

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
Christ the King · Thankful Sunday

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## 7:45 am Service • Holy Eucharist Rite I

*The Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the pew rack.*

### The Word of God

#### Greetings and Announcements

**The Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

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**Lord Have Mercy Upon Us**

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**Glory Be to God on High**

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**The Collect of the Day**

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**The First Lesson**

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**The Psalm** (*said in unison*)

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**The Epistle**

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**The Gospel**

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**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Jane A. Clark

**A Moment of Silence**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

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**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### The Offertory

**The Offertory Prayer** (*said by all*)

Generous God, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen. (Church of Scotland)

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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#### Administration of Communion

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors** (*said by all*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

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**Blessing**

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**Dismissal**

*Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.*

## **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

Reader        A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 132: 1-13 [14-19]**

**LORD, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;  
How he swore an oath to the LORD  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:  
“I will not come under the roof of my house,  
nor climb up into my bed;  
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let my eyelids slumber;  
Until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”  
“The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.  
Let us go to God’s dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”  
Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.  
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.  
For your servant David’s sake,  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.  
The LORD has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:  
“A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.  
If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”  
[For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he has desired her for his habitation:  
“This shall be my resting-place for ever;  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.  
I will surely bless her provisions,  
and satisfy her poor with bread.  
I will clothe her priests with salvation,  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.  
There will I make the horn of David flourish;  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.  
As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame;  
but as for him, his crown will shine.”]**

**The Epistle**  
**Revelation 1:4b-8**

Reader            A Reading from the Revelation of John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**The Gospel**  
**John 18:33-37**

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

## **The Prayers of the People: A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Please respond with, we thank you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*Silence.*

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For \_\_\_\_\_ (here the reader reads what people have submitted they are thankful for)

Being able to say I came through Stage 1 breast cancer. A family of friends and immediate family that surround me.

I am thankful for having an amazing and loving family.

The community at church that keeps us in their prayers.

God answering our prayers to grow our family.

Family, friends, health.

My pastor! He is great!

For being alive and well up to this day. God has answered my prayers.

Milton flood damage not worse than it was.

Our family and our church family.

Our church family, healing family and friends, and all of the many blessings in our lives.

My faith, my church family, my wife.

24 years as organist at St. Matthias.

My children and grandchildren. Also that I can walk without pain. Also thankful for my church family.

Growing up poor.

My faith, my family, my health.

Margaret.

My family, my friends, my health, my wife, and the ability to help others.

Personal recovery from Milton and election results.

Just thankful for seeing the sun and mingle with others. I am thankful for hearing the birds sing. God is good to me all the time.

The church and its commitment to serve this community.

The blessings God has given me!

My family, my St. Matthias family, my friends, my health.

Family, friends, all the blessings from God.

My daughter, Katie Lee.

My Lord, my family and friends, my country.

My family – and my extended family.

My children Althea and Denise and son-in-law Brian who is like a son to me. Bless them all.

Health, family and friends, having my mom around, thankful for my son Kyrie, to have a job to pay my bills.

Been alive and be present in the house of the Lord.

Freedom to resist oppression.

For my family's health and love, for my job, and all the blessings that God provide us every day.

My beautiful wife, my amazing daughter, my father's freedom, my mother's new job, my brother's new house, my sister's new college degree, my parish family, and my ministry path.

Tom and our granddaughters, Amelia and Addison.

Starting a new job with ACM and also for my husband. New job after two years of being unemployed. I am also thankful for my family and my relationship with my son. I pray that the lord continues to send blessings upon me and my family.

Grace and mercy given to me each day. Family, friends, my home, and also my church family.

My health! My mom who helped through my illness and recovery! My son, daughter, and sister who came to help me out! Thankful to Father Jim and prayers from St. Matthias!

Caring people.

My family and friends. My job and the ability to take care of my family.

Being able to enjoy being with friends and family.

Life, family (including my new son-in-law, Carlson), my church family, and my work facilitating nursing students' learning.

In memory of my mother Rosy Valle whom she is resting in peace with the Lord.

Our family that after being separated for 1 1/2 years, our Lord give us the opportunity to get back together under his love.

The fact that I won't have to listen to political ads on T.V. for a little while.

I am thankful for the church family I never knew I needed until I found one.

My wife – she takes care of me before I know I need to be taken care of... and for an amazing medical team.

Jesus, my savior, husband, Joe, St. Matthias family, our families and friends, wife, Mary.

Through it all I am giving God thanks to be alive.

Melody – I thank God for her.

All good gifts which are sent from heaven above.

My awesome new job, my great relationship with my daughters, my wonderful family.

A clear mind and health recovery. I give thanks to God for his grace and generosity!

Good health for myself and my son Gavin.

God's love, His grace, His peace, His presence. My loving family and friends, including my St. Matthias family. Fr. Jim & Janette. All of creation.

Life, Health, Family, Church, Friends.

*People may say their own petitions aloud or in silence.*

And for all those things known only to you,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all those celebrating their birthday, (especially, \_\_\_\_\_), and for all those celebrating their wedding anniversary, (especially, \_\_\_\_\_),

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, (especially, \_\_\_\_\_) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**





# DONATE BLOOD

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church  
Sunday, November 24  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Six Reusable Cups**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 58636**

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## ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY

The Community Outreach Committee is pleased once again to partner with Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Christian Fellowship. Through Angel Tree we embrace children who have an imprisoned parent by providing them with a gift, given in love, on behalf of the incarcerated parent. This year we have 65 children, ages 4 months old to 18 years old.

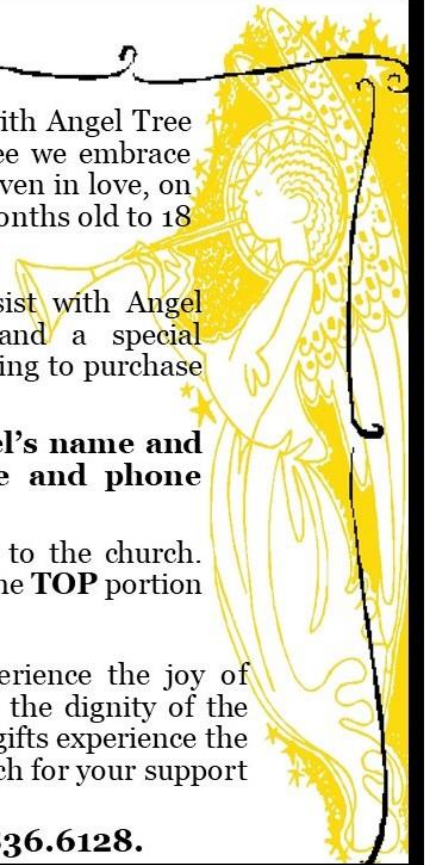
An outreach member will be in the Parish Hall after services to assist with Angel selection. Angels include a child's name, age, gift suggestions and a special Christmas message sent to the child from his/her parent. For those wishing to purchase gifts for a child, the suggested minimum value is \$50.00.

**If you chose to sponsor a child, please locate the child or angel's name and code number on the sign-up sheet; then record your name and phone number beside the angel's name.**

On Sunday, **December 8th** please return your gift in a **GIFT BAG** to the church. Remove the **BOTTOM** portion of the angel tag and remember to attach the **TOP** portion of the angel tag to your gift bag.

Everyone benefits from participating in Angel Tree: the children experience the joy of knowing their parents haven't forgotten them, the prisoner experiences the dignity of the child having something personal from him or her, and those who provide gifts experience the joy and spiritual growth of putting our faith into action. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry.

**If questions, please contact Mary Anne Lock at 270.836.6128.**



### HOW TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS

**CHECK OR CASH:** Envelopes are available at the back of the church for monetary donations to assist with gift purchases. A donation of any amount is very much appreciated.

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you would like some guidance, or additional information, you can use the following link to go to our website: <https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>.

Please use the following link for online giving: <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>. Enter an amount and under "Fund" click on the arrow to drop down to **Angel Tree**.

**TEXT GIVING:** Send your text to **73256** and in the body of the text write **matthias** and the **amount**. For example, matthias \$50. The church's keyword for giving is **matthias**.

#### GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Text your church's keyword and amount to **73256** on your smart phone.

Once the text is sent, you will receive a confirmation message.

Click the link in the confirmation message to access the payment form.

Complete the payment form and verify the amount and fund.

When finished, click Give.

You will receive a receipt by text and email.

Your payment information is saved for future gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Hope Blume at the Church Office 352.394.3855.

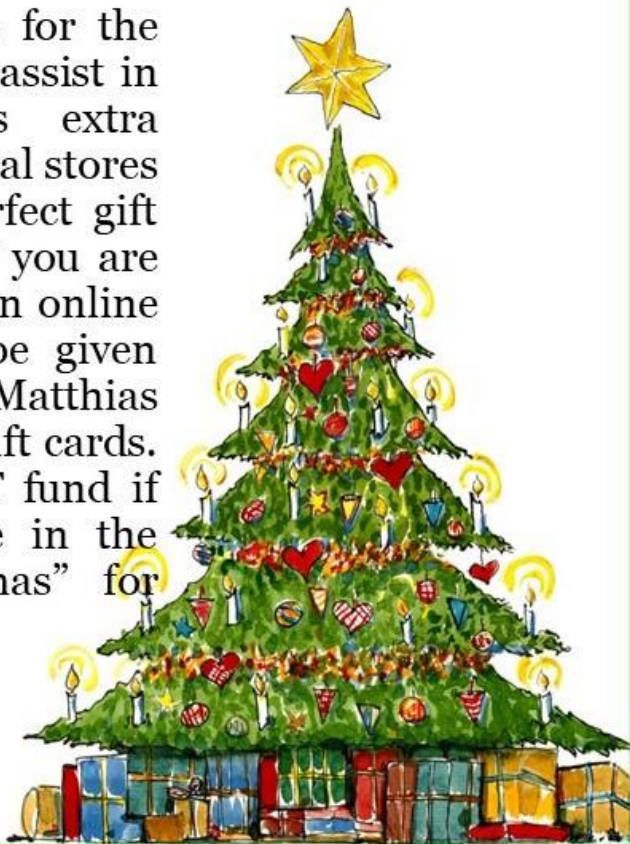
# Christmas Giving *for* **Families In Transition** **High School Students**

For the last few years we have been able to provide many Christmas gifts for our local Homeless High School Students who are a part of the Lake County School's Families in Transition program (FIT). These are the same students we have been helping provide food and personal hygiene items to throughout the year and we would once again like to extend our help in providing Christmas gifts.

High School aged students are typically the age group that is forgotten or hardest to provide for during the holidays and we want to help make a change and spread some Christmas cheer to these well-deserving young men and women.

If you are unable to shop for the students but would like to assist in making their Christmas extra special, gift cards to any local stores or restaurants make a perfect gift for students of this age. If you are unable to get a gift card, an online donation or check may be given and made payable to St. Matthias and we will purchase the gift cards. Be sure to choose the FIT fund if donating online and note in the memo line "FIT Christmas" for check donations.

**Additional information  
pertaining to this important  
initiative is provided on the  
back side.**



# Gifts Due to the Church by Sunday, December 1st

**Christmas collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary where you can place your unwrapped gifts.**

Please contact Co-Chairs, Hope Blume & Janette Dorn, or the Church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope: 352.978.6511 or hopeblume@gmail.com

Janette: 352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com

**Please remember we are collecting for High School aged students only.**



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## **Christmas Gift List**

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| Card Games  | Body Sprays    |
| Candy/Snack Gift Sets                                     | Jewelry        |
| Ear Buds  | Make-Up Kits   |
| Nail Polish Kits  | Body Lotions   |
| Holiday Socks   | Perfumes       |
| Hoodies   | Axe Body Spray |
| Solar Powered Chargers                                    |                |
| Charging Pads / Portable Chargers for Cell phones         |                |
| <b>Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores:</b> |                |
| McDonalds • Chick-Fil-A • Sonic                           |                |
| Culvers • Subway • Jersey Mikes                           |                |
| Amazon • Dollar General • Target • Walmart                |                |