

ST. MATTHEW'S



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**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Morning Prayer
January 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

We hope you encounter the risen Lord Jesus in today's worship service. Our liturgy originated in 1549 in England and features Biblical 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. If you would like to learn more, please let one of our clergy know to schedule an appointment or a pastoral visit.

Our current weekly worship schedule is as follows:

Sundays:

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

11am Holy Eucharist in the Church with music, and livestream Virtual. If you prefer to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please let the usher know so the Clergy can accommodate your request.

Last Sunday of the Month: (Normally)

11 am Morning Prayer—In church and livestream Virtual. This is usually a lay-led praise worship service with a brief homily.

(For more details please see Zoom logon instructions in our weekly news.) Subscribe to weekly news and the Tuesday Rector's Blog at www.saintmatthews.us.

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 and a Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.



Saint Matthew's Church
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
January 28, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
Morning Prayer



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #7 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

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Opening Sentence of Scripture	27
Confession of Sin	11/12
Invitatory (<i>standing</i>)	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 111 (standing, read responsively by half-verse)

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 First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assem-

bly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ 21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

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.

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. 12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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: Mark 1:21-28

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21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Sequence Hymn #438 “Tell out, my soul”

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxé

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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, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Announcements

The Offertory Anthem	“Be Thou My Vision”	Irish Folk Song arr. Carlton Young
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*Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping my presence my light.
 Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me Lord,
 thou my great Father and I thy true son, O thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
 High King of Heaven my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun!
 Heart of my own heart what ever befall, O still be my vision, thou ruler of all.*

Offering

Closing Prayer (kneeling)

Recessional Hymn #493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

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 1/28/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, Bishop Alex Farmer and his wife, Jody, and Bishop Neil Lebhar and his wife, Marcia.

Christ the King-Grace Church, Waccamaw, The Rev. Dr. Roger Revell, The Rev. Zach Miller and their congregation.

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

January 28th: Thomas Aquinas, Friar, Priest, and Teacher of the Faith, 1274

January 29th: Lesslie Newbigin, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1998

January 30th: Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

January 31st: Samuel Shoemaker, Priest and Renewer of Society, 1963

February 1st: Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, 523

February 2nd: **The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

February 3rd: Anskar, Bishop and Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865

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

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Tommy Coxe and
In Honor of Mary Mar Coxe
On the occasion of their Anniversary
By Suiter and The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe*

Announcements

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

- The **Annual Parish Meeting** is TODAY, immediately following the 11:00am Service. Nominations are now closed as we have, yet again, an excellent slate of candidates to be elected: For Jr. Warden, Mr. Steve Smith. For Vestry we have Mrs. Jane Early, Mrs. Mary Beth Gardner, and Mrs. Shari Stokes.
- On February 1st at 6:00 PM at the Purple Fish, Lillian Brunson will be leading the next **Grief Share** Session. "GriefShare is a Biblically based 13-week program to help the hurting in our congregation and community deal with the grief of losing a loved one to death. The goal of the program is to help participants move from "Mourning to Joy". Anyone in the community is welcome to join. There is a \$25.00 fee to cover materials. Any questions, contact Lillian Brunson through the church office.
- On February 3rd from 10am-12pm, there will be an **important Altar Guild Meeting**. We will have a Q&A session and the Clergy will review the current standards for Altar and Sacristy. We will discuss the need for improved coordination and communication for scheduling. This meeting is open to all current and anyone wanting to learn about this important ministry.
- Starting Sunday February 18th, **The Marriage Course** is being offered from 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for all couples seeking to strengthen their marriage. The course is like a date night - supper and conversations at a private table. Child care is not provided due to space constraints, but some couples may want to house-pool. Please contact Rags or Suiter with any questions.
- Please support Girl Scout Troop #88 and buy **Girl Scout cookies**. The profits from selling cookies help support the scouting program. See the Brunson family during fellowship to order or buy cookies. Cookies are still \$4.00 a box.

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr

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
Sandy Wilcox
Neil Strieff
David Gravely
Frankie James
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
Pat Folsom
Olin L. Purvis, III
Rachel Sims
Frances Roberts
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
Wanda Scott
*Patsy Sawyer
*TC Sawyer

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munnerlyn
Judy Melton
Frankie Tanner
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Denise Garris
Lynn Brown
Nancy Harrison
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Riggan
Tommy Bolger
Michael Holt
Teresa Moore
Grayson Griggs
Everette Teal
John Jepertinger
Eloise Taylor
Charlotte Roberts
Matthew Brunson
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Ashli Coballes
Dan Harper
Linda Hudson

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zоргias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Jim Price
Johnny Deas
Jim Lavia
Gra Whitehead
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araina Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Debbie Turbeville
Donna Munoz
Claire Hoole

Family Members on Active Military Service:

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

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:

January 29: Lorna Matthews **January 31:** Carol Hill and Sue Reynolds

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 29	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, January 31	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 4	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany	
	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.	Sue Reynolds Hugh Reynolds		Robby Kilgo David Welch
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)		Sam Dargan (l, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Cathy Howle (L) Stewart Smith (O)		Chris Sutphin (L, LEM) Meredith Coxe (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:		Ayden Jones		Caroline Smith
ALTAR GUILD:		Sue Reynolds Linda Howle		Suiter Coxe Caroline Dargan Jessie Whitaker
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda		Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Suiter & Rags Coxe		Tracy & Chris Sutphin
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Rosanne Brasington & Ollie Dewitt		Cely Anne & Greg Brigman
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-Al Gilpin Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler

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*Tracy Sutphin
Tom Dickinson
Bryant Gardner*

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*John Dexter
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