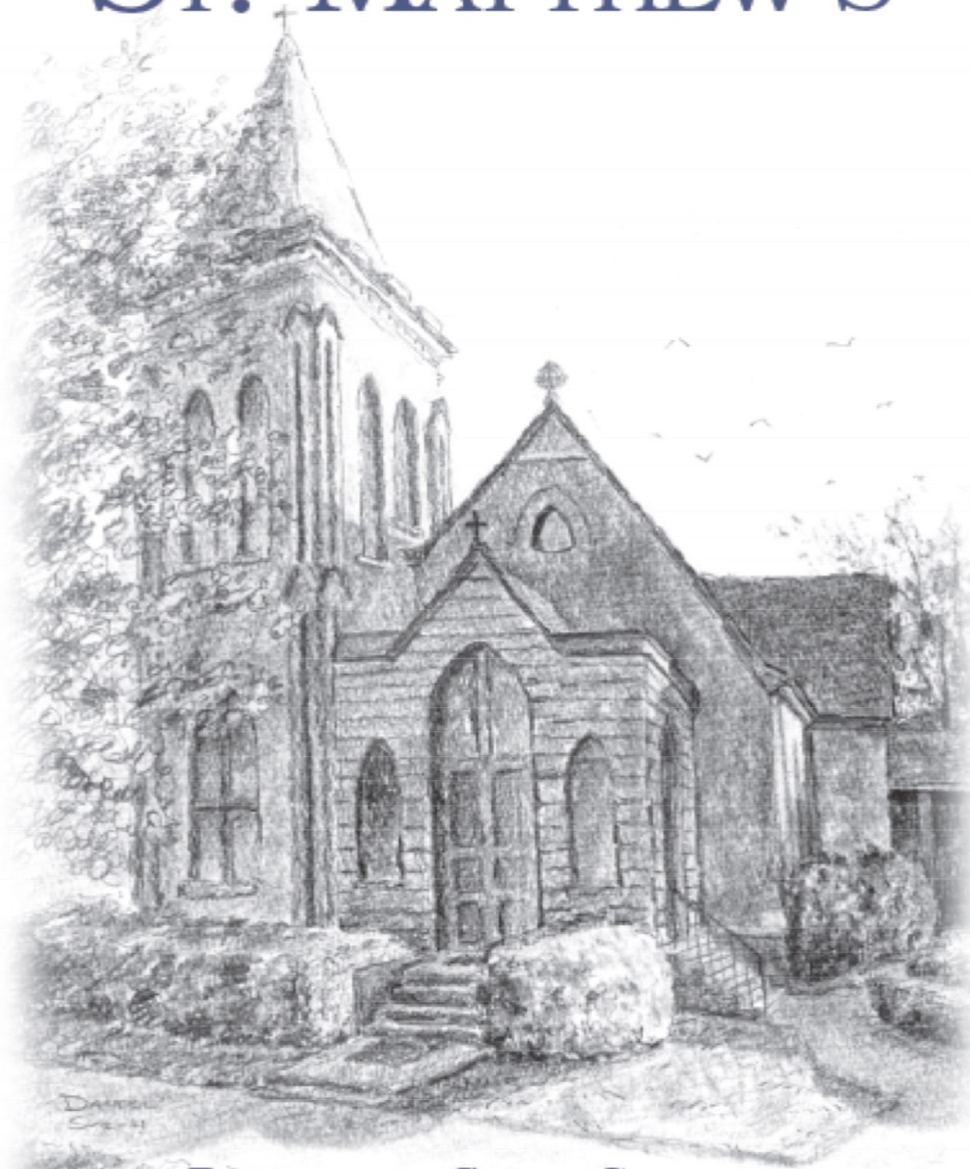


ST. MATTHEW'S



DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer
April 21, 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.



Saint Matthew's Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
Morning Prayer



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #199 “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

BCP

Opening Sentence of Scripture

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Confession of Sin

11/12

Invitatory (*standing*)

13/14

Venite (standing, sung)

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

**and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples
with his truth.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 23 (standing, read responsively by half-verse)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ***therefore I can lack nothing.**

2 He shall feed me in green pastures ***and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**

3 He shall refresh my soul ***and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ***for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.**

5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; ***you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 First Lesson: Acts 4:32-37

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When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you

anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Jubilate (standing, sung)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be assured that the Lord he is God; *

it is he that has made us and not we ourselves;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise; *

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-10

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

A Song of Praise (standing, sung)

Benedictus es, Domine

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,

and dwellest between the Cherubim; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

The Gospel: John 10:11-16

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Sequence Hymn #708 “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

The Sermon

The Rev. David Welch

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The Apostles’ Creed

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The Prayers

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling)

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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| The Offertory Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | Larry Shackley |

Offering

Closing Prayer (kneeling)

The Recessional Hymn #473 "Lift high the cross"

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 4/21/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, Bishop Stewart Ruch and his wife, Katherine.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for the Congregation of St. Paul's, Summerville and their clergy: The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, The Rev. John Scott, The Rev. Korey Kincaid, The Rev. Fred Onyango, The Rev. Chip Strickland, Deacon Bill Riggs

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 21- Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21- Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Teacher of the Faith, 1109

April 23- George, Martyr, c. 304

April 24- Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, Ecumenist and Teacher of the Faith, 1988

April 25- Mark the Evangelist

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Michael Allen Wylie
By Mary Shaw & Caid Kirven*

Announcements

Please join us for **Fellowship Time** in the Parish Hall after the service!

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Breakfast for the Soup Kitchen. From the Casserole Bakers to the Servers, we are blessed to have such good servants in our Parish. Please hold the date **September 28th** for our next Breakfast at the Soup Kitchen.
- The **DOK** will meet TODAY at 3:30 p.m.
- **Women’s Bible Study** has started back. 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.
- ♦ 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
- ♦ 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. 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.

| Quarterly Financial Status (through March 2024) | | |
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| | 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

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munneryn
Judy Melton
Claire Hoole
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Barrett Byrd
Lynn Brown
Dan Harper
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Rigger
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 22: Lucy Dargan **April 23:** Brigette Lawson **April 24:** David Welch and Marty Martin
April 26: Christina Wenteler

Parish Calendar

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| Monday April 22 | 11:00 a.m. | Women’s Bible Study (TPF) |
| Wednesday, April 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall) |
| Sunday, April 28 | Fifth 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> |
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| USHERS: | 11 a.m. | Tim Dargan James Brusnon | William Kirven Stewart Smith |
| LAY READERS: | 8 a.m. | Joe Ervin (L) Stewart Smith (O) | Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM) |
| | 11 a.m. | Tracy Sutphin (L) Joe Ervin (O) | Carol Hill (L, LEM) Robby Kilgo (P, LEM) |
| CRUCIFER: | | Ayden Jones | Caroline Smith |
| ALTAR GUILD: | | Janet Stoda Merry Morgan Smith | Janet Stoda Tracy Sutphin |
| VIRTUAL: | | Janet Stoda | Janet Stoda |
| ALTAR FLOWERS: | | Mary Shaw & Caid Kirven | Becky & Billy Early |
| FELLOWSHIP TIME: | | Michelle & Larry Duke | Lola & Chuck Early |
| NURSERY VOLUNTEER: | | Mary Dean Kilgo & Tamara Kirven | Suiter Coxe & Tamara Kirven |

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| 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



| <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> |
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| <i>William Kirven IV</i> | <i>John Dexter</i> | <i>Jane Early</i> |
| <i>Debbie Spinazzola</i> | <i>Bill Ervin</i> | <i>Mary Beth Gardner</i> |
| <i>Perry Wilson</i> | <i>Joanne Robertson</i> | <i>Shari Stokes</i> |

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