



ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MUSIC AND FORMATION OFFERINGS 2023

Children, Families, and Parents

We welcome all families to participate in ways that best meets their needs! Each Sunday, our Children's Formation hour is from 9:15-10:15. Village Church takes place once a month during that time. Please check our website for event details as they get closer. Contact Stephany at formation@stmatthewshillsborough.org with any questions.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/10-Start-Up Sunday
-Youth Kick-Off Party @5pm

- 9/15-Mom's Group Fall Party

- 9/17-Choral Evensong @4pm

- 9/21-Dad's Group Meet-Up

- 9/24- St. Matthew's Day, Baptisms
& Parish Picnic

- 9/29-10/1-Youth Retreat to Valle Crucis

OCTOBER

- 10/1-Village Church: Blessing of the
Animals @9:15am

- 10/6-Churchyard Movie Night 5:30-8:30pm

- 10/15- Taizé @4pm

- 10/19-Dad's Group Meet-Up

- 10/22- Mom's Early Coffee Meet-up @8:30

NOVEMBER

- 11/3-Youth Board Game Night, 6:30-8:30
Open to the Community

- 11/5-Village Church: Dia de los Muertos

- 11/16-Dad's Group Meet-Up

- 11/19-Children's Choral Evensong @4pm

- 11/26- Advent Wreathmaking!

DECEMBER

- 12/1-Youth Hot Cocoa & Firepit, 6:30-8:30
Open to the Community

- 12/3-Village Church: St. Nick & St. Lucia

- 12/7-Mom's Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

- 12/14-Dad's Group Meet-Up

- 12/17- Choral Evensong: Lessons & Carols

- 12/23- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 12/24- Christmas Pageant at 3pm

JANUARY

1/7- Village Church: Blessing of the Doors
-Bonfire & Chili Cook-Off

1/18- Dad's Group Meet-Up

1/21-Epiphany Lessons & Carols @4pm

1/28-Mom's Meet-Up

FEBRUARY

2/11-Secret Pals Reveal!

2/13-Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Supper!

2/14-Ash Wednesday
Services at 7am, 12pm, 7pm

2/18- Village Church: Journey to Jerusalem
Choral Evensong @4pm

2/22- Dad's Group Meet-Up

MARCH

3/3- Youth Group: 10:30 service + Kim's
Bakeshop

3/8- Mom's Meet-up for International
Women's Day!

3/17- Taize @4pm

3/21- Dad's Meet-Up

3/24- Palm Weaving for all!
Egg Stuffing Party!

3/31- Easter!
Easter Egg Hunt between services

APRIL

4/5-4/7- Youth Spring Retreat to Trinity

4/12- Mom's Group Meet-Up

4/18- Dad's Group Meet-Up

4/21- Choral Evensong @4pm

4/28- Youth Service @ 10:30am

MAY

5/5- Village Church: Rogationtide

5/12- Mom & Teacher Appreciation Brunch

5/16- Dad's Group Meet-Up

5/19- Godly Play Gallery Walk @ 9:15am

Sunday Forum Schedule

Fall Semester 2023 — 9:15-10:00 Sundays, Fellowship Hall and Zoom Meeting Channel

Sep 10	Startup Sunday!	Introducing our music and formation programs for all ages.
Sep 17	One Bread, One Body: The Eucharist as the Heart of our Parish Life	Worshipping God in the Eucharist is the heart of St. Matthew's. Learn about the Eucharist - the truth it delivers there about God, about us.
Sep 24	One Bread, One Body: The Eucharist and the Redeemed Community	Come for an imaginative journey through the Eucharist how God's redemption and Kingdom will be established in our lives.
Oct 1	Village Church with the Animals	Eucharist for all ages, celebrating Saint Francis with the blessing of animals
Oct 8	What is a pledge? What exactly are we stewards of?	Robert+ will explore the two basic ideas of stewardship season: the way a annual pledge affects the whole of parish life, and we'll discuss the spiritual, historical, and social riches of St. Matthew's as the gifts we are stewards of.
Oct 15	Just the Facts, Mam!' The Budget this year at St. Matthew's	Dorothy Wood, our Treasurer, will discuss our parish budgeting process with Robert+ explaining needs for the coming year.
Oct 22	Eden and the New Jerusalem	Living through a time of climate change, what is the church's role? How does our theology support us?
Oct 29	Voting and Electionss	On Sunday, Oct 1st, our own Jamie Cox, Chairperson of the Orange County Board of Elections, will lead a presentation and discussion of NC elections structure, context, and recent NC Supreme Court decisions aggravating fair elections.
Nov 5	Village Church: Día de los Muertos	Eucharistic Worship for all ages. A special service to remember and reconnect with beloved friends and family members who are in God's care.
Nov 12	"When I was hungry, you fed me."	St. Matthew's Feeds. Rachel Bearman, Executive Director from Meals on Wheels Orange County and Deacon Hugh Tilson will share about the hunger and isolation in Orange County, and how Meals on Wheels engages these.
Nov 19	"When I was in prison you visited me"	The Rev. Josh LeRoy reflects on the Christian mission at Orange County Correctional, and how you can get involved.
Nov 26	Village Church: Wreathing in the Season	Worship and Advent wreath making for all ages.
Dec 3	Advent 1- A Woman Robed in Silence	Saint Mary, pregnancy, and motherhood are the heart of the Advent. With poetry and images we will reflect on the mystery of Jesus' birth in our lives, and his birthing of us
Dec 10	Advent 2- Our Souls in Silence Wait	How we know and love God (and the world) in the Christian practice of silence.
Dec 18	Advent 3- Merrily on High	Come to sing carols together and learn about their meanings.

These two forums are the start of our new members class, with the next three sessions on Wednesday nights, Oct 11, 18, and 24 starting at 5:30pm. Childcare will be provided.

St. Matthew's Choirs And Music Offerings 2023

CHILDREN 3RD GRADE AND OLDER

At 5:30 pm on Wednesdays, the Junior Choir (children and youth, 3rd grade and older), will rehearse using the VOICE for LIFE curriculum of The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). At 6:15 pm, a dinner will be offered for all in attendance.

FOR CHILDREN, K - 2ND GRADE

For the fall semester, children will be singing for the 3pm Christmas Eve service with rehearsals during Advent. For the spring semester, children will be singing for the 4th Sunday of Lent, with rehearsals during Lent. Rehearsals are at 9am on Sunday mornings before the Christian Education hour.

FOR ADULT CHOIR

The Parish Choir rehearses from 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Wednesday evenings, which is preceded by a dinner for those in music ministry at 6:15pm. The choir also rehearses from 9:15am - 10:15am on Sundays and sings the 10:30am service. Other commitments include the 3rd Sunday Liturgies at 4pm, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week.

Third Sunday Liturgies at 4pm

September 17	Choral Evensong
October 15	Taizé
November 19	Choral Evensong
December 17	Lessons and Carols
January 21	Epiphany Lessons and Carols
February 18	Choral Evensong
March 17	Taizé
April 21	Choral Evensong
May 19	Jazz Vespers

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, *rector*
The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips, *associate rector*
Dr. Jason A. Wright, *director of music*