

**WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**
In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite I from the Book of Common Prayer.

9:30AM | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

11:00AM | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

Noonday Prayer | Mon. – Fri. 12pm on Facebook

Compline (evening prayer) Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 11, 2021



SPIRIT SUNDAYS
EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY
Join us for fun themed spirit days!

July 4 | Red, White & Blue Day
July 11 | Pajama Day
July 18 | Treasure Hunter Day
July 25 | VBS Sunday wear your VBS shirt!



YOUTH MISSION WEEK
JULY 19-23, 1PM - 8PM
GO.STMSTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION

Middle and high school youth are invited to spend a week (or any portion) engaged in local community projects, assisting with VBS and having fun!

Contact Rev. Mary Margaret at
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MUSICIANS NEEDED
SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC

Contact Kevin Fletcher for details
Kevin@stmtts.org

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We are in need of musicians (vocalists and/or instrumentalists) to present the offertory anthem for the 11am service. An accompanist will be provided, if needed. No weekly commitment is expected or necessary. You would sign up for a specific Sunday and present your musical selection during the offertory. You do not need to be a regular attendee of the 11am service to participate. In fact, we hope to have representatives from all services throughout the summer.


Contact Kevin Fletcher at
kevin@stmtts.org for more info



FLOWER DEDICATION

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The flowers behind the altar today are dedicated by Darrell Breed in memory of the passing of Merry Breed.



HELP FEED HUNGRY KIDS IN STERLING
BACKPACK BUDDIES

- Full size mac & cheese
- Shelf stable milk
- Canned Chicken
- Vienna Sausages
- Granola Bars
- Cereal
- Ravioli
- Fruit cups

Drop off donations Tues/Thurs 8am - 5pm
OR shop online at go.stmtts.org/shopBB

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Through our Backpack Buddies program, we provide regular support to local children in need. Each child receives a bag filled with six meals, snacks and milk each weekend during the school year and as requested throughout the summer. If you would like to make a cash donation to support this program, please go to go.stmtts.org/give.

We are also accepting shelf-stable food items as usual. Drop off items by the church backdoors on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am - 4pm. If you'd like to help pack, sign up here: go.stmtts.org/pack4bb.

Contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at
HHLLearning@gmail.com for more information.



Young Professionals
A.K.A YoPro

JULY GAME DAY & LUNCH!
HOSTED BY EMILY & ROBBY

SATURDAY
JULY 24TH AT 11AM

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

Contact
Caitlin.dronfield@stmtts.org



Taste & Sing!
OUTDOOR CONCERT & GARDEN TO TABLE EVENT
SATURDAY, JULY 17TH AT 7:00 PM

Rebecca Soelberg, voice
Abby Middleton, voice
& featuring Greg Knauff, on piano

TASTE AND SING!

SATURDAY, JULY 17th | 7PM

The Lord is good. Join Abby Middleton, voice, Rebecca Soelberg, voice and Greg Knauff, piano in sharing a night of music celebrating how the divine can be represented through all genres of music! Broadway, musical theatre, friendship, and the stories that inspire us.

Also, enjoy delicious and fresh organic foods from the St. Matthew's Celebration Garden. For more information visit www.stmtts.org/events. Lawn chairs or blankets to sit on are recommended.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

FRIDAY FLASH
Weekly Newsletter

Announcements, inspirational content & more right to your inbox!

Email office@stmtts.org to be added to the distribution list today!

FRIDAY FLASH

Looking for inspiration or information on upcoming events? Sign up for the Friday Flash email newsletter by emailing Office@stmtts.org



Support the
LINK FOOD PANTRY

Help fight food insecurity in Loudoun County

- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Products
- Misc. non-perishables
- Pasta
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Rice, Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

Donation drop off Tues & Thurs 8 AM - 5 PM

LINK FOOD PANTRY

LINK needs volunteers on an ongoing basis to help run their food pantry distribution, make deliveries and help unload bulk food deliveries. Sign-ups for these opportunities are found at go.stmtts.org/link. The last two weeks of July will be St. Matt's dedicated delivery weeks so please help us fill up that delivery schedule! Additionally, there are currently vacancies for the Treasurer position, Food Coordinators and Food Packers that need to be filled.

Contact Melissa Hancock at
melissahancock@hotmail.com.



MOBILE HOPE
VOLUNTEER EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 10AM
MOBILE HOPE LEESBURG CAMPUS

CONTACT
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for more information

MOBILE HOPE VOLUNTEER EVENT

Mobile Hope provides support and emergency shelter to youth up to age 24 who are at-risk, precariously housed or homeless and empowers them to become self-sufficient. St. Matt's is holding a volunteer event to support Mobile Hope's good work at their Leesburg campus. More details to come!!

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S!

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us after the 8am or 9:30am services or before the 11am service for coffee in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmtts.org. We are so glad you are here.

EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

View our full events list online



SMTTS.ORG/EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 19 - 23, 5:30PM - 8:00PM
GO.STMTTS.ORG/VBS

Register now for the best week of summer! Join us for a week of fun, games, and Bible adventures as we learn we're Treasured by God.

Volunteers and Crew Leaders are also needed and can register using the link above.

If you have any questions, please email Miriam at Office@stmtts.org

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

Please pray for the following:

James, Alexis, Abby, McKeown family, Lane, Jones, Bill, Ashley, Frankie, Romaine, Mabel, Gary, Betty, Ray, Liisa, Luke, Ella, Jackie, LK, Madison, Katie, Lorraine, Dan, Don, Kelsey, Dai, Carmen, Bishop Susan, Debbie, Lynda, Renee, Phil's family, Kathy, Sandra, Kenny, Cheryl, Beckett, Rudy, Nenette, Nehman family, Fowler family, Morgan family, Habab Family, Fiaschetti family, Olivia, Jessica, Terry, Tiana, Herb, Sean, Theresa, Tess, Johnny, Marion, Rob, Lorinne, Terry, Kathy, Denny, Larry, Chris, Anna, Lucas, Joe, Kamala, Lorainne, Boyd, Clara, DeWayne, Leila, Patti, Heidi, Eileen, Leyla, Swann family, Cristal, Elias, Joe, Rebecca, Jack, Guthrie, Bridgette, Witt Family, Josiah, Jason, Lisa, Cammeron, Patrick, Ted, Kassi, Melinde, Daylina, Jessica, Bridgette, Brian, Kumar, Cameron, Lisa, Jeanne, Annette, John, Deepa, Pradeep, and Emma.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, July 11th

8 am - Rite I Worship Service
 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
 10:20 am - Faith Factory Kids July Birthday Celebration
 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
 12:00 pm - Young Professionals Small Group
 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 12th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
 1:00 pm - Online VBS Storytime & Crafts
 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
 7:30 pm - Free to Live
 8:00 pm - Compline
 8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

Tuesday, July 13th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
 5:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts 2274
 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, July 14th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 5:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
 7:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, July 15th

10:45 am - EfM Anam Cara
 12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
 8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, July 16th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
 7:00 pm - Dancing
 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
 8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, July 17th

8:00 am - Men's Group
 9:00 am - Reverence Committee
 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 12th: Maya Thayer
 July 14th: Chris Cox, Jennifer Whitehouse, Christopher Whitehouse
 July 15th: Avery Sta. Ana
 July 16th: Lyn Royer
 July 17th: Barbara Emanuel, Miriam Turner, Ben Merola

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 11th: Victoria & Andrew Wiseman

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 4, 2021

| Time or Place | Attendance Online | Attendance In-Person |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 8:00 AM | 19 | 26 |
| 9:30 AM | 31 | 95 |
| 11:00 AM | 17 | 35 |
| Faith Factory | | 12 |

HELP SUPPORT

ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

 **GIVE ONLINE**
 FAST | SIMPLE | SECURE
stmtts.org/Give

 **DOWNLOAD THE ACS CHURCH LIFE APP**
(Site #111141)

 **OFFERING PLATE**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

KING HEROD heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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COLLECT

July 11, 2021

Traditional

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O LORD, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

DAVID AGAIN gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with

the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors.

Psalm 24 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein. | themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. |
| 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. | 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation." |
| 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?" | 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. |
| 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged | 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and |

the King of glory shall
come in.

- 8 "Who is this King of
glory?" * "The LORD,
strong and mighty, the
LORD, mighty in battle."
9 Lift up your heads, O
gates; lift them high, O

everlasting doors; * and
the King of glory shall
come in.

- 10 "Who is he, this King of
glory?" * "The LORD of
hosts, he is the King of
glory."

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

BLESSED BE THE GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.