

March 1, 2009 /1st Sunday in Lent
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On this first Sunday in Lent, we welcome each of you and invite you to let this be a time for spiritual renewal. May the love of God be increased within us and be extended toward our fellow worshippers.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"It Matters to Him"* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 154 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6) *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 756 – Psalm 25:1 - 10
*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed
*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *"Glory Be to the Father"*

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 301 *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: 795 – Mark 1:9 - 15
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"Majesty Medley"* Choir

SERMON: *"Getting It Right"* Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: p. 15
*Hymn of Commitment: 298 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Cornerstone"* Choir
*RECESSIONAL

*Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

09:30am Altar Prayer
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship
3:00pm Emerald Gardens

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Mar. 2, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Mar. 3, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
7:00pm – Circle #2
7:00pm – Trustees Meeting
Wed., Mar. 4, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 5, 11:30am – VIP's

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Mar. 8, 2:00pm – Lay Speaking School at Broad St. UMC
Mon., Mar. 9, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Mar. 10, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
7:00pm – Mathews Village Association Meeting
Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 12, 6:30pm – Men's Club

SERVING OUR LORD:	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *As we worship, dear Lord, enable us to break down any barriers that might prevent us from being fully open to you. Amen.*

The Blood Pressure Screening has been rescheduled for Sunday morning, March 15, at 9:30am.

Art Class begins this Monday, March 2, at 7:00pm. We will be designing and painting new banners for the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join us for this great time of fun and fellowship. You don't have to be an expert artist, just be willing to try.

The Covered-Dish Luncheon & Planning Session last Sunday went well but we didn't get finished with all our plans. So, we are going to have another luncheon & planning session on Sunday, March 22 to continue the planning process and to follow up on the plans already made. Every member of the congregation is invited for the fellowship of the luncheon and is strongly encouraged to stay for the planning session. Members of the Church Council are expected to stay for the planning session.



God: **"Whew! I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth."**

Angel: "What are you going to do now?"

God: **"Call it a day."**