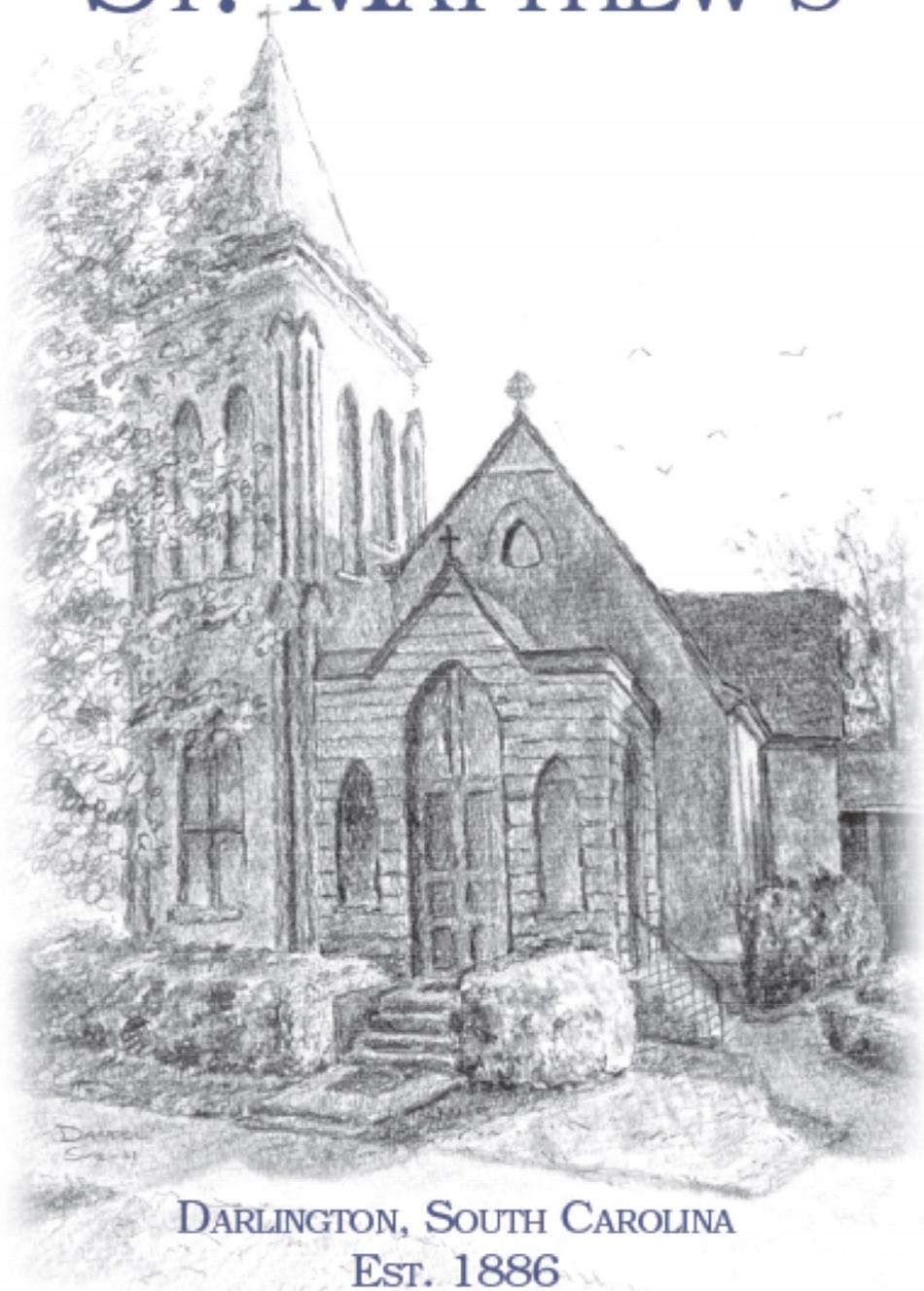


# ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist  
April 28, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024 • Eleven O'clock  
The Holy Eucharist



The Organ Prelude

**The Processional Hymn #212 “Awake, arise, lift up your voice”**

## 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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

ESV

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Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a

court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Psalm 66:1-11 (standing, read responsively by half-verse )**

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; **\*sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.**

2 Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; **\*through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.**

3 For all the world shall worship you, **\*sing to you, and praise your Name.”**

4 O come and see the works of God, **\*how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; **\*therefore in him let us rejoice.**

6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; **\*let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

7 Bless our God, you peoples, **\*and make the voice of his praise to be heard,**

8 Who holds our soul in life, **\*and does not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; **\*you have tried us, as silver is tried.**

10 You brought us into the snare **\*and laid trouble upon our backs.**

11 You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; **\*but you brought us out into a place of plenty.**

**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.**

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**The Sequence Hymn #571 “All who love and serve your city”**

*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.**

**The Gospel: John 14:15-21****ESV****p. 901**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in any

Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Luke Lucas

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## **The Ministration of Communion**

*Communion will be received and consumed. Please dip the wafer you receive in the chalice, but not your finger!*

**The Communion Hymn #334 “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”**

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**The Recessional Hymn #657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”**

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 4/28/24**

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of the Carolinas, Bishop Steve Wood and his wife, Jacqueline; Bishop David Bryan and his wife, Nancy; Bishop Terrell Glenn and his wife, Teresa; and Bishop Thad Barnum.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for the Congregation of St. Luke's Hilton Head and their clergy: The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, The Rev. Kelly O'Lear

### **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 29-Catherine of Siena, Reformer of the Church, 1380

May 1-Philip and James, Apostles

May 2-Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Teacher of the Faith, 373

**More information: <https://www.saintmatthews.us/liturgicalcalendar>**

*The Altar Flowers have been given  
To the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of  
Dr. & Mrs. William F. Early and  
Mr. & Mrs. John Andrews  
By Becky & Billy Early*

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## Announcements

- ◆ Please plan to join us for **Fellowship Time** after the service in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ The Anglican Women will have their **Annual Gathering** at Christ the King in Pawley's Island on May 4, 2024. Registration is open at [adosc.org](http://adosc.org)
- ◆ **The Masterworks Choir**, Florence Symphony Orchestra, and the South Florence High School Chamber Choir will join forces on Monday, May 6 in a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. The concert begins at 7:30 pm at the FMU Performing Arts Center in downtown Florence. Tickets are available at [fmupac.org](http://fmupac.org). It has been 25 years since Masterworks and the FSO performed this monumental work, so don't miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the hallmarks of Western Classical music.
- ◆ **Grand Camp** information is located in the information center in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ Just a reminder: All **Pancake Supper money** needs to be turned into Billy Hill.

Quarterly Financial Status (through March 2024)		
	Actual	Budgeted
March Total Revenue	\$ 17,700	\$ 23,555
March Pledge Revenue	\$ 16,683	\$ 22,150
March Expenses	\$ 33,820	\$ 30,202
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 70,363	\$ 70,664
YTD Total Pledge Revenue	\$ 67,554	\$ 66,450
YTD Expenses	\$ 99,259	\$ 90,607

## 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  
Charlotte Roberts  
Susan Sheely  
Janice Morris  
Carolyn Swallow  
Sandra Harris  
Krystal Baumgardner  
Robert Baumgardner  
David Luther  
Rachel Sims  
Stephanie Shaw  
David Gravely  
Mirella McKay  
Emma Camacho  
Jim Rushton  
Ricky Galloway  
Patsy Sawyer  
TC Sawyer  
Jake LeVine  
\*Will Smith

Marc Brockington  
Carlin Munnerlyn  
Judy Melton  
Claire Hoole  
Clare Hoole  
Lisa Wilson  
Ross Thames  
Barrett Byrd  
Lynn Brown  
Dan Harper  
Roy Martin  
Carolyn Keese  
Joe Riggan  
Tommy Bolger  
Michael Holt  
Teresa Moore  
Grayson Griggs  
Everett Teal  
John Jepertinger  
Eloise Taylor  
Matt Brunson  
Mazie Belser

Robert Graham  
Robert Crawford  
Blake Boyd  
Rev. Jason Hamshaw  
Tammy Dubose  
Price Cockman  
Hayes Cockman  
Teresa Chaplain  
Gregg Ervin  
Frances Roberts  
Mason Mulligan  
Elizabeth Mullins  
Dot Johnson  
Adalaya Brasington  
Deanna Edwards  
Theresa Nanke  
Johnny Deas  
Wanda Scott  
Lee Bass  
Adalei Deaver  
Ashli Coballes  
Elza Mick

### 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 29:** Edwin Dargan   **April 30:** Brianna Riggan  
**May 1:** Peden Gardner-Gray   **May 3:** Mary Mar Coxe

# Parish Calendar

Monday April 29	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, May 1	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, May 5	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (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.	William Kirven Stewart Smith	Sue Reynolds Hugh Reynolds
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)	Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Carol Hill (L, LEM) Robby Kilgo (P, LEM)	Rosanne Brasington (L, LEM) Shari Stokes (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:		Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:		Janet Stoda Tracy Sutphin Lorna Matthews	Nancy Purvis Sue Kilgo
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Becky & Billy Early	Isabel & Steve Smith
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Jessie & Whit Whitaker	Jane & Ed Early
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Mary Shaw Kirven	Merry Morgan Smith

BISHOP OF ADOCS :	<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 and Jennifer Cashwell</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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### THE PURPLE FISH COFFEE COMPANY:

**110 W. Hampton St., Darlington, SC 29532 843-944-0315 Hrs: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

