

March 29, 2009 / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**J. William Harris, Pastor**

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

**“Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body” (Proverbs 16:24, NRSV). With the pleasant word of “Welcome!” we greet you.**

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*“Great and Mighty”*

Choir

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

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

\*Hymn of Praise: 64

*“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

Proclaiming the Word

\*Psalter: 785 – Psalm 51:1 - 17

\*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: 277

*“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

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: 965 – Hebrews 5:5 - 10

ANTHEM

*“We Have Not Received / Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 860 – John 12:20 - 33

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

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON:

***“Would You Like To See Jesus?”***

Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 526

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

\*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:**

9:30am Altar Prayer

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Morning Worship

**THIS WEEK:**

**Mon.**, Mar. 30, 7:00pm – Art Class

**Tues.**, Mar. 31, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

**Wed.**, Apr. 1, 7:00pm – Bible Study  
7:45pm – Choir Practice

**Thurs.**, Apr. 2, 11:30am – VIP’s  
6:00pm – Mathews Elementary PTO

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Sun.**, Apr. 5, 9:30am – Blood Pressure Screening  
3:00pm – Emerald Gardens

**Mon.**, Apr. 6, 7:00pm – Art Class

**Tues.**, Apr. 7, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

**Wed.**, Apr. 8, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

**Thurs.**, Apr. 9, 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service

**Sat.**, Apr. 11, 10:00am – Community Easter Egg Hunt

**SERVING OUR LORD:**

Today

Next Week

**Nursery:**

Volunteer

Volunteer

**Acolyte:**

Andrew Joseph

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**Preparation for Worship:** *Loving God, we focus daily on our bodies. Make us restless until we focus daily on the condition of our souls. 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.

**An Honorarium for Rev. John Hipp** was received from the Willing Workers Sunday School Class.

**Art Class** is Monday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Our Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt** is planned for Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00noon. We need lots of volunteers to help with the following:

- Purchase large plastic eggs and candy to put in the eggs. Please bring the eggs and candy to the church office by next Sunday, April 5.
- Help with the Egg Hunt – hide eggs, help the children find eggs, assist with the games, or help in the kitchen. Please be here by 9:45am.
- Bring refreshments. Since we’re expecting a lot of people and there isn’t a set time for eating, we want to make the refreshment area as sanitary as possible by serving small individual bags of chips, wrapped desserts such as Little Debbie’s, and sandwiches cut into quarters. We also need 2 liter soft drinks. Please try to bring the non-perishable items to church by Wednesday, April 8, so we’ll have an idea of what we’ll have and still need to purchase.

Thanks to everyone for making this Easter Egg Hunt a fun time for our children and the children in the Mathews community.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meals** will begin on May 17, 2009.