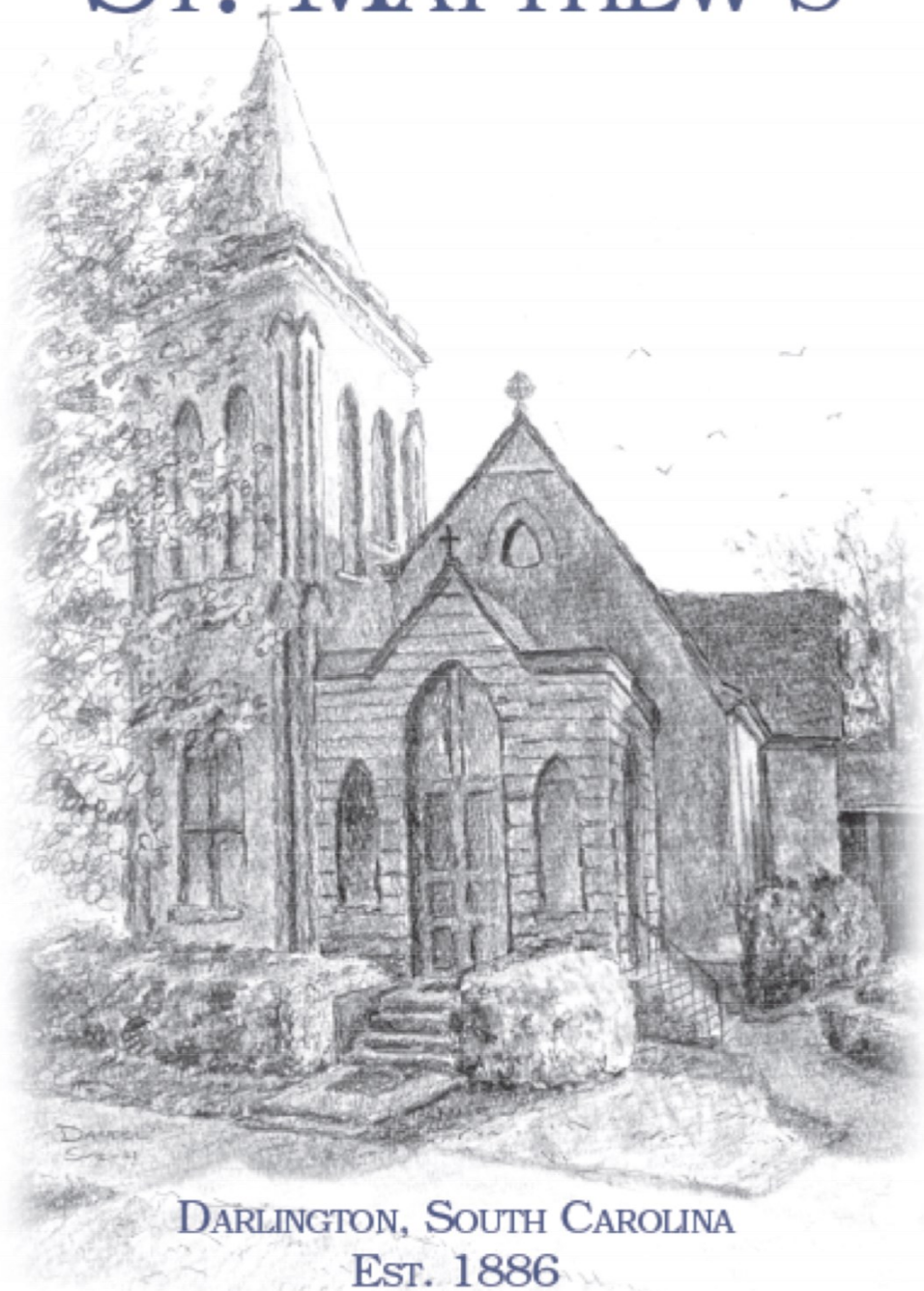


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
April 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

In 1905 a group of God's faithful children laid the cornerstone of the present Church. A lovely structure to begin with, it has been enhanced and further beautified through the years by the work and the gifts of those who have followed in the footsteps of generations of believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Our order of service originated in 1549 in England and features patterns of worship and prayers rooted in the Ancient Apostolic faith and the Reformation. The entire congregation participates in the worship service using the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal. Together, we are the body of Christ and individually members of it (1 Cor. 12:27). If you would like to learn more, please let me know by filling out a Welcome Newcomers Card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate. I will be sure to contact you promptly.

The Reverend E. Ragland (Rags) Coxe

Our schedule of weekly worship and Christian Education is as follows:

Sunday

8am Holy Communion in the Church. This is a shorter service due to the absence of music.

9:45 Christian Education for all ages; Nursery provided.

10:30 Family Service in the Chapel. This is a 15 minute service for families with young children.

11am Holy Communion in the Church with music, and livestream virtual (Zoom)

Last Sunday of the Month (Normally)

11am Morning Prayer. This is usually a lay-led service praise and worship service with a brief homily.

Home Communion is available by request. Please contact the church office or the Rector.

Virtual Participants are encouraged to follow the services using the virtual bulletin which is e-mailed each week and your own Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

All baptized and believing Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available, please ask the clergy.



Saint Matthew's Church

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
The Holy Eucharist



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #180 “He is risen!”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling, said in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26 **ESV** **p.911**

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his serv-

ant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

Psalm 111 (standing, sung)

1 Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,* in the company of the upright and among the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, *sought out by all who have pleasure in them.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, *and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; *The Lord is gracious and merciful.

5 He has given food to those who fear him; *he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, *that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever *and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; *holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-5

ESV

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Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The Sequence Hymn #490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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<i>O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!</i>	
<i>On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in songs of joy and shouts of praise: Alleluia!</i>	
<i>And we the holy Church unite, as evermore is just and right, in glory to the King of light.</i>	
<i>O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!</i>	
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Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia***

The Organ Postlude

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 4/7/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Convocation of Europe, Bishop Andy Lines and his wife, Mandy; Bishop Tim Davies and his wife, Tanya; Bishop Lee McMunn and his wife, Vicky; and Bishop Stuart Bell and his wife, Prudence.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for the congregation of St. Philip's, Charleston and their clergy, The Rev. Jeffrey Miller, The Rev. Andrew O'Dell, The Rev. Justin Hare, The Rev. Brian McGreevy, The Rev. Bill Christian, Deacon Gerry McCord

Camp Jubilee

O merciful Lord, Creator of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence will assist our Diocese in acquiring the land you have chosen for Camp Jubilee. Give us grace to honor you by being faithful stewards of all your good gifts through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feasts and Fasts this week

April 7- Tikhon, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925

April 8- William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, Reformer of the Church and Renewer of Society, 1877

April 10- William Law, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1761

April 11- George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop and Missionary to New Zealand, 1878

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Memory of
Nelson Willard Swartzentruber and
In Honor of Adam Nelson Swartzentruber
By Debbie & Richard Spinazzola*

- Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for **Fellowship Time**.
- The **Men's Ministry Breakfast** will be NEXT Sunday, April 14th at 9 a. m. All are welcome to attend.
- The **DOK** will meet on Sunday, April 21st at 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Our **youth leaders** are required to attend Youth Protection training classes. This can be achieved via online courses or group courses. Deacon Frank is offering group courses April 16th. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Study** will start again on April 8th and 10th. Mondays at the Purple Fish at 11:00AM and Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. This study is called Lyrics for Life and will be about the Psalms.
- ♦ On **Saturday April 20th**, our church is providing the food and the serving of the breakfast at the Soup Kitchen. We will need 15 casseroles prepared and 10 people to pack and serve breakfast. The casserole preparers will be given the recipe and a pan to cook the needed food. Warm Casseroles will need to be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen at 7:00 AM. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall and pans, recipes, and delivery instructions are available.
- ♦ The Anglican Women will have their **Annual Gathering** at Christ the King in Pawley's Island at May 4, 2024. Registration is open at adosc.org. Need help registering? Ask Janet Stoda to help at Janet@saintmatthews.us

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood
Nancy Purvis

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman
Bill Howle

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr
Cyndy Rickman

Family and Friends Prayer List

Pres. Jimmy Carter
Keith Shepard
Jeff Shepard
Bert Peckford
Joey Saleeby
Susan Sheely
Janice Morris
Carolyn Swallow
Sandra Harris
Denise Harris
Archie Bigelow
David Luther
Rachel Sims
Neil Strieff
David Gravely
Frankie James
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
James Carver
Patsy Sawyer
TC Sawyer
Frances Roberts
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
Randall Pipkin
Krystal Baumgardner
Robert Baumgardner

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munnerlyn
Judy Melton
Frankie Tanner
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Denise Garris
Lynn Brown
Dan Harper
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Riggan
Tommy Bolger
Michael Holt
Teresa Moore
Grayson Griggs
Everett Teal
John Jupertinger
Eloise Taylor
Matt Brunson
Ashli Coballes
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Claire Hoole
Stephanie Shaw

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zorgias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Linda Hudson
Johnny Deas
Wanda Scott
Lee Bass
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araïna Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Charlotte Roberts
Ricky Galloway
Blake Boyd

Family Members on Active Military Service:

ITCM William Heitsman USN,
S Sgt. 1st Class David R. Wilson, 82nd Airborne US Army
Pvt. 1st Class Austin Strickland, US Army

Prayer For Expecting and Adopting Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo and Tamara & William Kirven

Our Missionaries:

For the people of our companion parish, Santiago Apostol and their priest,
The Reverend Nephtaly Desir. The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese
of Maseno South.

Birthdays:

April 10: Mary Beth Gardner **April 12:** William Kirven **April 13:** Donnie Wenteler

Parish Calendar

Monday April 8	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, April 10	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, April 14	Third Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Church & Virtual)
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (TPF)

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
USHERS:	11 a.m. Ollie DeWitt Lorna Mathews	James Brunson Sam Stokes
LAY READERS:	8 a.m. Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)	John Dexter (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m. Larry Duke (L, LEM) Cathy Howle (P, LEM)	Chris Sutphin (L, LEM) Cely Anne Brigman (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:	Ayden Jones	Caroline Smith
ALTAR GUILD:	Isabel Smith Deetz Mullins	Nancy Causey Kay Gray
VIRTUAL:	Janet Stoda	Stewart Smith
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Debbie & Richard Spinazzola	Margaret & Billy Early, III
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	Faye & John Dexter	Annie & Austin Dickson
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:	Mary Beth Gardner & Tamara Kirven	Mary Shaw Kirven & Nancy Causey

BISHOP OF ADOSC :	<i>The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar</i>
RECTOR:	<i>The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe</i>
DEACON:	<i>The Rev. Frank Stoda, Jr.</i>
ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER:	<i>Dr. Will Carswell</i>
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:	<i>Jennifer Cashwell</i>
COMMUNICATIONS:	<i>Janet Stoda</i>
NURSERY:	<i>Mary Ervin</i>
SEXTON:	<i>Nathaniel Joe</i>

Vestry:

Sr. Warden-Stewart Smith Jr. Warden-Steve Smith Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler

2025

*William Kirven IV
Debbie Spinazzola
Perry Wilson*

2026

*John Dexter
Bill Ervin
Joanne Robertson*

2027

*Jane Early
Mary Beth Gardner
Shari Stokes*

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