August 2, 2009
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**We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's grace rest upon us and prepare us for the week ahead. Welcome to all!**

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

**PRELUDE**
**CALL TO WORSHIP** ***"Praise His Holy Name"*** **Choir**
**WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)***
**MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING**
**INVOCATION**
***Hymn of Praise: 92** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**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**
**THE OFFERTORY**
***THE DOXOLOGY**: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

***Hymn of Preparation**: 621 (2 times) *"Be Present at Our Table Lord"*

**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: 852 – John 6:24 - 38
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"* Choir

SERMON**:** ***"The Key to Serenity"*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** 15
*Hymn of Commitment: 382 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"* Choir
*RECESSIONAL

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP …**

**TODAY:**
9:30am Altar Prayer
9:30am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship
3:00pm Emerald Gardens

**THIS WEEK:** **********
**Tues**., Aug. 4, 7:00pm – Trustees
**Wed**., Aug. 5, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
**Thurs**., Aug. 6, 11:00am – VIP's
7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

**NEXT WEEK:** **********
**Mon**., Aug. 10, 7:00pm – Art Class
**Wed**., Aug. 12, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
**Thurs**., Aug. 13, 6:30pm – Men's Club

| **SERVING OUR LORD:** | **Today** | **Next Week** |
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| **Nursery:** | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| **Acolyte:** | Andrew Joseph | Andrew Joseph |

**Preparation for Worship:** *We come hungry and thirsty for your Word, O Lord. Feed us, and then we shall be satisfied. 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.

**A Memorial for Perrine Polatty** was received from Rev. & Mrs. William J. Vines.

**Art Class** has been cancelled for tomorrow. Our next class will be August 10.

**Homecoming** is Sunday, August 23, 2009!! Our service will begin at 10:45am with Rev. Mary Teasley as our guest speaker. We will also have special music. Our covered-dish meal will begin at 12:00pm in the Social Hall. The church will provide the meat, we ask everyone else to bring a covered-dish.

If you know of anyone that you would like to have invited, please fill out one of the address forms that we have located in the vestibule and on the altar rail. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**VBS Mission Project: School Supplies** – During Vacation Bible School, our mission project was to collect school supplies for Mathews Elementary School. We are asking the congregation of Mathews Church to help with this project. Please pick up a supply list from the display table in the sanctuary. Bring your purchases back to church and put them on the display table. We will take up supplies through Aug. 16. Thanks so much for your help!

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a privilege it is to be alive –
to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."
(Marcus Aurelius)