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SERVING TODAY

Vestry Person of the Day: Terri Hurst

- EMS: 8:00** Nancy Allen, Ralph NeSmith, Noreen Richardson
- 10:30** Mallory Bateman, Blair Rector, Lindsay Wheeler
- Lectors: 10:30** Natalie Stephens, Jessie Hurst, Ian Prichard
- Vergers: 8:00** Greg Andrews
- 10:30** Gini Peterson
- Ushers: 8:00** Phil Morgan & Jim Piechowiak
- 10:30** Chris Donavon, Jessie Hurst, Sybill Johns, Derek Kiddoo
- EV:** John & Diane Eberhart
- Acolytes: 8:00** **Cheryl Wheeler, Annie Jones, Morgan Paulding, *Sarah Voiles, Gabi Paulding, Andrew Byron
- 10:30** **Andrea McFarland, Isaac Camden, Nadine Kumbu-Smart, *Jessica Carson, Rachel McFarland, David Camden, Iris Camden, Katie Jones
- Greeters: 8:00** John & Heidi Byron, Donna Burton, Jimmy Piechowiak
- 10:30** Mallory Bateman, Andrew Byron, Kimberly Kiddoo
- Altar Guild:** Heidi Byron, Anita Genung, Eudora Gardiner, Wilhelmina Wilson, Cheryl Wheeler,
- Junior Altar Guild:** Lindsay Wheeler
- Junior Worship:** Holly Bond
- Nursery: 9:15** Carey Holbrook, Iris C.
- 10:15** Mona Livermont, Mara DiGiovanni, Melanie Thomas, Ellie W., Iris C.
- Communion Bread:** Michael Chapman

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Snellville, Georgia

The Reverend Elizabeth Hendrick, Rector



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rite II

April 26, 2015

8:00 a.m.

*Our mission is to continue the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ
by serving the greater community through
loving its children, caring for the unfortunate,
and witnessing to the healing power of God's love.*

THIS SUMMER THE SOUTHEAST GWINNETT COOPERATIVE MINISTRY will be providing “manna bags” to children who participate in the free and reduced breakfast and lunch program at school. When school is out they need our help to have those meals. Each bag contains a healthy and tasty lunch, plus breakfast items and snacks. Last year, over 7,000 bags were distributed to these children! St. Matt’s will be collecting and donating one item for these bags, and that is Pop Tarts (**toaster pastries, any brand or flavor accepted!**). **Washcloths are also needed, as each child will receive a hygiene bag. There will be a special collection bin located next to the regular bin near the parish hall for all of these items. Volunteers are needed: Wednesday, May 27 and Friday, May 29, as Distributors of the Manna bags to the children: shift is approximately 10am to 1pm. Please contact Michael or Mindy Barringer with any questions, and please see Outreach bulletin board for more information, and sign up volunteer sheet.**

SAVE THE DATE

April 26: Youth Sunday
 May 10: UTO
 May 17: Graduation Sunday
 May 24: Pentecost Sunday
 June 7: One Sunday Service begins for the summer
 May 31-June 14: Family Promise
 June 14: Preschool Camp
 June 22-26: Reading Camp
 July 6-10: Vacation Bible School

This Week at St. Matt’s

Sunday, April 26: Youth Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 9:00 am Breakfast
 9:30 am Christian Education
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour
 12:30 pm EfM
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 27:

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 553
 7:00 pm Scout Leaders Meeting
 7:30 pm Epiphany Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 28:

6:00 pm Centering Prayer
 7:00 pm EfM
 7:00 pm Al-Anon / 8:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, April 29:

10:00 am Healing Service
 11:00 am WWW Bible Study
 4:00 pm Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Dive
 7:00 pm Cherub Choir
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30:

10:00 am Service for Marilyn Evans
 6:30 pm Inreach Meeting

Friday, May 1:

6:00 pm First Fridays
 7:00 pm Al-Anon/ 8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, May 2:

8:00 am Brotherhood
 9:00 am Yoga
 9:00 am Altar Guild
 10:00 am Flower Guild
 10:30 am “Christ Walk”

Sunday, May 3:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 9:00 am Breakfast
 9:30 am Christian Education
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour
 12:30 pm EfM
 6:00 pm Youth Group

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING SET FOR MAY 10: UTO offers each of us a way to give thanks for our many blessings and to share with others. Say a daily prayer of thanks and drop some coins in your “blue box.” Boxes and information are available in the foyer of the parish hall. One-hundred percent of our gifts go towards Outreach of the Episcopal Church.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Thank you for the generous Easter Flower Donations. These donations allowed us to cover the altar with colorful potted plants to the glory of God, in thanks for the resurrection of our Savior. Most of these plants will soon be planted around the church, beautifying the 7 1/2 acre campus we are so privileged to enjoy. Thank you for your generosity and your dedication to the mission of St Matthew's. *The Flower Guild*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ALTAR FLOWERS. The 2015 calendar is posted just outside the church office. Everyone is invited to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. The cost is \$62 per week.

LABYRINTH COMING TO SNELLVILLE: The Snellville Arts Commission has announced the building of a walking Labyrinth in the new Veterans’ Memorial Park and is working on funding. Although they have not come to St Matthew’s directly we have a unique opportunity; sponsors of \$500 or more will get their name on the plaque at the site. Since St Matthew’s appreciates the use and meaning of a Labyrinth and we are located in Snellville we thought it would be great to get our name on the plaque and in the community. If the Labyrinth in Snellville is of interest to you instead of sending funds directly to SAC consider making your donation through St Matthew’s Outreach; please put “Labyrinth” in the memo. More information can be found on the Outreach bulletin board or you can reach out to Judy Leavell or Cheryl Wheeler.

REGISTRATION for the 2015-2016 St. Matthew’s Preschool and Kindergarten is underway. Please contact Jennifer in the Preschool office by calling 770-978-1323 or by email at stmattpreschool@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

"STEWARD" IS A VERB, AS WELL AS A NOUN.

How do you steward your time?

How do you steward your talent?

How do you steward your treasure?



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

HOLY COMMUNION RITE II ✦ APRIL 26, 2015 ✦ 8:00 A.M.

As you prepare for worship, please remember to turn down electronic devices.

Prelude "Psalm 42:8" D. Wagner

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn#525 "The Church's One Foundation" Aurelia

The Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria: S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus 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

GRADUATION SUNDAY, May 17th ATTENTION GRADUATES: If you are graduating from High School this May, and would like to participate in Graduation Sunday, please contact Sally Ulrey at stmattsyouth@bellsouth.net **by APRIL 26TH!** We would love to recognize and include you!

St. Matthew's, please make plan to attend a reception for the Graduates during breakfast on May 17th, and a special service recognizing them at 10:30 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S IS OFFERING THE "CHRIST WALK" program for the 50 days of Easter. Walk individually or as a team – sessions will be held at the Jung farm where numerous walking trails and routes will be provided for a peaceful, serene, and spiritual experience. Join us at anytime.

All sessions will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-12:30.

⇒ Session Four, May 2: Meditation, Prayer, Nutrition – WALK

⇒ Session Five, May 9: Where Do We Go From Here? – WALK

The book "Christ Walk" by Anna Courie can be purchased through Cokesbury. To R.S.V.P. call Susan Jung (404-376-5469) or email at susanjung@earthlink.net.

FODAC RUN, WALK 'N' ROLL MAY 2

A team from St. Matthew's will once again participate in the annual fundraiser for Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC). The two mile walk will take place on Saturday morning, May 2 in Stone Mountain Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., the Run begins at 8 a.m., and the Walk at 9 a.m. FODAC is a Christian ministry that was founded in Stone Mountain to refurbish and donate durable medical goods to disabled needy people in our community. Since it's inception in 1986, FODAC has given away over 29,000 "like new" wheelchairs as well as thousands of hospital beds, walkers and other items. In fact, the wheelchair that parishioners can use in our church was a gift from FODAC! If you have a piece of medical equipment that you no longer need, or just wish to learn more about this ministry, visit FODAC.org.

Please consider joining us in this fundraising effort. If you are unable to attend, please support our team with gifts of treasure or prayers. Team members should be available to take your donation after each service in April. To join the team or ask questions, please contact Ted Sokal.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: The Inreach committee is starting a new transportation ministry and we need your help. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to pick up and drop off some of our members for church services who can no longer drive. If you feel this is something you would like to help with please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Questions? Contact vestry liaison, Becky Olbon at Beckyolbon@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY OF PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE on the shelf in the narthex to use during your personal devotional time.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Edward & Diana Walsh in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS (April 26 - May 2): Deanna Morrison, Jenny Chappell, Charlie Corbin, Russ Kobert, Benson Maina, Joan Hyman, Peter Johnson, James Wallace, Madeline Whitehead, Madeline Klein, Jay Jones, Jim Piechowiak, John Williamson, Sylvia Campbell, Michelle Guy, Candace Robinson, Derek Kiddoo

ANNIVERSARIES (April 26 - May 2); Kim & Tony Schmidt, Lisa & Richard Wyn, Rick & Laura Starratt, Larry & Heather McLendon, Dave & Barbara Van Bausch, Evan & Pamela Kohler-Camp, Byron & Indira Ramroop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in the parish hall today from 9-9:30, hosted by Denton & Hannah Livermont and their family.

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the parish hall following the 10:30 service for coffee each Sunday for fellowship.

A NEWCOMER'S CLASS CONTINUES TODAY and May 3rd at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about our church or interested in becoming a member we encourage you to attend this class.

THE ADULT FORUM BOOK STUDY will resume today with discussion on the book "*Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*".

ECW SPRING SALAD SOCIAL will be held tomorrow evening, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Our hostess again this year will be Anita Genung. Bring your favorite salad to share, for a wonderful get-together.

INREACH MINISTRY: Are you interest in helping other parishioners? Are you a good listener, cook, or letter writer? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, we would love for you to attend the Inreach organizational meeting on April 30th, at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please email Becky Olbon at beckyolbon@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES: Each Saturday we will have yoga sessions, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. in the Undercroft. These classes are free to members of St. Matthew's.

The First Lesson: Acts 4: 5-12

Lector: A Reading from Acts.

The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

BCP, pg. 612

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 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.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's

goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn: #343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" *St. Agnes*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Elizabeth Hendrick

The Blessing

The Hymn: #708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" *Sicilian Mariners*

Dismissal

People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Voluntary "Psalm 150:6" D. Wagner



WELCOME

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT WITH US, please check the Welcome Table for information on St. Matthew's, fill out a Visitor Information leaflet and leave the leaflet in the basket on the table. That will allow us to add you to our email distribution list. Newcomer classes are held several times throughout the year, and announcements can be found in the Sunday bulletin, as well as in the monthly newsletter. We invite you to join us for breakfast in the parish hall each Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:30 services, or to share coffee and conversation at coffee hour, held in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. You are also cordially invited to join us for "coffee with the Rector," held after the 10:30 a.m. service every third Sunday of the month.

NAME TAGS. We encourage you to wear your name tags to church events including worship each Sunday. If you need a name tag, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Be sure to print clearly. Temporary stick-on tags are available in the same location.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE: For the safety of our people, our building is equipped with an AED; we also have a wheelchair for your convenience. Please see an usher for assistance.

A CRYING ROOM is available in the back of the sanctuary with speakers, so you can clearly hear the service.

Pascha Nostrum: S-155

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, extend your hands, palms crossed and upward. You may consume the bread or wait, retaining it to dip it in the wine. To drink wine from the chalice, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips by holding the base of the cup. Those desiring prayers for healing should hold up their hands as the Priest approaches. If you wish simply to receive a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymns:

- Hymnal, 644** "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" *St. Peter*
- Hymnal, 664** "My Shepherd will supply my need" *resignation*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(said by all)* BCP, pg. 366

Sending Out Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when available)*

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that others may share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: ***We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.***

The Nicene Creed *(stand)*

BCP, pg. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Form III

BCP, pg. 387

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*As a sign of the reconciliation that is theirs in Christ, the Ministers and the People
greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”
Sanctuary Choir

Spiritual/Bonams

Hymn #645

“The King of love my shepherd is”

St. Columba

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

BCP, page 370

Sanctus: Hymnal, S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter the people remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

BCP, page 371

The Lord's Prayer

Dan Mitchell

Our Father who art in heaven hallow ed be thy
name - thy kingdom come thy will be done - on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai ly bread, and for give us our trespasses we for give those who trespass
gainst us. And lead us not in to temp ta tion, but de liver us from
evil for thine is the king dom, and the pow er, and the glory for e - ver and
e - ver, a men

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.