



ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist 10am

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 7, 2025

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.

The Word of God

The Advent Candle is lit by Kristin, David, Helen, and Henry Higdon

Prelude: Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us J. S. Bach

People stand as able.

Opening Hymn: Savior of the nations, come Hymnal 54
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Trisagion: S-100
David Hurd

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during Trisagion.

Collect of the Day

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

The People are seated

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son,
2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.

- 18 Blest are you, O God of Israel, *
you alone do wondrous deeds!
19 And blest is your glorious Name for ever! *
May all the earth be filled with your glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O
Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and
again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel Hymnal 56, stanzas 3-4
Veni, Emmanuel

The People stand as able.

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Remain standing

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kelly Kirby

Nicene Creed

The People stand as able

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the People respond Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stand or kneel. Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We
are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. Amen.

Peace

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

A Word of Welcome

The People are seated

Birthday Collect

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as
they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and
strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Communion

During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will
help us continue vital ministries, and we really need money in this unusual moment in history. Our
online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving.
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>

Offertory: And the Glory of the Lord Shall be Revealed G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Presentation Verse Hymnal 76 stanza 5
Winchester New

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the
Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe. Glory
to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse
of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our
island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal
elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory,
reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation. Glory to you for ever and
ever.

But we turned against you, and betrayed our trust; and we turned against one another.
Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your
righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our
Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his
death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and
martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-130
Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel as the prayer continues

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night
he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke
the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given
for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and
said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for
you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it do this for the
remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of
thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his

coming. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people
by water and the Spirit, now bring before you gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy
Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one
spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Glory to you for
ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather
your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace
and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and
nation, may share the banquet you have promised

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Creator of
all. Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God S 164
Franz Schubert

The Presider says.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please remain seated until guided by the ushers to communion. Return to your seat by the side
aisles. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and
cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the
priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread.

Music during Communion: Every Valley Shall be Exalted

G. F. Handel
Corey Logsdon, tenor
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low;
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

People and Presider

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body
and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and
courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through
Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: There’s a voice in the wilderness crying Hymnal 75
Ascension

Dismissal

Deacon

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Improvisation on *Bereden väg för Herran*

Robert Lee



December 7, 2025

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Taizé Evening Prayer continues today at 6p in Clingman Chapel. These brief, candle-lit evenings will be held throughout the Advent season, and present a peaceful time to reflect on the true meaning of the season. All ages and families are invited.

What do you know about our sycamore tree? This majestic sycamore stands at the lower parking lot, at the grass field that borders Massive Ave. It's a shade tree for the picnic tables during spring and summer, and is a visual anchor for that part of the grounds. One of our neighbors, Lee Squires, is a former arborist at Cave Hill Cemetery and contacted us about the tree, and told us a bit about it. Here's what he had to say:

The Sycamore tree is a great specimen and one of the oldest trees in St. Matthews. It is between 150 and 200 years old and has a 4-foot trunk diameter 4.5 feet above the ground. It has been struck by lightning in the past showing a strike down the trunk on the parking lot side, which is healing very well. Losing that tree would be a sad day, so I thought it should be fertilized to give it some nutrition and help it along. Sycamores can live over 300 years but who knows for sure about this tree.

Lee generously fertilized the tree with two, fifty pound bags of 10-10-10 fertilizer. We are thankful for Lee's spontaneous donation, and for sharing his knowledge with us. If you know him, please tell him thanks!

If you drew a child who wants a doll, you can contact Sheila Poore at 641-0753 if you want to match the doll's skin tone with the child.

Pageant rehearsals continue today at about 11:50a, following Advent Family Fun. We will gather in Saints Hall before going upstairs to the church.

Advent Family Fun, today after the 10a service. Share the snowballs! Saints Hall hosts St. Matthew's premier, intergenerational Advent event that includes the annual Snowball Exchange, pizza, candy crèche and wreath-making.

Nicholas, Ancient Bishop of Myra will visit St. Matthew's during the 10a service today. The Ancient Bishop of Myra has confirmed his visit, although due to peak demand, he cannot guarantee a specific time for his arrival during the 10a service. When he does appear, he has asked that children greet him only after he gets to the altar, and then they should "gather around" to hear his holiday message.

Ladies Tea, Tuesday, December 9, from 11a to 1p. Ladies of the church are invited to a holiday tea at Laura Parson's. This yearly gathering is a lovely tradition that allows women to catch up and make new friends. The address is 1300 Cardinal Way, Audubon Park. What to bring if you go: Guests are invited to make something to share such as tea cookies, tea sandwiches or hors d'oeuvres.

The season of scams. This season of generosity also brings out scammers and ne'er-do-wells who masquerade as legitimate

organizations online and in emails. Please be vigilant when reading and responding to the contents of your inbox. Remember, St. Matthew's does not request donations or "emergency funds" via email. Nor will staff or members of the Vestry at St. Matthew's contact you with such requests. If you have any questions about an email from the parish, contact the church office at (502) 895-3485.

Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group will begin December 17 at 11a in Room A. It will be led by The Rev. Dr. Georgine Buckwalter, who has worked with dementia/Alzheimer's caregivers support groups for the majority of her career. It will meet the third Wednesday of every month.

GROW

Bacon and Country Ham Skill Sharing Class, December 11. Curing country hams and bacon during the chill winter months is a true Kentucky tradition. If you are interested in "curing your own", but have been afraid to try it on your own, this is your opportunity. Students can choose to cure and flavor their own bacon (with maple syrup or savory spices), or cure a country ham, or both! Bacon will be ready to be cooked and eaten after about a week in the refrigerator. A country ham will need two to three months to cure in an environment where the temperature averages below 45 degrees (e.g. an unheated garage or shed in a KY winter or a refrigerator).

Once cured, the ham will then age until the fall. The bacon class will begin at 6p and the country ham class will begin at 7p. The cost of the country ham class includes all materials and will be \$75 for each participant. The cost of the bacon class is \$30. Note: all profits from the class will be donated to Simmons College of Kentucky. RSVP by December 7 via this link: <https://bit.ly/4oqwJg5>

Going Deeper Spiritually. The group will meet virtually on Zoom the first three Thursdays of Advent: December 11, and 18. We will be led by The Rev. John Manzo as we discuss "Reflections on the Infancy Stories from the Books of Matthew and Luke". Meeting invitations are sent via email, with a Zoom link sent by Mary Jane Cherry. We log in together at 9:45a with a bit of chitchat, with the meeting starting officially at 10a and ending at 11:30a. Our first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, January 8, 2026, when we resume meeting every second and fourth Thursday. If you would like to receive a link to the meetings, please contact Ellie Britt at (305) 776-8989 or ellie451@yahoo.com.

Clingman Forum: Paul and his letters. Almost every Sunday we hear a passage from the letters of Paul. It's an important part of our tradition. But, as John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg write in their book, *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative*, "Paul is second only to Jesus as the most important person in the origins of Christianity. Yet he is not universally well regarded, even among Christians. Some find him appealing, and others find him appalling; some aren't sure what to think of him, and others know little about him."

What do you think? There are no wrong answers as we take on this topic in Clingman Forum from 11:10 a.m.-Noon Sunday, Dec. 7, immediately following the 10 o'clock Eucharist. We'll share our thoughts about Paul, then take a quick look at some excerpts from the Borg-Crossan book. And maybe we'll go away with a fresh understanding of this important, controversial character.

To stay informed about all our adult education programming, contact Robin Garr (robingarr@gmail.com) to join our email or text list.

Virtual Adult Education: Whose Christmas story? Imagine the familiar Christmas story: No room at the inn. The manger. The shepherds. The Magi and their gifts! Even the mysterious accounts of angels visiting Mary to announce that she would be the mother of God. Or was it Joseph who got that message? In fact, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell very different stories of the Nativity. And the other two Gospels, Mark and John, don't tell the birth story at all!

All this is mysterious and potentially confusing, but don't worry. It doesn't call the New Testament into question. Join us in Virtual Adult Education for the next two Mondays as we prepare for Christmas with a video interview with John Dominic Crossan about the book, *The First Christmas* (with Marcus J. Borg), offering their view of the deeper Christmas story buried within the familiar accounts of Matthew and Luke.

The program begins via Zoom from 6-7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. If you participate regularly, you are already registered and will receive an invitation on Monday morning with Zoom login information. If you would like to join our email or text list, contact Robin Garr(robingarr@gmail.com).

Monday Bible Study with the Rector at 10a in the library. We begin with chit-chat and then progress into a discussion of scripture. All are welcome.

SERVE

Scarves Needed. Kentucky Refugees Ministries were delighted with the knitted and crocheted items collected earlier this fall. Apparently, they are still in need of adult size scarves. If you have any completed scarves at this time, as I know many of you knit or crochet year round, please take them to church and Denee Bannister will get them to KRM. If you are interested in this ministry and have questions, please call Sarah Weston at (502) 645-2025. Many thanks.

WORSHIP

Illuminations. Repent! In our readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear a bold call to repent and wait for the Messiah's coming. Don't think of repentance in its modern idea of deep regret and remorse, though. Hear it rather in its ancient sense, signifying "change your mind" in New Testament Greek, or "turn back" in the Hebrew Bible. If we are on the wrong path in our relationships with God and our neighbors, now is the time to turn back and watch for the light of God's Kingdom. In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah envisions a time when the Messiah – the descendant of King David, whose father was named Jesse – will reign from Zion's holy mountain. The lion and the lamb will lie down together, peace will reign, and the poor will receive justice.

To read this week's Illuminations, visit: <https://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/sermons-and-illuminations>.

Consecrated Communion is available to be picked up during office hours. Consecrated wafers are in sealed bags in Myll Chapel if you would like to come to pick up a package for yourself and your family. If you are interested in receiving communion, but are unable to drive to the church, contact Kelly at kkirby@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

10a Wednesday Healing Eucharist. The service is held in Myll Chapel. The service is also streamed on our Facebook page.

Daughters of the King prayer box. Please email your prayers regarding a person of concern to Sarah Johansen, dsjohansen99@gmail.com. Requests remain on the confidential prayer list for 1 month unless otherwise requested.

Listening-assist technology in the nave. If you have a hearing aid that is t-coil compatible, our listening-assist system feeds audio into your hearing aid. To learn more, visit the Accessibility/Inclusivity page on our website: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/accessibility-inclusivity.

Weekly Prayer List. Brian and LaVonne Fingerson, James Finley and Darrin Myers, Judy Fischer, Jody and Lee Fletcher, the Fox family, Jeannette and Amy Frantz, Arlene Fricke, Carol Fricke, Robin Garr and Mary Johnson, Danny and Yena Gault.

Prayers for Pastoral Care. Janelle, Kevin Wardell, Candis Crocker, Vicki, Karl, Melinda Clark, Len Pacitti, Kinsey Woodson, Granville, Beverly Nichols, Carol, Emily, Luca Altin, Lynn Miller, Anne, Julia, Nick, Terry, Ken Lamb.

Flowers given in memory of: James Walker Stites, Jr, Dorothy and John Harris Clay.

We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.

LAY SUNDAY MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar Guild	Heather Duffy
Flower Guild	Sally Macdonald
	Janet Dougherty
8a Librarian	Marilyn Scholl

10am Eucharist

Holden Niehaus	Acolyte
Emerson Niehaus	Acolyte
Delilah Niehaus	Acolyte
Ryan Fenwick	Lector
Loise Kimama	Lector
Rick Lotz	Intercessor
Denee Bannister	Eucharistic Minister
Jody Fletcher	Eucharistic Minister
Holley Stallings	Eucharistic Minister
Jan Scholtz	Eucharistic Minister
Rob Peck	Usher
Mark McNally	Usher
Sarah Johansen	Greeter Welcome Desk
Sarah Clement	Greeter Narthex
Lavonne Fingerson	Greeter 10a Entrance
Marie Griffin	Godly Play - Story Teller
Lindsay Kasey	Godly Play
Jon Hardy	Librarian

5pm Eucharist	
Fred Keith	Lector
Martha Ash	Intercessor
Sophia Kidd	Usher
Marilyn Keith	Eucharistic Minister

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish office hours. Monday to Thursday, 9a-3p; Friday 10a-noon.

Weekly 12-step and other meetings at St. Matthew’s. Al-Anon on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Lounge); AA on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Ladies AA on Fridays at 11:30a (Meeting Room A); evening AA on Fridays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Newcomers’ AA on Fridays at 6:45p (Lounge).

Survivors of Suicide (SOS). The group meets every Thursday at 7:30p in the Lounge. There’s no meeting on the fifth Thursday of a five-week month.

Library hours. The library is open for self-checkout Sundays from 8:45a–12p, and a librarian is there from 9:15–9:45a, and from 11:15a– 12p. For a weekday appointment, call 895-3485 or email library@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org. Books on the narthex cart may be borrowed by filling out a card as instructed.

Church archives. The parish archives have a large collection of historical images and materials that document the history of St. Matthew’s. Ask the archivist for help, when they are present, or arrange an appointment by emailing archives@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

Visioning videos: Sharing Our Story. Where we have been influences where we’re headed. If you’d like to learn more about St. Matthew’s past, please click here: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/church-history-archives

Episcopal News Service newsletter. This newsletter reports the latest news on the Episcopal Church’s mission and ministries in the U.S. and abroad. Current advocacy efforts on immigration, the crisis in Gaza and other human rights issues are covered. <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup/>

Joanne Coleman is a Notary Public. As a service to our parishioners, Joanne is available to notarize documents. If you have need of these services, make an appointment with Joanne during her office hours.

Service bulletins are available online to download. Go to our website homepage: www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

The parish directory is online. You can access the parish directory online, through our app (St. Matthew’s Episcopal – found on Android Play Store and Apple Store). If you have never accessed the directory online before, or you experience any issues, contact [Joanne Coleman](#).

Bulletin and eSpirit announcements. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 12p. Please send submissions to [Charles Frank](#).

Do you subscribe to the eSpirit? To receive a digital version of the announcements, visit: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/espirit/

St. Matthew’s App. Free on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Financial statement for the month ending October 31.

	October		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	96,850	68,432	683,245	608,930	765,730
TOTAL EXPENSE	63,782	72,210	744,394	728,145	897,017
Released from Restricted Funds	(6,081)	(17,199)	(81,345)	(96,828)	(131,450)
NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	39,149	13,421	20,196	(22,387)	163