

## THIS WEEK

DEC 3:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:00 PM – Children's Music Ministry
	12:15 PM – Full Pageant Rehearsal #1
	3:00 PM – Memorial Service for Bill Melvin at St. Matthew's
	3:00 PM – MCVN
DEC 4:	5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – SNL – High School
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	2:00 PM – Memorial Service for Bill Schneider at Falcons Landing
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group & Falcon's Landing Bible Study
DEC 5:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	7:00 PM – EFM & Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
DEC 6:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	5:30 PM – NA
	7:00 PM – Prayer & Praise
	7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
DEC 7:	7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Group
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	5:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind
DEC 8:	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
DEC 9:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

## ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	35
8:00 AM	RI	27
9:30 AM	RII	148
11:00 AM	RII	120
Faith Factory		53
Sunrise	MP	6

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$558,457

### Ways to Financially Support the Ministry Work at Saint Matthew's

- Online: [Go.stmmts.org/give](http://Go.stmmts.org/give)
- Download ACS Church Life App (Site #111141)
- Text 703-635-7890 text "\$ amount" Ex. \$100
- Bill Pay From Your Bank
- Offering Plate

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### Vestry:

Steve Buck, *Senior Warden*  
Darrell Breed, *Junior Warden*  
Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,  
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John  
Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

December 3, 2017

### Welcome...

...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today. We look forward to sharing our life with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

### Save the Date

December 6 – Prayer and Praise  
December 10 – Pageant Rehearsal  
December 17 – Pageant Rehearsal  
December 23 – 10am Pageant Rehearsal  
December 16 – Parish Work Day and Living Nativity  
December 17 – Lessons and Carols  
December 23 – No Saturday Service and Pageant Final Full Rehearsal  
December 24 Christmas Eve Services – 3pm Pageant, 7pm, 9pm, & 11pm

### Christmas Worship Schedule

#### Christmas Eve: December 24

No morning services on December 24

- ❖ **3:00pm**, Christmas Pageant and Communion in the Parish Hall
- ❖ **7:00pm**, Festival Christmas Service with Band
- ❖ **9:00pm**, Classic Christmas Service with Choir
- ❖ **10:30pm**, Carols
- ❖ **11:00pm**, Radiant Candlelight Service with Choir.

#### Christmas Day: December 25

- ❖ **10:00am**, Peaceful Communion

### Intercessory Prayer List

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. Please pray for the following:

Zader, Ken, Keegan family, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Shannon, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie & family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, Brittain family, Vera, Jane, Candace, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, Earthquake and Hurricane Victims, Grace, Jack, Bill, Paul, Steve, Emma, Tristan, Jackie, Ruth, Brian's family, Liisa's family, Kevin's family, Steven's family, Ray's family, Jon's family, Hazel, Debbie, Betty's family, Mike's family, Andrew's family, Kristen's family, Bob's family, Chambers family, Genesis, John, Chelsea, Joanne, Alina, Rebeccah, Amber, Sheri, Lise, Louise, Fredrik, Rolanda, Colleen, Stacy, Laurie, Nicholas, Gary, Cal, Angie's family, Benjamin, Vivian and sons, Patricia, Patti, Melvin family, Charlene, and Mervis.

**If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.**

### Requests for Prayer Shawls

To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to [barocon7@aol.com](mailto:barocon7@aol.com).

### Flower Dedication

The floral arrangements behind the altar this weekend are dedicated by Linda Merola to commemorate Fr. Rob's ordination to the priesthood on December 1, 1986.

### Sunday Night Live for Teens

SNL meets Sunday nights in the trailer. 6th-8th graders are invited to join from 5:30-7:00, and 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30. We'll see you there for relevant teachings, life-changing small groups, wacky activities, and worship.

### Review and Update Your Account

Check out the ACS Church Life app on your mobile device. You can update your contact information, access the church directory, review your giving, and even make offerings. You can also access the same information online at: [go.stmmts.org/myprofile](http://go.stmmts.org/myprofile).

### Online Shopping

Looking for a quick and easy way to support Saint Matthew's? When making a purchase on Amazon, use the following link: [go.stmmts.org/Amazon](http://go.stmmts.org/Amazon). Using this link will share a small portion of your purchase with Saint Matthew's. There's no additional charge to you. You can use the link and a scrip gift card to double your impact! Contact the church office at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org) for information.

### Saint Matthew's Columbarium Niches

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the Saint Matthew's Columbarium. This created an application process for those desiring to be interred in the Columbarium. A fee of \$1500 is required for each niche, which includes a portion for long term maintenance. If you would like to reserve a niche, please see Miriam for an application packet. Applications will be submitted through the Parish office to the Columbarium Executive Committee for action and approval. Questions can be directed to Steve Buck ([stevbuck@aol.com](mailto:stevbuck@aol.com)) or Darrell Breed ([darrell@stmmts.org](mailto:darrell@stmmts.org)).

### Living Nativity

Experience the Nativity. Join us on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm for our annual presentation of the Living Nativity. With the inn, live animals and familiar personalities the story comes to life. It's a perfect opportunity to enter the week before Christmas with a focus on the central event of the season. Our fabulous music ministry will be here celebrating the birth of our Savior. We'll have Hot Chocolate to warm our bodies as the story of the greatest gift ever warms our hearts. All are welcome, come any time between 6 and 8pm.

### Advent Wreaths and Materials

To help slow things down and put the "reason in the season", we will be offering advent materials for you to create the right kind of preparation for Christmas. Start by joining us **this weekend, after each service**, as we make advent wreaths with fresh greens and candles! On your way out this morning, you are invited to pick up a free Advent devotional by the front door.

### Financial Peace University 2018

Are you ready to make a financial turnaround in the New Year? Join us for Financial Peace University on Thursdays starting in January. Register at: <https://fpu.com/1053656>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
DECEMBER 3:	Brogan Schlabach
DECEMBER 4:	Alex Basil
DECEMBER 4:	Claire Hart
DECEMBER 5:	Pete Hart
DECEMBER 5:	Kris Golden
DECEMBER 7:	Melissa Hancock
DECEMBER 7:	Karen Circle
DECEMBER 7:	Mary Ann Smith
DECEMBER 7:	Koko Solomon
DECEMBER 7:	Martha Olson
DECEMBER 8:	Reggie Mervine
DECEMBER 9:	Lexi Westover
DECEMBER 9:	Aaliyah Jacoby

### Memorial Services

A memorial service will be held for Bill Melvin at St. Matthew's on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm.

A memorial service will be held for Bill Schneider on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Falcons Landing in Sterling.

### Giving Tree

The 2017 St. Matthew's Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please help others less than fortunate than we celebrate Christmas by selecting one or more ornaments from the tree and **returning the indicated items next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. The gifts should be returned unwrapped and left under the tree. If you would like to "adopt" a family this year, there are several house shaped ornaments on the tree with basic info about the families we are supporting this year. All donated ornament gifts will be taken to the LINK Christmas distribution site so they can be distributed to needy families. Contact Darrell Breed at 703-444-2451 or [darrellandmerry@verizon.net](mailto:darrellandmerry@verizon.net) for more information.

### Puerto Rico Mission Trip

We always go to help those with the greatest need! St. Matthew's is looking forward to serving the people of Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricane season of 2017. Tentatively scheduled for the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>, we are working with Praying Pelican Missions, who St. Matthew's has worked with for over a decade on other mission trips such as Haiti and Belize. This will be an adult mission trip that will involve a variety of ministries including rebuilding and children and community outreach. Please email David Diegtel at [Diegtelsport@gmail.com](mailto:Diegtelsport@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in attending.

### Prayer and Praise Worship

**Wednesday, December 6, 7pm**

You are invited to join Fr. Rob as he leads our December Prayer and Praise worship service. He's specifically chosen musical selections that have been meaningful to him in his spiritual journey and he looks forward to sharing them with you.

### Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! That means it's time to begin preparations for the Children's Christmas Pageant. The pageant is the Nativity Story told in a creative and rhyming way through the eyes of a child. We had an amazing turnout for casting and speaking auditions and I am excited to work with this talented group of children.

### Important Rehearsal Dates:

**Today, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #1 in the Sanctuary  
**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #2 in the Sanctuary  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #3 in the Sanctuary  
**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-11:30am:** FINAL Full Pageant Rehearsal in the Parish Hall (with risers/microphone)  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 2:15pm-**children arrive to get into costumes  
**3:00pm** Christmas Pageant!

If you are interested in volunteering or have further questions, please contact Ashly Townsend at [ashly@stmmts.org](mailto:ashly@stmmts.org).

### Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to **join us at 7pm on December 5<sup>th</sup> or 11am on December 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Classroom on the Hill. We are also accepting donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. canned tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups). Please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at [HLLlearning@gmail.com](mailto:HLLlearning@gmail.com) with any questions.