 and that the end date for 2024 is also correct. Thank you for using this service. If you have questions, please contact Kitty Daniels our financial bookkeeper via the church office
- It is a new year, and are you looking for a new devotional? **RightNow Media** has plenty of interactive devotionals to choose from. Visit www.saintmatthews.us, or see Janet Stoda for more information.

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
Stephen Smith, Jr.
Mckenzie Smith
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
Wanda Scott
Linda Hudson

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
Charlotte Roberts
Matthew Brunson
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Ashli Coballes
Dan Harper

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zоргias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Jim Price
Johnny Deas
Jim Lavia
Gra Whitehead
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araia Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Debbie Turbeville
Donna Munoz
Rachel Sims

Family Members on Active Military Service:

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

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:

January 10: Benjamin Early **January 12:** Mary Altman and Rogers W. Coxe **January 13:** Tillman Kilgo

Faithfully Departed: Sid Boyd, The Rev. Canon Michael T. Malone, and Cale Yarborough

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 8	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, January 10	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 14	Second Sunday of Epiphany	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (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.	Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)	John Dexter (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Carol Hill (L, LEM) Shari Stokes (P, LEM)	Marvin Lawson (L, LEM) Cely Anne Brigman (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:		Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:		Lane Gilpin Leslie Ervin	TBA
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda	TBA
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Nancy Causey	Tom Dickinson
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Jenny Altman	Linda Beckham
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Debi Sidbury & Tracy Sutphin	Suiter Coxe & Mary Deane Kilgo

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-Al Gilpin Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<i>Tracy Sutphin</i>	<i>William Kirven IV</i>	<i>John Dexter</i>
<i>Tom Dickinson</i>	<i>Debbie Spinazzola</i>	<i>Bill Ervin</i>
<i>Bryant Gardner</i>	<i>Perry Wilson</i>	<i>Joanne Robertson</i>

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THE PURPLE FISH COFFEE COMPANY:

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