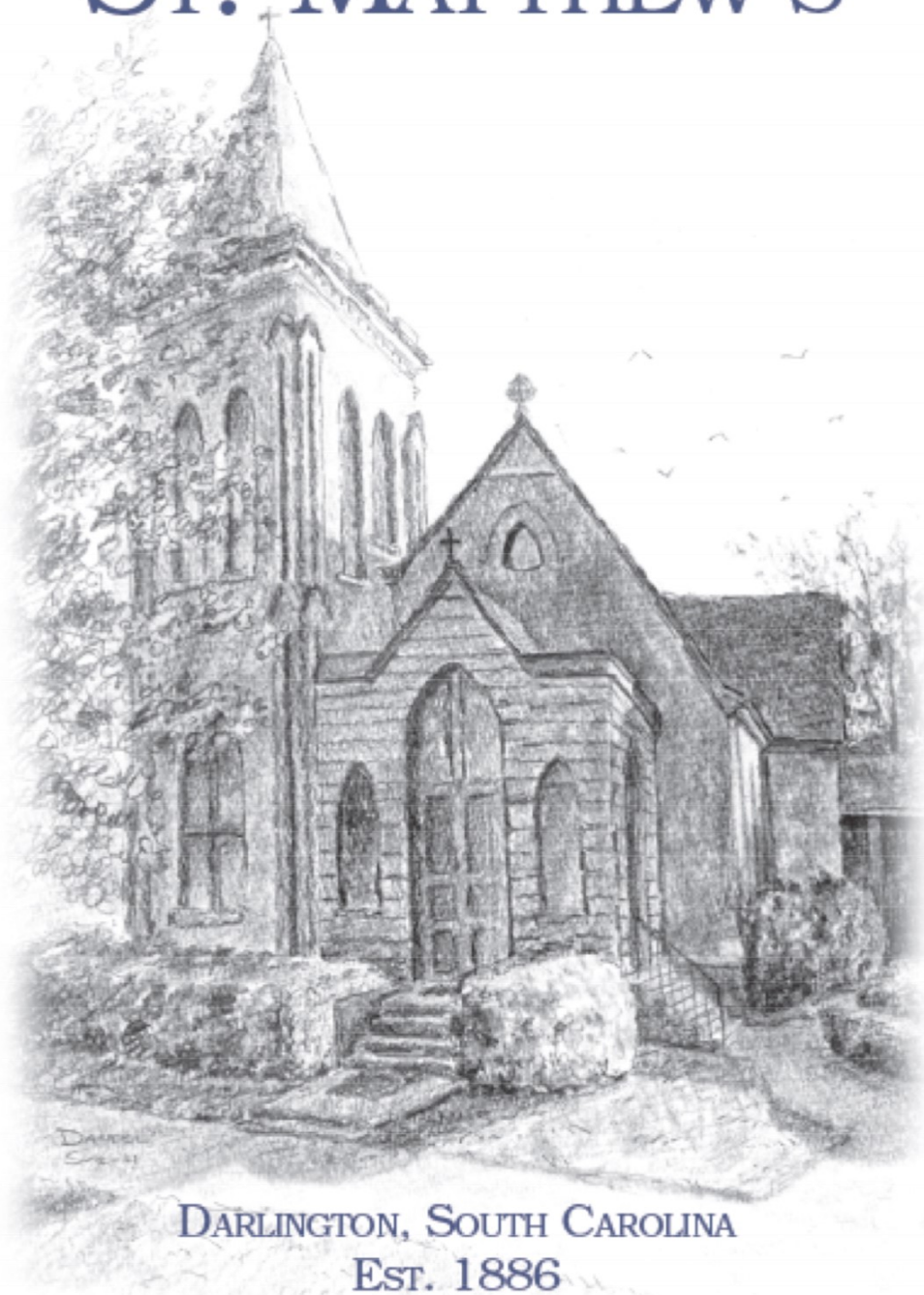


# ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist  
March 10, 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



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024 • Eleven O'clock  
The Holy Eucharist

The Organ Prelude

**The Processional Hymn #150 “Forty days and forty nights”**

## The Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## BCP

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

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:8-17** **ESV** **p.259**

8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you

wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

### **Psalm 122 (standing, sung)**

1 I was glad when they said unto me, \* “We will go into the house of the Lord.”

2 Now our feet are standing \*within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*that is at unity in itself.

4 For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, \*as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the throne of judgment, \*even the throne of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; \*they shall prosper that love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \*and plenteousness within your palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, \*I will wish you prosperity.

9 Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, \*I will seek to do you good.

**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: Ephesians 2:1-10**

**ESV p. 976**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **The Sequence Hymn #209 “We walk by faith”**

*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 6:1-15**

**ESV**

**p. 891**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe

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| The Offertory Anthem      “God So Loved the World”      Sir John Stainer  |                   |
| God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son<br>that who so believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.<br>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;<br>but that the world through him might be saved. |                   |
| The Sursum Corda  | 132               |
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| The Prayer of Humble Access   | 135               |
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## **The Ministration of Communion**

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

## **The Communion Hymn #302 “Father, we thank thee”**

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| The Post Communion Prayer | 137 |
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## **The Recessional Hymn #635 “If thou but trust in God to guide thee”**

### Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

### The Organ Postlude

*During Lent the playing of the postlude has been paused.*



## Anglican Cycle of Prayer 3/10/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of the Central States, Bishop Peter Manto and his wife, Janice.

[In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina](#), we give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Bishop Chip Edgar on the Anniversary of his Consecration.

### **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

March 10- Laetare Sunday

March 10- Robert Machray, First Primate of Canada, 1904

March 12- Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and Teacher of the Faith, 604

*The Altar Flowers have been given  
To the Glory of God and  
In Honor of  
Elizabeth Mullins and Lisa Wilson  
Jane's Mother and Sister, respectively  
By Jane and Ed Early*

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- The **Men's Ministry Breakfast** will be at 9 a.m. this morning. All are welcome to attend.
- Everyone is invited to attend the **Potluck Luncheon** TODAY after the late service. It will be sponsored by the Purple Fish and everything will be provided. Just come and enjoy the food and fellowship!
- The **Children's Ministry Meeting** will be TODAY after the late service in the small Parlor in the Parish Hall.
- The **DOK** will meet at 3:30 p.m. next Sunday, March 17th.
- The **Bring a Friend Oyster Roast** will be on Friday, March 22nd at Gena and Joe's Home.
- We are in need of candy and toys for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. Please place any donations in the Parlor in the Coxe Building by March 29th. Thank you for your help!

## Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle  
Helen Killion  
Johnny Etheridge  
Minnie Gatewood  
Nancy Purvis

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  
Rachel Sims  
Neil Strieff  
David Gravely  
Frankie James  
Emma Camacho  
Jim Rushton  
Pat Folsom  
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 Riggart  
Tommy Bolger  
Michael Holt  
Teresa Moore  
Grayson Griggs  
Everette Teal  
John Jepertinger  
Eloise Taylor  
Matt Brunson  
Ashli Coballes  
Price Cockman  
Hayes Cockman  
Claire Hoole  
Julie Tevis  
\*James Carver

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  
Araina 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 Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo

## 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:

**March 10:** Mary Shaw Kirven **March 13:** Sonia Wenteler **March 15:** Cyndy Rickman

**Faithfully Departed:** Sandy Wilcox

# Parish Calendar

Wednesday, March 13                      7:00 a.m.            Men's Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)

Sunday, March 17

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 a.m.            Holy Eucharist  
 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)

### Today

### Next Week

|                    |         |   |  |
|--------------------|---------|---|--|
| USHERS:            | 11 a.m. | Tim Dargan<br>Stewart Smith                         | Sue Reynolds<br>Hugh Reynolds              |
| LAY READERS:       | 8 a.m.  | John Dexter (L, P, LEM)                             | Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)                    |
|                    | 11 a.m. | Cathy Howle (L, LEM)<br>Larry Duke (P, LEM)         | Cely Anne Brigman (L)<br>Marvin Lawson (O) |
| CRUCIFER:          |         | Ayden Jones   | Caroline Smith                             |
| ALTAR GUILD:       |         | Rosanne Brasington<br>Annie Dickson<br>Ollie DeWitt | Meredith Coxe<br>Cathy Howle               |
| VIRTUAL:           |         | Janet Stoda   | Janet Stoda                                |
| ALTAR FLOWERS:     |         | Jane & Ed Early                                     | Nancy Purvis                               |
| FELLOWSHIP TIME:   |         | Pot Luck Luncheon                                   | Paula Dana & Merry Morgan Smith            |
| NURSERY VOLUNTEER: |         | Mary Shaw Kirven & Nancy Causey                     | Debi Sidbury & Tracy Sutphin               |

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

### **Vestry:**

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

### 2025

### 2026

### 2027

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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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### 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.**

