

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

January 19	Walk for Warmth , see below for details
January 19	Annual Reports Deadline , please send your reports to Julie at julie@stmatthewsevanston.org
January 23	Friday Night Coffee House , 7pm at St. Matt's
January 25	Annual Meeting , after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will follow.

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

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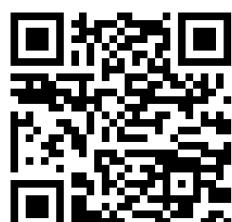
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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

The Flagler Mass

Composer Chris Garven from St. Peter's Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL writes that this Mass setting was some of the fruit of a recent sabbatical. Since going out of state was challenging due to COVID, he was "forced" to go to the local beach (Flagler Beach) and focus on composing some new music for the church.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN LEVAS #1

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
2. slaug - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
3. get thee, Shad - owed be -neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
2. stand at - last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant may say

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Sunt pg865*

Gloria (*Flager Mass*)

Chris Garven

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord
Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength-

he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,

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"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-12 *Expectans, expectavi*



¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹² You are the Lord;
 do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (1:1-9).

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Karlos Piñero-Mercado

Repeat Response one time.

Cantor/All

S.A.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse (Cantor): Behold the Lamb of God; behold he who takes away the sin of the world.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

(1:29-42).

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Form III, adapted)

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that our wardens and vestry, other St. Matthew's leaders, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; Whayne, our Priest-in-Charge; and for Terri, our Deacon;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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Leader We pray for Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority, and for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Jason, Maggie, David, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Gina, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for Maua and her 5 daughters and for those we name in aloud or in our hearts.

People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Elizabeth "Betty" Stafford.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSON OF SIN

Celebrant God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

The people kneel or stand in silence, contemplating how we have neglected to love God and our neighbors.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Deacon Most merciful God,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you**
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

People **Amen.**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Up to the mountain* Patty Griffin /arr. Mack Huff

I went up to the mountain Because you asked me to Up over the clouds To where the sky was blue I could see all around me Everywhere I could see all around me Everywhere Sometimes I feel like I've never been nothing but tired And I'll be walking Till the day I expire Sometimes I lay down No more can I do But then I go on again Because you ask me to Some days I look down Afraid I will fall And though the sun shines I see nothing, nothing at all Then I hear your sweet voice, oh, come and then go, come and then go Telling me softly You love me so The peaceful valley Just over the mountain The peaceful valley Few come to know I may never get there Ever in this lifetime But sooner or later It's there I will go Sooner or later It's there I will go.

(c) Words and music by Patty Griffin

Patty Griffin wrote "Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)," with lyrics about climbing a metaphorical mountain for someone, feeling tired but persistent, seeing the world from above, and hearing a loving voice guiding them towards a peaceful valley. The song touches on the emotions surrounding Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous 1968 "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, delivered the day before his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #54

Nearer my God to Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;

1. E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;

1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with] St. Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The people stand.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

arr. Tom Trenney

We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday! We'll walk hand in hand... We shall live in peace... We are not afraid... God will see us through...

This beloved American freedom song became associated particularly with the Civil Rights marches of the 1960s. Written for a service celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., this arrangement proclaims a powerful message of hope and faith.

Let us Pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, the son of God, be manifest in you that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

People Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #217 He's got the whole world arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.

3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.

5. He's got everybody here, etc.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Music is used with permission from Chris Garven.

Leading Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Volunteers

Prayer Leader: Volunteer

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,

Quincy Senechal, Harper Olsen

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Chalice Bearers: Volunteers

Altar Guild: Roberta Buchanan, Mary Clark

Green Team: Volunteers

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal**

Kaylie O'Dell**

Winifer Castaneda Verastegui***

Madison Holmes***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Anthony Rohr***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | PARISH HALL

Please join us for our Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 25 after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will follow. **Ministry Leaders:** Please submit your annual reports to Julie at julie@stmatthewsevanston.org no later than Monday, January 19.

**To: The Pledging Members of Our St. Matthew's Family
From: Your Wardens**



Our stewardship campaign theme this year was “Continuing Faithfully.” And you, the members of St. Matthew's who have responded to that campaign and pledged for the 2026 calendar year, have done more than just “continued” your faith; you have made St. Matthew's grow. *We had nine new pledges this year, and our total pledging commitment increased by 8% over last year!*

On behalf of the clergy and the vestry, the wardens want to thank each and every one of you for making all this possible. You have shown that you believe St. Matthew's can thrive into its 150th year as a congregation and continue the good work we are doing in the world. St. Matthew's is its congregation and you have shown what a special congregation it is.

It is an exciting time to be at St. Matthew's. The vestry meetings have become sources of spiritual inspiration filled with a buzz of activity and commitment. The Tuesday noon and Sunday morning study groups with Bp. Whayne Hougland have grown and become richly rewarding. Last year the church put on several wonderful events including the Lerman Art Exhibition, the Christmas Eve Messiah, and the coffeehouses. We have given aid and succor to the underprivileged, the poor and downtrodden through our work at the St. Matthew's/St. Mark's soup kitchen and our work with refugees and the unhoused. We have been vigorous participants in many civic activities that show our commitment to living our lives as Jesus taught us.

And so much more is planned for 2026. To hear more about those plans, we hope you will join us for the 2026 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at noon, right after the late service. This will be the congregation's chance to explore the church's ongoing ministries, to learn about the church's future capital projects and budget, and to vote on leadership for the coming year. At that time, we will give an overview of what all will go into our observance of St. Matthew's Sesquicentennial. Some things will be celebratory of what we have accomplished, and some things will point to the ways we will go forward as a worshiping community.

Again, thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your partnership in ministry. Together, we are stewards of a story much larger than ourselves, one that began 150 years ago and, with God's grace, will continue far into the future.

In faith and gratitude,

Stephen Carr, Senior Warden
Tim Patenode, Junior Warden

FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.

JANUARY 23
ST. MATTHEW'S
7:00 - 9:30PM

Special Guest:
Dee Lee

Open Mic
Live Music
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Walk for Warmth

Please join us for Interfaith Action of Evanston's Walk for Warmth on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Monday January 19th. Walking together, we are a physical embodiment of Dr. King's vision of the beloved community. His commitment to service is reflected in the route we take past the many faith communities that house Interfaith Action's overnight shelter in rotation. The Walk helps raise awareness of homelessness in our community. Your donation supports Interfaith Action's programs including the overnight shelter. For more information, to register to walk and to donate, go to <https://interfaithactionofevanston.networkforgood.com/events/94018-walk-for-warmth-2026>. There is no charge to register.



Acrylic Knit Hats Needed!

A need for acrylic knit hats for school-age refugee kids by January 25 has come from **500 Hats for Refugees**. Anyone able to knit a hat for this, please contact Ginger Carr at v-carr@northwestern.edu.



The St. Matthew's Movie Discussion Group February 1 | 3pm in the Parlor

Karen Hertel will lead the discussion of A House of Dynamite, directed by Oscar winner, Kathryn Bigelow. The movie depicts what happens when a missile is launched by parties unknown with a destination of CHICAGO! This nail-biter is available on Netflix. Please RSVP to Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com or leave a voicemail at 847-475-2911.

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.: Mark your calendars for these upcoming programs in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

- **Jan. 13** at 7 p.m.: Evanston Public Library online discussion of recent MLK biography (<https://tinyurl.com/32tm6axw>)
- **Jan. 17** at noon: Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center program (<https://tinyurl.com/4m3wbuwu>)
- **Jan. 18** at 3 p.m.: Music Institute concert (<https://www.musicinst.org/mlk-26>)
- **Jan. 19** at 10 a.m.: Service project to create reusable sanitary pads for Ghana (<https://tinyurl.com/3vpnyazb>)
- **Jan. 19** at 11 a.m.: Walk for Warmth (<https://bit.ly/4nVCfav>)
- **Jan. 20** at 5 p.m.: NU program on "Our Beloved Community" (<https://www.northwestern.edu/mlk/evanston-program/>)

All household batteries must now be recycled - IT'S THE LAW! This means NEVER dispose of loose batteries - OF ANY TYPE - in your curbside recycling bin or trash!

While "it's the law" may sound daunting, this requirement is a win for everyone. It **protects people and property** by reducing fires and explosions caused by lithium batteries and **protects the environment** by keeping hazardous materials out of landfills and reducing the need for additional mining of natural resources. The closest drop-off location for recycling all loose, household batteries (primary and rechargeable) is Clark Devon Hardware.

To make it easy, the Green Team has placed a designated basket in the back of church. Place your batteries in the basket and the Greenies will see that they are taken for recycling.

illinoispsc.org/batteries for more information.



EVANSTON FOOD FRIDGES

Food insecurity is something many in our community deal with. Since Covid, Evanston Food Fridges, along with many in our community, have been doing their part. How does it work? Food pantries and refrigerators are located in 4 places in Evanston where you can drop off food for those in need. Fresh foods are most appreciated. Those in need can come, get food, no questions asked. Soul and Smoke, Northwestern, and Starbucks all donate regularly. Feel free to drop off food or you can donate money directly to them.

<https://www.evanstoncommunityfridges.com>

Food fridges are located at:
1601 Payne Street next to Soul and Smoke
1335 Dodge Street
619 West Howard Street
602 Madison Street

Wednesday Lunches

As part of our outreach, St. Matthew's partners with St. Mark's, through Interfaith Action of Evanston, to provide lunch every Wednesday to those in need and has been doing so since 2015. We prepare and serve a nutritious lunch meal at St. Mark's Cunningham Hall, 1519 Ridge, Evanston. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the St. Mark's kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please click tinyurl.com/wedsack for the SignUpGenius which includes further information on what is involved and how it works. If you have any questions, please email klchivas@aol.com.

NOTES:

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:* St. Mark in Geneva; St. Barnabas in Glen Ellyn; St. Mark in Glen Ellyn; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Michael and All Angels in Cancun; St. James in Lathbior.

For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in January: Lara Burt, Alexander Fusselman, Sarafina Fusselman, Karen Hertel, Leslie Hinderyckx, John McCarthy, Joe Meyer, Julie Worden

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in January.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Jason, Maggie, David Kelson, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Gina Purse, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for Maua and her 5 daughters.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

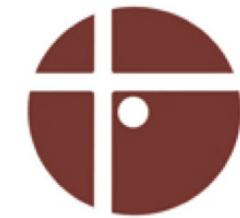
ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078-updated 09-02-2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, *Senior Warden*

Tim Patenode, *Junior Warden*

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Don Churchill (2025) Mary Clark (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
187th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025

Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, *28th Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

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