

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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

- February 1 **TODAY!** St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm in the Parlor
- February 5 Stitching Group, 7:30pm in St. Matt's Library
- February 6 Rescheduled Friday Night Coffee House, 7pm at St. Matt's
- February 11 Resurrection Hope Discussion, 1pm at Curt's Cafe

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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RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S? YES NO

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:



ONLINE FORM

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 *Hymnal 1982 #542* Christ is the world's true light St. Joan



1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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-
lone 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET MICAH (6:1-8)

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*



¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.

³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷ Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (1:18-31).

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the

source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Kaylie O'Dell

Repeat Response one time.



Cantor/All
S.A.

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

Verse (Cantor): How good it is to sing praises to our God. How pleasant it is to honor him with praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (5:1-12).

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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.**

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 God of mercy and justice, we lift before you the people of Minneapolis and all communities living under fear and uncertainty. Hold close those who are grieving, those who feel targeted or unsafe, and those whose lives have been disrupted by violence and intimidation. Receive the lives of those who have died into your eternal care, and comfort all who mourn.

We pray as well for ICE agents and all who serve in law enforcement. Grant them wisdom, restraint, and hearts grounded in dignity and compassion. Where fear, pressure, or dehumanization shape their work, soften what has grown hard, and guide them toward choices that honor life.

Strengthen all who labor for justice, accountability, and peace. Make us courageous enough to see the light you place before us, and faithful enough to be that light for one another.

Through Christ, who stands with the vulnerable and calls us into truth and love.

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.

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

Blessed are you

Mark Hayes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #38

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

Verses 1, 2 & 4

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blем of suf - f'ring and shame;_____
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;_____
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;_____
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;_____

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;_____
 I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown._____

† 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),



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 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; grant us your peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #554*

Simple Gifts

St. Clement

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

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 #518

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

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: Larkin Myers, David Parks

Prayer Leader: Tim Patenode

Acolytes: Harper Olsen, Willow Meyers,
Roxanne Meyers

Chalice Bearers: Kathy Riley

Bread Baker:

Altar Guild: Roberta Buchanan,
Kate Lauderbaugh, Jennie Woodring

Green Team: Roberta Buchanan

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

The St. Matthew's Movie Discussion Group

February 1 | 3pm in the Parlor

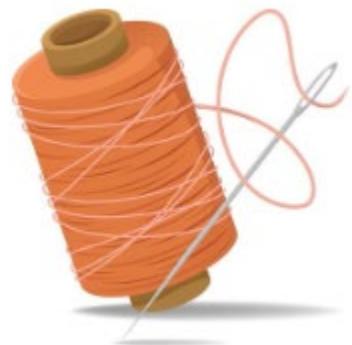
Karen Hertel will lead the discussion of A House of Dynamite, directed by Oscar winner, Kathryn Bigelow. The movie depicts what happens when a missile is launched by parties unknown with a destination of CHICAGO! This nail-biter is available on Netflix. Please RSVP to Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com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

Stitching Group

Thursday, February 5

7:30pm in the Library

The Stitching Group is gathering next Thursday and all stitchers are invited, even if your stitching is just mending clothes. Contact Ginger Carr at v-carr@northwestern.edu with any questions.



Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

Sacred resistance against ICE: After recent deaths at the hands of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe asked all Episcopalians this week to consider donating to emergency migration ministries (<https://tinyurl.com/26pwptdp>). He calls us to “stand with immigrants and the most vulnerable among us who reside at the heart of God” (<https://tinyurl.com/ysu4uysu>). If you feel called to bear witness physically, Zoom trainings are offered Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (<https://tinyurl.com/47ym9n9t>). For more opportunities to support immigrants, check the Sanctuary Evanston page on Facebook and ICIRR (Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) at <https://www.icirr.org>.



FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.

♪ FEBRUARY 6
ST. MATTHEW'S
7:00 - 9:30PM

Special Guest:
Dee Lee

♪ Open Mic
Live Music
Snacks
BYOB

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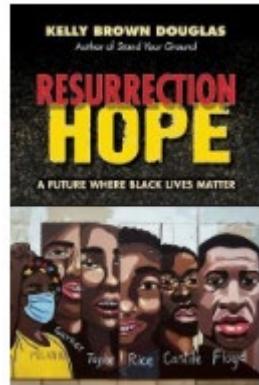
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CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

Resurrection Hope Discussion

Wednesday, February 11

1pm at Curt's Café

The next discussion of Kelly Brown Douglas's *Resurrection Hope* by members of the Anti-racism Group will be on Wednesday, February 11 at Curt's Café at 1pm. We will be discussing Chapter 1 ("Anti-Blackness: More than white privilege").



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.

Volunteering at St Matt's / Lay Eucharistic Leaders

Want to volunteer to help during the Eucharist at St Matt's? Great! We always need more folks! Not sure how? Here's some help.

First, the ways you can volunteer are below:

Greeter (usher) | Lead: Curt Nilsson (curt48@comcast.net)

Lector (reader) | Lead: Deacon Terri (terri@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Intercessor (prayer leader) | Lead: Deacon Terri

Chalice Bearers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Bread Bakers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Livestream | Lead: Diane Senechal (dfairchild25@gmail.com)

Acolytes | Lead: Bob Purse (rasmaster@aol.com)

Once you've decided where you want to serve, connect with the lead for any necessary training so that you're confident in your ability. Next, you'll want to sign up using the digital rota, which you can here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd7665m>.

Date	Season	Special?	Celebrating	Presiding	Readings	Chapel (8:45AM) Leader	Chapel (9:45AM) Prayer Leader	Bread Baker (8 AM)	Greeter (10:30AM)	Church (10:30AM) Reader #1	Church (10:30AM) Reader #2	Church (10:30AM) Prayer Leader	Church (10:30AM) Chalice Bearer	Bread Baker (10:30AM)	Livestream (10:30AM)	Acolytes (10:30AM)	
1/4/26	Christmas		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rev. Terri J. Munssey	Christmas				Judy Royal	Tim Paternote	Alice Senechal						
1/11/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Ginger Carr		John Senechal						
1/18/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Steve Carr	Larkin Myers	John Senechal						
1/25/26	Epiphany	Annual Meeting	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Tim Paternote	Audy Royal		Mary Clark					
2/1/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Larkin Myers		Tim Paternote						
2/8/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Steve Carr			Mary Clark					
2/15/26	Epiphany	Acolytes away	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Judy Royal	Tim Paternote							
												Greeter (7:30 PM)	Reader #1 (7:30 PM)	Reader #2 (7:30 PM)	Chalice Bearer (7:30 PM)	Livestream (7:30 PM)	Acolytes (7:30 PM)
2/22/26	Lent	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr		Acolytes away				Steve Carr	Ginger Carr							
3/1/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent												
3/8/26	Lent	Whence away	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent					Larkin Myers							
3/15/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent				Steve Carr		Tim Paternote						
3/22/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent					Larkin Myers							

I create the "rota" (Latin, "wheel", because we rotate responsibilities) at the beginning of each quarter. When I'm done creating the rota, I send it out to my current list of volunteers with a request that volunteers consult their calendars and "plug themselves in" as they are available to serve. After that, each week I consult the document to see which volunteer opportunities remain vacant, and I send a request out to the volunteer list I have for that category. Whoever can help responds either by navigating to the sheet to "plug themselves in", or, if a person feels they are not able to navigate that situation, they can simply respond via email to me, and I will enter their name into the sheet.

As mentioned above, new volunteers in any category are always welcome, but we are particularly in need of Greeters and Livestream helpers at this time.

Thanks to you all for all that you do to keep St Matt's an active, vibrant community.

Gregory Peebles, Parish Administrator

Refugee/Unhoused Families Resettlement Project

Some people talked to me at the Annual Meeting about what they could do to help refugees and unhoused people who have recently found apartments in Evanston. To learn more about this project, please refer to the report in the Annual Meeting materials but here are some thoughts on ways people can help:

Future needs:

- A few volunteers from time to time to organize new items
- Furniture donations (please text or email me a photo first because there are some items we don't need or have room for at the moment)
- Household goods such as plates, glasses, flatware, kitchen utensils, small appliances, towels, toys.
- Strong volunteers to move items up and down stairs into apartments.
- Money donations to help hire movers for the really heavy furniture or to purchase some needed items that haven't been donated.
- Coat rack to help display items.
- Used TVs - many families want them and they are a good way to learn English. (Most of these families speak little English, although it is exciting to see how quickly their children are learning)
- Cardboard boxes (medium or large) for people to take their items home.

If you have non-furniture items to donate, you can bring them to the Refugee Room on the second floor of the church, leave them on the bench outside the church office (please check to make sure someone is at the church to let you in or contact me for the code to get into the building), or leave them on the front porch of our home at 2325 Hartrey and I will take them over.

Questions? Feel free to text, email or call Judy Royal, 847-814-1271, judyroyal81@gmail.com.

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: The Church of England

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Chicago-North Deanery:* All Saints in Chicago; Ascension in Chicago; Atonement in Chicago; Cristo Rey in Chicago *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* La Divina Providencia in El Camalotal; St. Andrew in Wadakona

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 February: Sam Chivas, Mary Clark, Nina Gowell, Susan Middleton, Ann Motogawa and Jack Riley.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in February: Angela and Chad Pennisi.

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.

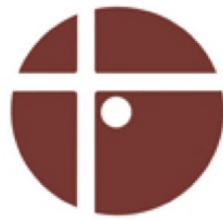
ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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 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 (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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