



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Snellville, Georgia

The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Hendrick, Rector

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday

Rite II

April 26, 2015

10:30 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.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Prelude

"Desert Song"

Sung by the youth, the congregation is welcome to sing along.

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Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who pro-vides
To verse 2

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame
To chorus

Chorus

I will bring praise; I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall re-main
I will rejoice; I will de-clare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand
To chorus, then Bridge

Bridge

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing; I have a reason to worship
Repeat Bridge 3 times; to chorus, then to verse 4

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow
End on verse 4

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

Chorus Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Verse 2

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

Chorus Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes. (*Chorus 2x*)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Opening prayer

Celebrant: Lord, speak to us

People: **that we may hear your word.**

Celebrant: Move among us

People: **that we may behold your glory.**

Celebrant: Receive our prayers

People: **that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Lector: We worship with Christians near and far, living and departed, old and young. God's word is for all of us.

All: **May I be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Natalie Stephens

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 This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Jessie Hurst

- 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

Ian Prichard

Lector 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.**

Sequence Hymn:

"This is Our God"

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Verse 1 Your grace is enough, More than I need
At Your word I will believe
I wait for You, Draw near again
Let Your Spirit make me new

Chorus And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship You here

Verse 2 Your presence in me, Jesus light the way
By the power of Your word
I am restored, I am redeemed
By Your Spirit I am free

To Chorus, then Bridge 2x

Bridge Freely You gave it all for us
Surrendered Your life upon that cross
Great is the love poured out for all, This is our God
Lifted on high from death to life
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King rescued the world, This is our God

Celebrant: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Sally Ulrey, Youth Minister

The Nicene Creed

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 (*written by St. Matt's youth*)

Madeline Whitehead

The Leader and People pray responsively

Heavenly Father, please guide your followers and help us to not stray from your hand. Let us create a community of people whose main priority is serving only you.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

We pray for those in authority over the world, that they may act as shepherds to us, rather than hired hands who act on selfish impulses.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

Let us know your love, Lord, so that we may spread it to all the corners of the world. Let your peace and love reign forever.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

Help us get past our self-indulgent tendencies, and instead come together as a community whose purpose is to lay down our lives in love for each other.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

Help those who suffer to find comfort in You. Help us come together as a family to befriend the friendless, and become a nation that focuses on the equality of its people.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

Guide the deceased into Your eternal kingdom to rest peacefully in You.

In faith we pray

We pray to You, Our God.

Lord of the Church,

Hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

The Peace

BCP, pg. 360

All Stand.

Celebrant: 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

Offertory:

Messiah
Youth Group

Presentation Hymn:

"Here I am to Worship"

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Verse 1

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross *Chorus*

Eucharistic Prayer D from Common Worship-Church of England

The people remain standing.

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song; saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Communion

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.

"Hungry"

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Verse 1 Hungry, I come to You
For I know You satisfy
I am empty,
But I know Your love
Does not run dry

Bridge And so I wait for You
I wait for You

Chorus I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus, You're all
This heart is living for *(repeat)*

Verse 2 Broken, I run to You
or Your arms are open wide.
I am weary,
But I know Your touch
Restores my life.

*Back to Bridge.
Then to Chorus 2x.
Then end on Bridge.*

"(Amazing Love) You are My King"

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Verse I'm forgiven, Because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died, And rose again.

Chorus Amazing love, How can it be,
That You, my King, Would die for me?
Amazing Love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.

Back to Verse, then Chorus 2x

“Beautiful Things”

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Verse 1 All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2 All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3 All around
Hope is spring up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

To Chorus, then Bridge

Bridge You make me new, You are making me (2x, then to Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All **Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Verse 1

Lead on, O King Eternal,
 The day of march has come;
 Henceforth in fields of conquest
 Thy tents shall be our home.
 Thro' days of preparation,
 Thy grace has made us strong;
 And now O King Eternal, we lift our battle song;
 And now O King Eternal, we lift our battle song,
 We lift our battle song.

Verse 2

Lead on, O King Eternal,
 Till sins fierce wars shall cease,
 And holiness shall whisper
 The sweet Amen of peace.
 For not with swords loud clashing,
 Nor roll of stirring drums;
 With deeds of love and mercy, The heav'nly kingdom comes;
 With deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes,
 The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Verse 3

Lead on, O King Eternal,
 We follow not with fears;
 For gladness breaks like morning
 Where're Thy face appears.
 Thy cross is lifted o're us, / We journey in its light.
 The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might;
 The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might;
 Lead on, O God of might.

Ending

Lead on, O King; Lead on, O God
 Lead on, O King; Lead on, O God

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Chorus Pharaoh, Pharaoh
Oh, Baby, Let my people go (UHH!)
Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah
Repeat

Verse 1

Well, a burnin' bush told me just the other day
That I should come over here and stay.
Gotta get my people outta Pharaoh's hand,
And lead them all into the Promised Land.

Back to Chorus

Verse 2

Well, me and my people came to the Red Sea,
All of Pharaoh's army coming after me!
Well, I raised my staff, and stuck it in the sand;
All of God's people walked upon dry land.

Back to Chorus

Verse 3

Well, Pharaoh's army was a-comin', too.
So, what do you think that I did do?
I raised my rod, and I cleared my throat.
All of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float!

Back to Chorus; Repeat Chorus

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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.

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.

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.

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 stmatts-preschool@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.



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

"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?



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 pm 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 pm 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

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SERVING TODAY:

EMS: **8:00** Ralph NeSmith, Noreen Richardson, Dave Swanson
 10:30 Val Biggs, Gail Woodruff, Eudora Gardiner

Lectors: Susan Larson, Mona Livermont

Thurifer: **8:00** Judy Leavell
 10:30 Jack Denton

Verger: **8:00** Greg Andrews
 10:30 Waylee George

Ushers: **8:00** Ted Sokal, Phil Morgan
 10:30 Arlean Golden, Don Ulmer, Samantha Renfro, Peggy Isaacs

Acolytes: **8:00** **Susan Kiddoo, Kimberly Kiddoo, Morgan Paulding,
 *Emmanuel Nwosu, Derek Kiddoo, Andrew Byron,
 Blair Rector, *Natalie Stephens, Nate Olbon, Anthony Nwosu
 10:30 **Karen Whitehead, **Carol Maneol, Ashley Williamson, Sybill Johns, Libby Maneol, Jake Chapman, Nelson Kumbu-Smart, Jessie Hurst, Jacob Hurst, Madeline Whitehead, Matthew Maneol

Greeters: **8:00** Jimmy Piechowiak, Donna Burton, Joan Kengla, Marlene Johnson
 10:30 Levi Livermont, Minnette Brown, Jay Jones, Caroline Tyler

EV Caroline Tyler, Fay Lovell, Diane & John Eberhart

Altar Guild: Vicki Conway, Muttu Dixon, Diane Croft-Doane, Nancy Piechowiak, Beth Still, Mary Vore

Nursery: **10:15** Jennifer Papadatos, Becky Olbon, Carol Maneol, Lindsay W., Olivia G.

Children's Chapel: NO Children's Chapel

Communion Bread: Eric Prichard

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