ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH

St. Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EVANSTON

2120 Lincoln Street | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847-869-4850

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

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Sundays	**Sunday Forum: Practicing Hope led by Whayne,** *9:15am in the Parlor*
	Youth Group, *6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter*
Tuesdays	**Bible Study,** *12pm in the Library*
Nov 9	**Anti-Racism Group's Book Review,** *12:30pm at Curt's Cafe*
Nov 13	**Friday Night CoffeeHouse,** *7pm at St. Matthew's*
Nov 15	**EChO Presents: Tetrapin Cello Quartet,** *7pm at St. Matthew's*
Nov 25	**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,** *7pm at St. Matthew's*

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.

NAME:

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EMAIL: **RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church **2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201** **847-869-4850**

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 PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #718* God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

National Hymn



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE Mass for St. Columba *Francis Lynch*



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA (24:1-3a, 14-25).

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 78:1-7 *Attendite, populе*



[1] Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
[2] I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **REFRAIN**

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THE PSALM 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*



3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **REFRAIN**
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments; **REFRAIN**

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS (4:13-18).

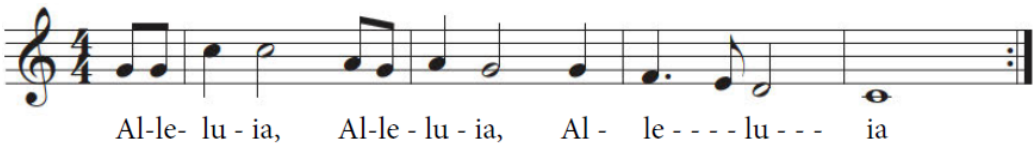
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Allelluia *Mark Crayton*

Verse sung by Michaela Bateman



Verse: Lord, you have been my refuge, from generation to generation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(25:1-13)

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON *The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.*

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand, as they are able, and say together:

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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; for Whayne, our priest-in-charge, and for Terri, our deacon;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Donald, our President; J.B., our governor; Jonathan, our acting mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all 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 Penny, The Herschaft Family, Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, Tobin, Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol, Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol and for Maua and her 5 daughters;
People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**
Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jeremy Herschaft.
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 Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People **Amen**.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
God of all mercy,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you,**
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ. The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Air from the Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068*
Johann Sebastian Bach

Ronald Chambers, Cello / Quinn Brann, piano

Ronald Chambers received his master's degree in Cello Performance and Pedagogy from Northwestern University. He taught at NHSMI (Northwestern) for seven summers and founded and directs the Ruggieri Cello Choir. He performed as the Principal Cello of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and he teaches several students from the Northshore and Chicagoland area.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #608* Eternal Father, strong to save *Melita*



The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

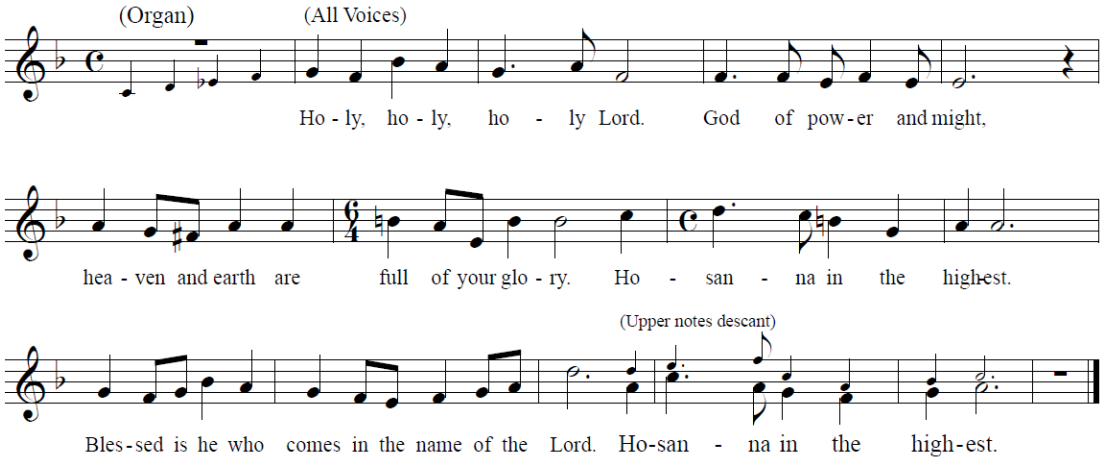
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

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

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing (say),



The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

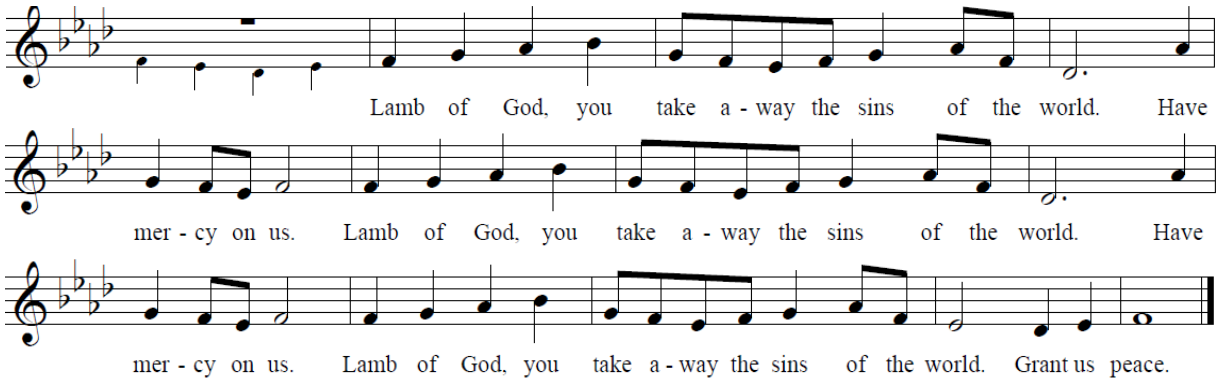
All **Blessed are you now and for ever.**
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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. 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 COMMUNION ANTHEM *My Lord, what a morning!* H.T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning, My Lord, what a morning, Oh, my Lord, what a morning, When the stars begin to fall, When the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways. Join that heavenly band. My Lord, what a morning, My Lord, what a morning, Oh, my Lord, what a morning, When the stars begin to fall, When the stars begin to fall.

After all who wish to receive communion or a blessing have come forward, all stand.

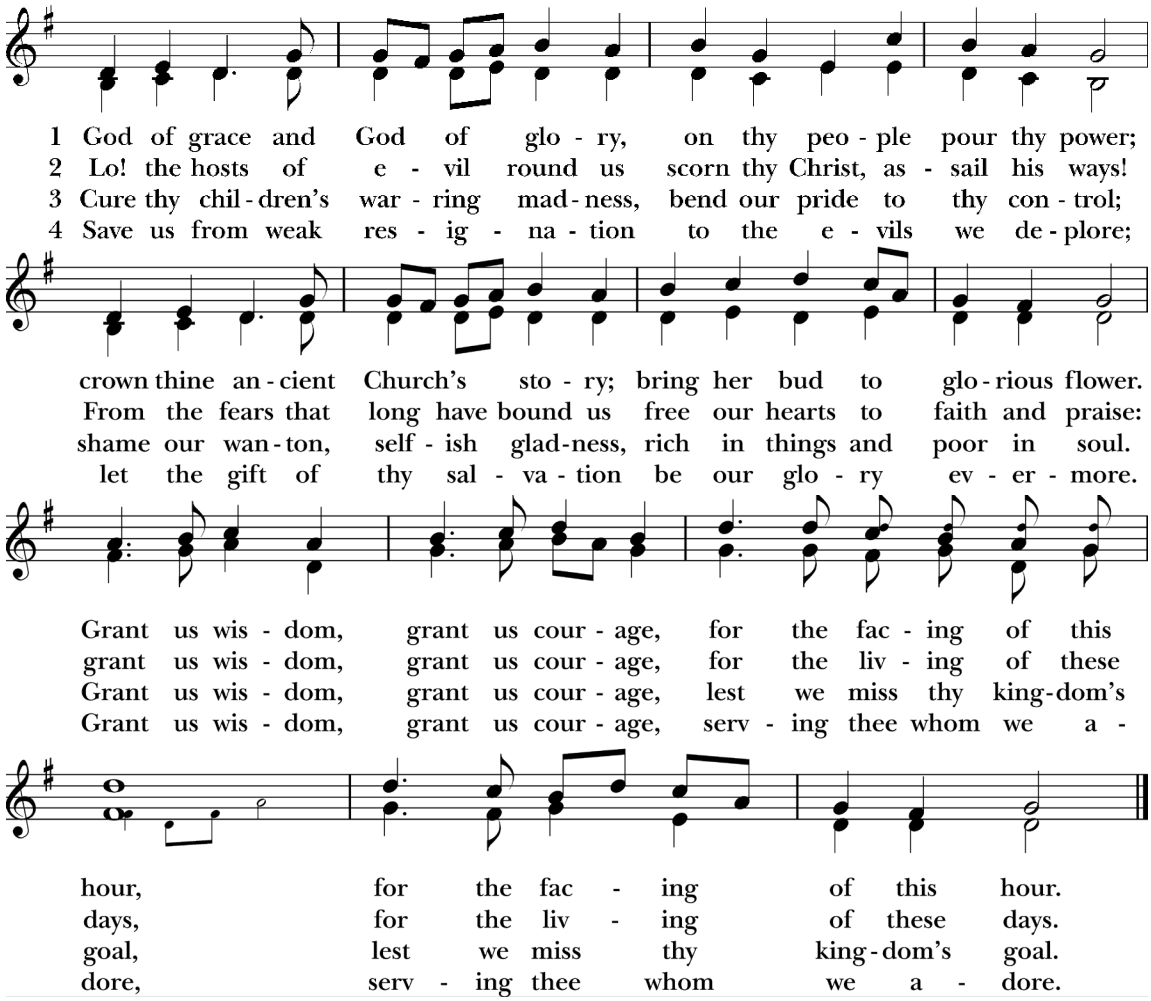
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People **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

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #594* God of grace and God of glory *Cwm Rhondda*



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Whayne Hougland, Jr.
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Music Director: Mark Crayton
Organist: Quinn Brann
Greeter: Curt Nilsson
Lectors: Steve Carr, Don Churchill
Prayer Leader: Nancy Churchill

Chalice Bearers: Volunteers
Acolytes: Bob Purse, Volunteers
Bread Baker: Volunteer
Altar Guild: Kate Lauderbaugh, Jennie Woodring
Green Team: Mary Deysach
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
Michaela Bateman*
Aliyah Necaise*

Alto
Bernadette Brockman*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor
Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Zachary Schwartz*

Bass
Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Samuel Orsi-Weiser*
Donnell Dorsey***

*Section Leader
**Staff Singer
†Choral Assistant
***Substitute Staff Singer

Follow Rev. Whayne on Substack

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Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Whayne Hougland, Jr.

Rev. Whayne Led Adult Forum: Practicing Hope
Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parlor

This twelve-week forum treats hope as something Christians practice together, drawing on Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, the saints, and writers including Moltmann, Wright, Williams, Tutu, Buechner, and Rohr. It is part of the Practicing Hope stewardship campaign. No prior study is needed.

Dates: Sundays, Now through December 27, 2026.

Format: 60 minutes: gather and prayer, a short teaching, table conversation, and a practice to take home.

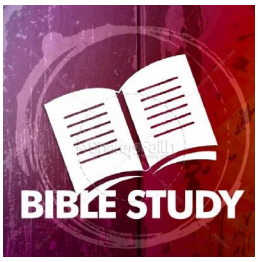
What to bring: a Prayer Book if you have one, a Bible, and a notebook for the Hope Journal (two or three lines after each week's practice). Prayer beads are welcome from Session 3 on.

Expectations: come as you are, whether hopeful or not. Read the week's texts if you can; the session works without them. Speak from your own experience, and listen the same way. Questions about the series: contact the parish office.

- **November 8: Generous Hope** *Jeremiah 32; Corinthians 9 Catechism on giving.* Prayerfully set your commitment.

Bible Study with Rev. Whayne
Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Whayne for Bible Study every Tuesday. We will meet at Noon in St. Matt's Library / Gallery. Bible Study will last around an hour. Bring your lunch - and a friend!



Vestry Vacancies

Our Vestry has four vacancies coming soon. We are looking for 3 parishioners for a 3-year term and 1 parishioner for a 2-year term. If you would like to join our Vestry or have a recommendation of someone you think would like to join our Vestry, please contact Rev. Whayne at whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org.



the green team
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Avoid the toxic trio: food, plastic, and heat. Do not cook meals in a sealed plastic bag. Don't heat up leftovers in plastic in the microwave. The heat releases chemicals from the plastic into the food you consume.



LEAVE THE LEAVES

Most of us grew up thinking a tidy yard meant clearing every leaf each fall. There's a better way to care for your yard and the life that depends on it.

Fallen leaves aren't debris. They're shelter, food, and nesting material for the wildlife living in your yard through winter. Small changes in how you handle them can support a lot more life.

For more info, go to https://homegrownnationalpark.org/leave-the-leaves/

Friday Night Coffeehouse

Perform. Listen. Be Heard.

NOVEMBER 13
ST. MATTHEW'S
7:00 - 9:30PM

Special Guest:
SAM GENUALDI
Open Mic
Live Music
Snacks
BYOB

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CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

One Day Silent Retreat with Chris Chroniak

Saturday, November 14 at St. Matthew's
9:30am – 5:00pm

Chris Chroniak, a psychologist and meditation teacher, invites those who have some familiarity with meditation practices to a one day silent retreat at St. Matthew's on Saturday, November 14. For more information, please contact Chris at cchroniak@gmail.com or 773-255-0500.

What you will need to bring: your mat and cushion if you use one for sitting meditation. I will not have extra mats, so please remember to bring your own. Water bottle, a lunch you want to eat mindfully (there is no refrigerator available), and layered clothing. I strongly encourage you, if at all possible, to not bring your phones into the room with you.

EChO presents our musical friends again! Tetrapin Cello Quartet returns to Evanston

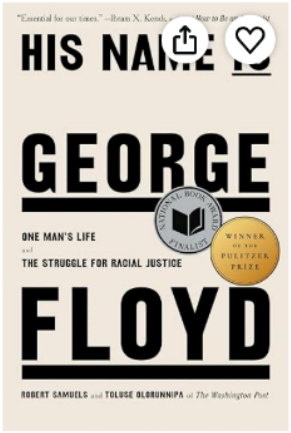


Sunday, November 15, at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
A free concert, sponsored by Evanston Chamber Opera Company

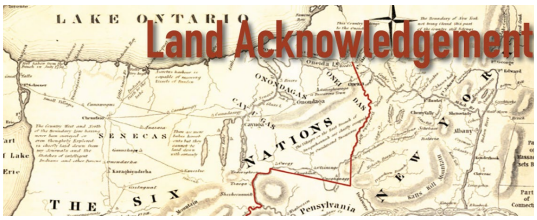
Tetrapin Cello Quartet (featuring EChO's principal cellist Elizabeth Anderson) returns to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston for a special free concert of music for four cellos, much like the one they performed at St. Matthew's in December 2023. The program will include two new works that EChO's resident composer Francis Lynch has written for cello quartet: *Four Hymn Tunes for Four Cellos*, and a short piece titled *Introduction and Allegro for Four Cellos*. A good will offering will be accepted and the proceeds divided equally between EChO and the music program at St. Matthew's.

Please join us in Evanston for music, stories, and marvelous music written or arranged for an underappreciated ensemble!

Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor



Come on 11/9, and don't worry if you haven't read the book: The group discussing *His Name is George Floyd* will meet again on Monday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Curt's Café (2922 Central St., Evanston). We will be summarizing the reading at the beginning of discussion, so you can come even if you haven't read the book. Join us if you'd like to hear more about the person, not just the symbol, who was killed when a police officer kneeled on his neck for nine minutes. The book, which won a Pulitzer Prize, promises to be very engaging. For questions, contact Joyce Weber (weberj05@comcast.net), Ginger Carr (v-carr@northwestern.edu), or Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com).



Why do land acknowledgements? As we enter Native American Heritage Month in November, it seems right to highlight another opinion on land acknowledgements. This column (https://tinyurl.com/5a4fjss4), from John McWhorter of *The New York Times*, indicates the importance of land acknowledgements as a way to remember the poor treatment of Native Americans and remind us of their continuing presence in our society today.

Fridge and Pantry



Three ways to help new fridge and pantry: An immense need is being filled at the new Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church (1928-1930 Darrow in Evanston). Food goes out immediately to those who are food insecure, so we always need donations. If you'd like to support this effort, see below for three opportunities.

1. **Give money:** Go to the website (stmatthewsevanston.org) and click on the "GIVE" button. Select United in Welcome from the drop-down menu.
2. **Give food:** Bring food items to the church and put them in the green bin at the back, near the entrance off Hartrey.
3. **Volunteer:** Sign up to clean the fridge and pantry or shop for food. See the Sign Up Genius website at https://tinyurl.com/swktccet.

"Figures, Fauna and Flora"
Jack Lerman & Elise Pike





An Exhibition on Display in our First Floor Gallery

Figures, Fauna and Flora brings together the work of two local artists Jack Lerman (b.1930 -) and Elise Pike (b.1927 – 2018). Married to each other, Jack and Elise each share with us their extraordinary vision of beauty and spirituality that surrounds the human condition and our environment. Jack begins with a studied approach to the human form and its psychology. As he begins to describe other forms of life in his drawings and paintings, we subtly, and not so subtly, become aware of the interconnected nature of all living things – great and small. Elise also begins with a studied approach to the human form and its psychology but rarely ventures far from its most essential nature – our emotions, life experiences and highest ideals. Elise creates paintings and drawings that never lets us forget that the story of the human condition can just as easily lie behind a set of *Dancing Cats* as it does a *Lady With a Red Flower*.

To purchase artwork, please note the catalogue number on the lower right hand side of each art work and visit our parish office (847-869-4850) or contact the Rev. Terri Morrissey at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org. A portion of all sales support St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Evanston.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Twenty-eighth annual

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 7:00pm

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
2120 Lincoln St., Evanston



Keynote Speaker

Patrick Hughes, Jr.
Founder of Trade Collective, Evanston

Interfaith Community Choir meets at 5:30pm in St. Matthew's sanctuary

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To join the service via live stream use this QR code.

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: *Diocesan Institutions and Organizations:* Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Jubilee Centers; Bexley-Seabury Seminary; St. Augustine College; St. Augustine Center for Native Americans; and the Union of Black Episcopalians *And for organizations in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Geiger Primary School and Renk Bible School in the Diocese of Renk*
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 November: Shelia Ahranjani, Charlotte Bishop, Alexander Burt, Sally Craige Christensen, Dudley Conley, Cynthia Doucet, Samuel Frederickson, Joe Kelly, Terry McDermott, Pete Meyer, Andy Miles, Terri Morrissey, Hannah Motogawa, Chad Pennisi
We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in November.
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: Penny Whiteside, 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: Penny Whitesides, The Herschaft Family, Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, Tobin Hudgins, Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, Steve Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner 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
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EVANSTON

St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Vestry

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Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*
Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers *(2027)*
Roberta Buchanan, David Parks *(2028)*
Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill *(2029)*
Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)
Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer (2026)*

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Steve Carr *(2028)* William Widmer *(2028)* Rick Worden *(2028)*

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

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