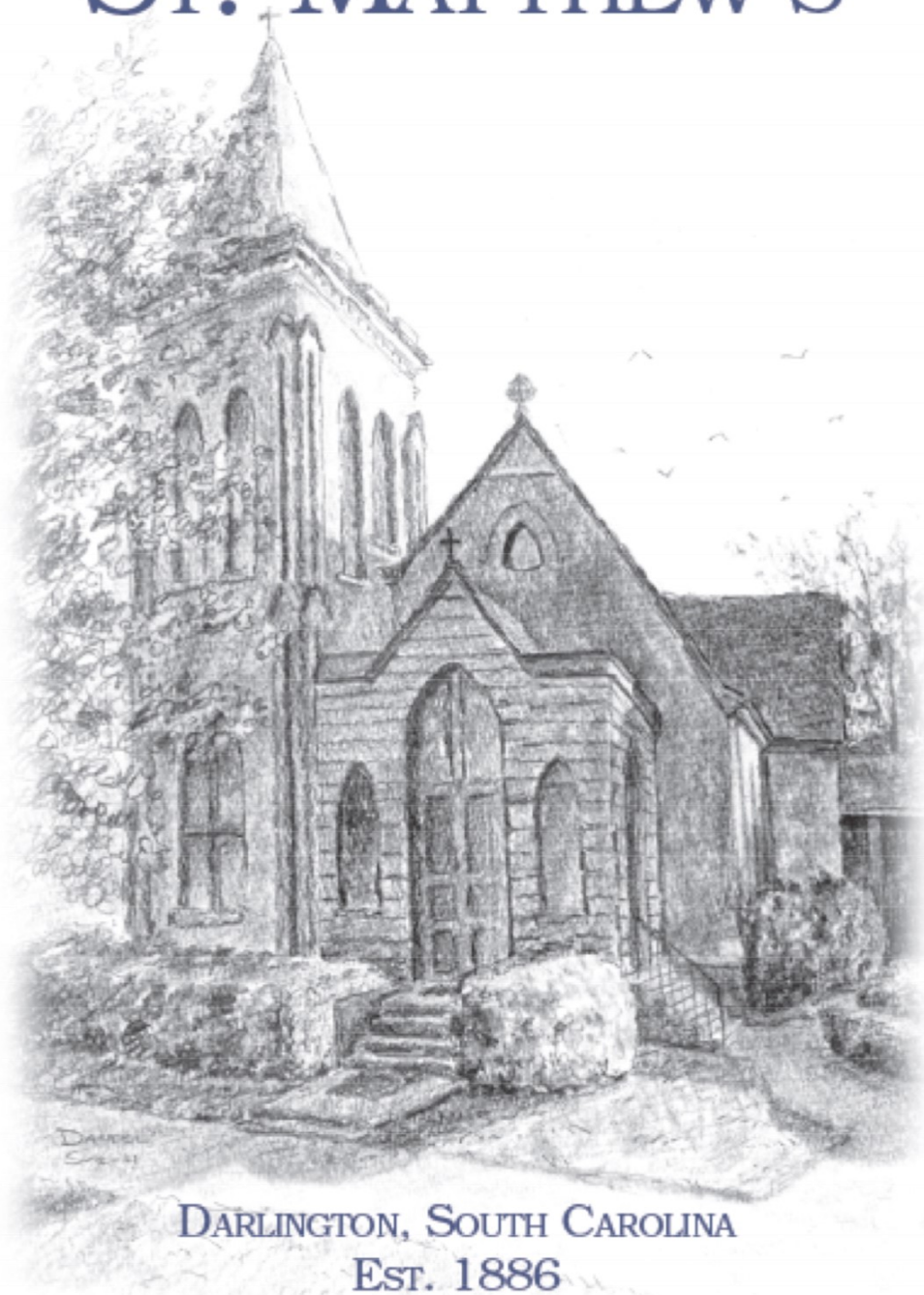


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
February 4, 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



Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 4, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
The Holy Eucharist

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #411 “O bless the Lord, my soul!”
(Verses 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6)

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
The Summary of the Law	124
The Kyrie	124
Gloria in Excelsis	125

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

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food. 9 And she said to her husband, “Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way. 10 Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there.”11 One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there.12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite.” When he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘See, you have taken all this trouble for us; what is to be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’” She answered, “I dwell among my own people.” 14 And he said, “What then is to be done for her?” Gehazi answered, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.”15 He said, “Call her.” And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.16 And he said, “At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a son.” And she said, “No, my lord, O man of God; do not lie to your servant.”17 But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring, as Elisha had said to her.18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers.19 And he said to his father, “Oh, my head, my head!” The father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” 20 And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. 21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out.32 When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed.33 So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. 34 Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched

himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. 35 Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 Then he summoned Gehazi and said, “Call this Shunammite.” So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, “Pick up your son.” 37 She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

Psalm 142 (standing, sung)

1 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; *even unto the LORD I made my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him, *and showed him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, you knew my path; *in the way wherein I walked they had secretly laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also to my right hand *and saw there was no one who would know me.

5 I had no place to flee to, *and no one cared for my soul.

6 I cried out to you, O LORD, and said, *‘‘You are my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living.’’

7 Consider my complaint, *for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors, *for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks unto your Name. *When you show me your loving-kindness, then shall the righteous gather around me.

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.

A Reading From: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 **ESV** **p. 957**

16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

The Sequence Hymn #683 “O for a closer walk with God”

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 1:29-39 **ESV** **p. 836**

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her

by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38 And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe

	<u>BCP</u>
Nicene Creed	127
The Prayers of the People	128
The Confession and Absolution of Sin	130
The Comfortable Words	130
The Peace	131
Announcements	
The Offertory	131

The Offertory Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Folk Song
arr. Carlton Young

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping my presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me Lord,
 thou my great Father and I thy true son, O thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
High King of Heaven my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys O bright heaven’s sun!
 Heart of my own heart what ever befall, O still be my vision, thou ruler of all.

The Sursum Corda		132
The Sanctus	Hymnal S130 or	132
The Prayer of Consecration		132
The Lord’s Prayer		134
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 #315 “Thou, who at thy first Eucharist”

The Post Communion Prayer	137
The Blessing	137

The Recessional Hymn #423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Organ Postlude

*The Altar Flowers have been given
By Tracy & Chris Sutphin
To the Glory of God and
In Honor of the Marriage of
Andrew and Gabrielle Sutphin*

- Please join us after the service for **Fellowship Time** in the Parish Hall.
- **NEXT** Sunday, February 11th, all are invited to make **Valentine's Day Cards** during fellowship.
- Starting Sunday February 18th, **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.
- Please support Girl Scout Troop #88 and buy **Girl Scout cookies**. The profits from selling cookies help support the scouting program. See the Brunson family during fellowship to order or buy cookies. Cookies are still \$4.00 a box.
- **On February 24th** (change of date) from 10am-12pm, there will be an **important Altar Guild Meeting**. This meeting is open to all current and anyone wanting to learn about this important ministry.
- Due to the popularity of our Advent Devotional book, we will have a **Lenten Devotional book** from Trinity School for Ministry available soon. We will send out an email and note in announcements when they arrive. One per family.
- **Next weekend**, St. Matthew's Church is hosting a men's retreat at the House of Hope's Property at Black's Creek. Men are welcome to attend for Christian fellowship, Bible Study and rest. The cost for the whole weekend is \$125.00 (Scholarships are available) To register, contact Fr. Rags.
- **Pancake Supper**. The Pancake Supper is on February 13th. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office and at the Purple Fish.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2/4/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Diocese of the South, Archbishop Foley Beach and his wife, Allison, and Bishop Frank Lyons and his wife, Shawnee.

Trinity Church, Pinopolis, The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran and her 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 4th: (World Mission Sunday)

Cornelius the Centurion

February 5th: Martyrs of Japan, 1597

February 10th: Scholastica, Abbess, 543

Camp Jubilee. St. Matthews Church is striving to do our part in the fundraising for land acquisition through prayer and financial support. We have received two anonymous pledges totaling \$6,000.00, with a challenge for the Vestry, Wardens, and Congregation to match or exceed that amount by February 24th which is the deadline for all pledges to be in for this first phase. Therefore if each of you will pray and consider responding to this challenge, I know the children and youth who make Camp incredibly successful will appreciate the support from St. Matthew's and all Parishes in the ADOSC. Please make your Check out to St. Matthew's Church with "Camp Jubilee" in the memo line. Donations can also be made on Realm.

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
Wanda Scott
Patsy Sawyer
TC 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 Riggart
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 Zorgias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Linda Hudson
Johnny Deas
Jim Lavia
Gra Whitehead
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araïna Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Debbie Turbeville
Donna Munoz
Claire Hoole

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:

February 5: Jay Ervin and Caid Kirven **February 7:** Becky Early
February 9: Tara McCormick **February 10:** Rogers Coxé

Faithfully Departed: Jim Price

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 5	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, February 7	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, February 11	Last 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.	Robby Kilgo David Welch	Campbell Coxe Caid Kirven
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)	John Dexter (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Chris Sutphin (L, LEM) Meredith Coxe (P, LEM)	Larry Duke (L, LEM) Cely Anne Brigman (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:		Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:		Suiter Coxe	Suiter Coxe
		Caroline Dargan	Caroline Dargan
		Jessie Whitaker	Jessie Whitaker
		Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
VIRTUAL:		Tracy & Chris Sutphin	Jessie Whitaker
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Cely Anne & Greg Brigman	Lillian, Sandy & James Brunson
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Mary Shaw Kirven & Nancy Causey	Debi Sidbury & Tracy Sutphin
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:			

BISHOP OF ADOCS :	<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*

Church Website: www.saintmatthews.us

THE PURPLE FISH COFFEE COMPANY:

110 W. Hampton St., Darlington, SC 29532 843-944-0315 Hrs: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

