

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 11, 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, <i>see below for details</i>
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

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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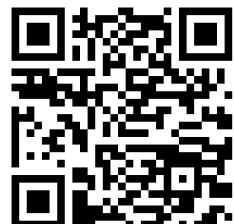
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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

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 Garvin 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 *Hymnal 1982* #76 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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.

Let us pray, Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (42:1-9)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *Afferte Domino*



¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (10:34-43).

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both

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in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE GOPEL ACCLAMATION

Repeat after Cantor and repeat after verse.



Verse: All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (3:13-7).

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

All stand as able.

THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in
eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM II

Presider I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Presider I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Presider I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Presider I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Presider I ask your prayers for the departed.

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

Presider I ask your prayers for our prayer list, 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.

Silence

Presider I ask your thanksgiving for the people of St Matthew's.

Silence

Presider Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and or 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Total Praise Richard Smallwood /arr. Lloyd Larson

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills Knowing my help is coming from You Your peace,
You give me in time of the storm You are the source of my strength You are the strength
of my life I lift my hands in total praise to You You are the source of my strength You are
the strength of my life I lift my hands in total praise to You Amen

On December 30th, the world of classical, gospel, and popular liturgical music lost Richard Smallwood to kidney failure. We offer his most famous gospel anthem today in honor of the gifts he left us. We hope that his setting of Psalm 121 gives us strength in these uncertain times.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #134

Take me to the water

Spiritual

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the
2. None but the right eous, none but the
3. I love Je sus, I love
4. He's my Sav ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -
2. right eous, none but the right -
3. Je sus, I love Je -
4. Sav ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.
2. eous shall see God.
3. sus, oh yes, I do.
4. ior, oh yes, He is.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.



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.

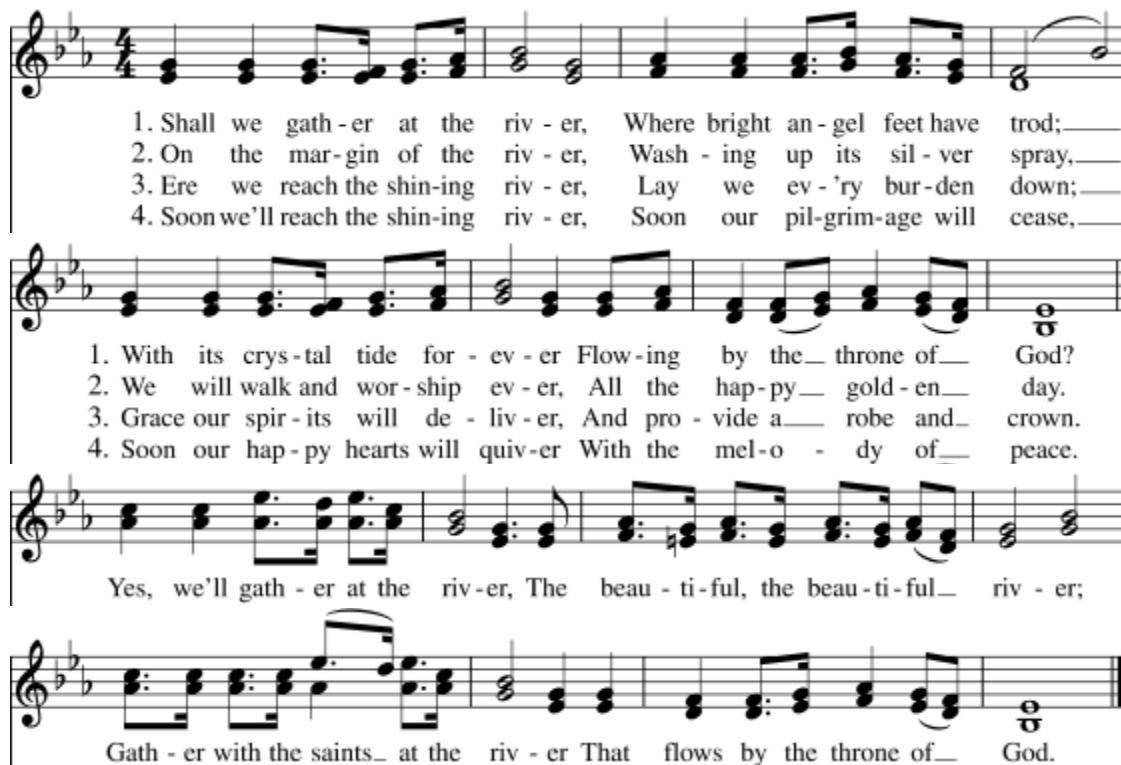
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #141

Shall we gather at the river

Robert Lowry

Verses 1, 3 & 4



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur-den down;
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim-age will cease,

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the_ throne of_ God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py_ gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a_ robe and_ crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of_ peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful_ riv - er;
Gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of_ God.

Let us Pray

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

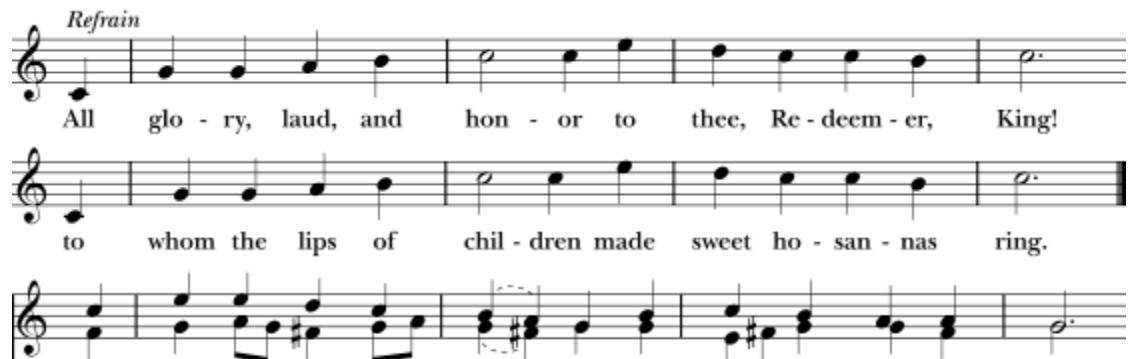
THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #154* All glory, laud and honor *Valet will ich dir geben*
Verses 1, 2 & 5

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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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: Bob Purse, Molly Purse,

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

**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
Snacks
BYOB

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

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.



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

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on 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 <mailto:julie@stmatthewsevanston.org> no later than Monday, January 19.

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/4m3wbwu>)
- **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/>)

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: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: At this time of general rejoicing, the congregation is called upon to pray for those who, in the words of the Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP p. 392) "are the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression or are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble and for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy."

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: 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.

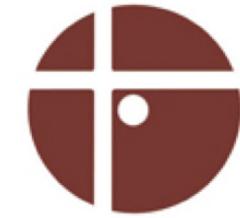
ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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*

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