

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 26, 2025
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

*Joyfully doing God's work
in the world.*

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.

COVID GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but we continue to be proactive to protect the health and well-being of the entire community, especially the most vulnerable. Therefore, we ask that everyone respect our protocols:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In our worship spaces
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, whenever possible, we open the windows and run fans, to generate movement of the air.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
 - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
 - Wine at communion: Communion ministers stand off to the side offering a chalice and a bowl for intinction. We ask you receive the wine either by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, by drinking from the chalice, or to forgo the wine. Please do not use the chalice for intinction.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Sundays **Sunday Forum led by Whayne 9:15 - 10:15am** in the Parlor
Jan. 26 ***TODAY!* Annual Meeting**, after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall.
Light lunch provided afterwards.

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

Abide with me
Quinn Brann, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #530* Spread, o spread thou mighty word *Gott sei Dank*
Verses 1-3 and 5

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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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.**

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive — our — prayer. 6. For

you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are — the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

Descant

lu - jah.
Women
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
Men
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
 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,

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who 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 NEHEMIAH (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10).

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square

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before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*

We read the Psalm alternately by half verse; the congregation reads the second half, which is printed in bold.

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (12:12-31a).

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I

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have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #533* How wondrous and great thy works Lyons

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na-tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor-ship and vows, shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon-or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg-ments shall spread all a-broad,

Thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly su-preme.
till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

(4:14-21).

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whyne Hougland, Jr, Priest in Charge

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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.

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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 all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our 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.**

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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 Nicholas, Jeremy, Tobin, Connie, Dudley, Kaden, Walter, Larry, Bob, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Audrey, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Cobe, Bob, Ralph, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will, Chuck, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne and for those we name in aloud or in our hearts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People **Amen.**

THE 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.

People **Most merciful God,
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.**

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**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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How beauteous are their feet

C.V. Stanford

How beauteous are their feet, who stand on Zion's hill, Who bring salvation with their tongues, and words of peace instill! How happy are our ears that hear this joyful sound, Which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found! How blessed are our eyes that see this heav'nly light! Prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight. The Lord makes bare His arm, through all the earth abroad; Let ev'ry nation now behold their savior and their God.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #577* God is love, and where true love is

Uni caritas (Murray)

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.

† 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,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #321* My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.

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 *Hymnal 1982 #616* Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude in D
Quinn Brann, organ

C. Armstrong Gibbs

Leading Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whyne Houglan, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Ann Searles

Lectors: Judy Royal, Tim Patenode

Prayer Leader: Ann Searles

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Molly Purse, Roxanne

Myers, Willow Myers, Harper Olsen

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark, John Searles

Bread Baker: Ann Motogawa

Altar Guild: Pat Egan, Kate Lauderbaugh

Green Team: Sally Christensen

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick*

Kunying Li

Katilynn Meine*

Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Bernadette Brockman

Nancy Churchill

Emily Scharf*

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Riley Brown**

Michael Kirby*

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Peter Lorenzo

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis**

Jake Engel

Louise Floyd*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Annual Meeting

TODAY!!! SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S PARISH HALL

Please join us for our Annual Meeting **TODAY** after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall.



Bread Bakers Needed

Looking for a fun way to get involved at St. Matt's? We are looking for bread bakers to bake homemade bread used for communion! Please email the [parish office](#) if you are interested.

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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:* Calvary in Lombard; St. John in Naperville; St. Charles in St. Charles; Trinity in Wheaton; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Juan in Chogota; St. Peter in Wun-Kur.

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 and 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: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, 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: Nicholas Churchill, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Connie Conley, Dudley Conley, Kaden Brown, Walter Givler, Larry Anderson, Bob Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Cobe Layag, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer, Chuck, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

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, especially Elizabeth “Betty” Stafford.

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 148th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 28, 2024

St. Matthew's Vestry

Christopher Motogawa, *Senior Warden*

Stephen Carr, *Junior Warden*

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers, Tim Patenode (2027)

Clerk of the Vestry, Tim Patenode

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2025)

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 23, 2024

Delegates: Stephen Carr, Ann Searles, William Widmer

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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