

March 8, 2009 /2nd Sunday in Lent

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

We have come to set our minds on the things of the Spirit. This should be a joyous experience for all. We are pleased to welcome every person who is present, and we extend to you the hand of friendship.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Cares Chorus"

Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 144

"This Is My Father's World"

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 753 – Psalm 22:25 - 31

*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: 145

"Morning Has Broken"

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 903 – Romans 4:13 – 25

ANTHEM

"Sheltered in the Arms of God"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 803 – Mark 8:31 - 38

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"Ever Felt Spiritually Inadequate?"

Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 530

"Are Ye Able"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"

Choir

*RECESSIONAL

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

09:30am Altar Prayer

11:00am Morning Worship

10:00am Sunday School

02:00pm Lay Speaking School at Broad St. UMC

THIS WEEK: *****

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

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Mar. 15, 9:30am – Blood Pressure Screening

2:00pm – Lay Speaking School at Broad St. UMC

Mon., Mar. 16, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Mar. 17, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting

Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00pm – Bible Study

7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Mar. 19, 6:30pm – Autism Support Group

SERVING OUR LORD:

Today

Next Week

Nursery:

Volunteer

Volunteer

Acolyte:

Andrew Joseph

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Preparation for Worship: *Remind us again, O God, of your loving presence, from which nothing can separate us. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

Blood Pressure Screening is next Sunday morning, March 15, at 9:30am.

Art Class is Monday at 7:00pm. We have completed two banners, but still have more to go. Everyone is invited to join us – you don't have to be an expert artist, just be willing to paint.

We have planned another Covered-Dish Luncheon & Planning Session for Sunday, March 22nd. Since we didn't get finished with all our plans at the last session, we are going to have another one to continue the planning process and to follow up on the plans already made. Every member of the congregation is strongly encouraged to stay for the fellowship of the luncheon and the planning session.

Easter Egg Hunt – We have planned a Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 11th. We are hoping to increase the number of children from last year so we need lots of volunteers to purchase large plastic eggs and candy to put in the eggs. If you are willing to do that, then please bring the eggs and candy to the church office by April 5. Thanks for your help!



"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." (C.S. Lewis)