

Sermon Notes

**ST. MATTHEW**

February 13 & 14, 2021



Greetings Friends,

I look at our 3 readings for today and here is what I see. I see Elisha getting to see God use a fiery chariot, fiery horses and whirlwind to sweep Elijah away, leaving behind a supernatural cloak which allows Elisha to do supernatural things. And I think that really must have impacted Elisha's relationship with God and how he served.

I see Peter, James and John getting to go up a mountain with Jesus where they get to see Jesus glow while spending time with 2 long-dead super heroes of the Old Testament, and hearing the voice of God come directly from heaven. And I think that really must have impacted Peter, James and John's relationship with God and how they went about serving Him.

And I hear Paul in our reading from 2 Corinthians talking about this same God who called forth all of creation is now using that same power to show us His glory in the face of Christ.

And I sit here in my hum drum, COVID-19 world, feeling very ordinary and routine, and in a rut, thinking "I could really use some of that GLORY now! Where's the glory in 2021?!"

So let's go looking for the glory.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** 10:00 a.m.=The choirs will present a picture of Christ's transfiguration from today's gospel lesson in Paul Bouman's "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak", as well as sing a portion of the lesson itself, with soloist Brenda Hugo. Will Hugo, trumpet, will lead our processional hymn, as well as present a prelude and postlude to the service. Our thanks to all of our musicians and other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

**Prayers for the Week of February 14**

We pray for Helen Benson at the death of her brother, Merle.

***GIVING TO THE LORD***  
Weekly Worship Attendance: 46  
February Tithes & Offerings to date: \$7,402  
February Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, February 15

6:30 PM FACILITIES & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### Tuesday, February 16

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### Wednesday, February 17

1:00 PM CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

5:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

6:30 PM GRIEFSHARE

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### Thursday, February 18

10:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

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### Saturday, February 20

5:30 PM WORSHIP IN-PERSON

### Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—YOUTH/CHILDREN

10:00 AM WORSHIP ONLINE & IN-PERSON

1:00 PM FAMILY SLEDDING at KEYES PARK



## Festival Choir

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** Calling all singers as we begin rehearsals for our Good Friday/Easter Festival Choir! The first rehearsal will be held next week Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm in the worship center (masks required; social distancing and disinfecting will be observed).

This group will present special music for our 7 pm Good Friday Service of Darkness (April 2) as well as for an Easter service (April 4). Questions? Give Carol a call at 763-788-9427.

**CHOIRS ARE REMINDED** that rehearsal times change slightly this week. Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. St. Matthew Singers meet on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Give Carol a call at 763-788-9427.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

*Pick one up today!*

## ANNOUNCING...

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

### Wednesday Schedule Change!

**Confirmation** classes, **Hand in Hand** and **supervised gym** have ended, and plan to resume after Easter.

**Children's choir will continue meeting – Time change – from 5:00-5:30!!** If children want to use the gym after choir/before worship, it will be available ONLY if the daycare is *not* using it, and children are under parental supervision. Users will be responsible for sanitizing any toys/balls they play with.

### Youth Group - you are still meeting at 7:00.

*These schedule alterations happen so that your family can still attend worship in person, or have time to go home and watch worship on-line at 6:00 P.M.*

### Good Friday Family Event News

Last year the planned family event had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. It is being revised and adapted and will be a RECORDED/interactive event to be shown on St. Matthew Facebook and YouTube pages. There are several opportunities for volunteers:

- **Actors** – those who signed up last year get first shot. Remaining roles will be made available this week. Recording will happen on Sunday, March 21. I will attempt to get the Station actors one rehearsal session prior to that day. Let Brenda know if you are interested.
- **Fabric painting** – strips of cloth (already cut/torn) need to be neatly painted (fabric paint) with the words 'Jesus Loves Me'
- **Passport Packet Packing** – as reservations come in, Passport Packets will need to be prepped for families to pick up and take home prior to Good Friday.
- **Set set-up** (Saturday, March 20, 6:30 pm) – Help gather what is needed and set up canopies and curtains and miscellaneous lighting/props to get the set (in the gym) ready for recording
- **Set take-down** (Sunday, March 21, time tbd) – help take down and put away all set items after the recording session, so the gym is ready for daycare use on Monday morning.

Brenda's contact info: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org) or 763-788-9427, Tues-Thurs.