

February 22, 2009 / Transfiguration of the Lord

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We're delighted to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. May we all be encouraged as we open ourselves to God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Is There Anything I Can Do for You?" Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

\*Hymn of Praise: 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

Proclaiming the Word

\*Psalter: 783 - Psalm 50:1 - 6

\*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: 297 "Beneath the Cross 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: 926 - II Corinthians 4:3 - 6

ANTHEM "O Say, But I'm Glad" Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURES READING: 804 - Mark 9:2 - 9

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Yes You Can!" Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*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 11:00am Morning Worship
10:00am Sunday School 12:00pm Covered-Dish Luncheon

THIS WEEK:

Tues., Feb. 24, 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - BALOO & GOLD DINNER/Social Hall
Wed., Feb. 25, 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service at Harris UMC
8:00pm - Choir Practice

NEXT WEEK:

Sun., Mar. 1, 9:30am - Blood Pressure Screening
3:00pm - Emerald Gardens
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

Table with 3 columns: SERVING OUR LORD, Today, Next Week. Rows for Nursery (Volunteer) and Acolyte (Andrew Joseph).

Preparation for Worship: Creator of us all, in your presence we find that we are spiritual paupers. We humbly ask you to remedy the problem by making us rich with your love and mercy. 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.

Our Covered-Dish Luncheon & Planning Session is today, immediately after the morning worship service. Every member of the congregation is invited for the fellowship of the luncheon and is strongly encouraged to stay for the planning session. We will be planning events and activities for the rest of this year. Members of the Church Council are expected to stay for the planning session.

Ash Wednesday - February 25 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. Our charge will conduct a service of preparation and penitence this Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at Harris UMC. Pastor Harris will be driving the church van from Mathews to Harris, then back, for those who would like a ride to this service. The van will leave the church at 6:30pm.

Art Class will start up again on Monday, March 2. We will be designing and painting new banners for the sanctuary. This is a great time of fun and fellowship, so save this date on your calendar and plan to attend. You don't have to be an expert artist, just be willing to try.

Wow! You think your utility bills are high? The utility bill for our church for the month of January was \$1,885.61. Thanks to everyone for your tithes & offerings; they really do help pay the bills.



"Always set a place in your life for the unexpected guest."