

November 1, 2009 / All Saints Sunday

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

Welcome to worship on this All Saints' Day! May we all be open to the Lord's presence and have this worship service fill us all with confidence and hope as we prepare for the week ahead.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"* Choir

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

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 154 (vs. 1, 2, 6) *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 755 – Psalm 24:1 - 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"*

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 707

"Hymn of Promise"

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: 1001 – Revelation 21:1 - 6

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"I Then Shall Live"* Choir

SERMON: ***"What Is Heaven Like?"*** Dr. J. William Harris

Responding to the Word

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: 15

*Hymn of Commitment: 557 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"God Be with You"* 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
9:30am Blood Pressure Screening 11:00am Morning Worship 3:00pm Emerald Gardens

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Nov. 2, Church Office Closed

6:30pm – Cub Pack 905 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Nov. 3, 7:00pm – Circle #2 in Social Hall 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting

Wed., Nov. 4, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Nov. 5, 11:30am – VIP's

NEXT WEEK: *****

Mon., Nov. 9, 6:30pm – Cub Scout Pack 905 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., Nov. 11, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Nov. 12, 6:30pm – Men's Club

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

Preparation for Worship: *Dear Lord, on this All Saints' Day, put the desire in each of our hearts to be holy as you would have us be. 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 Dr. Bill Harris was received from Dr. David & Marie Wren and Ralph & Betty Thomas.

Memorials for Margaret Maddox were received from: Elizabeth Moody, Frances Vaughn. And Jim & Mary Long

Today is All Saints' Sunday. We remember the Saints of Mathews UMC who have joined the Church Triumphant since last year:

Mr. Martin Mewborn	November 24, 2008
Mr. Ben W. Palmer, Jr.	March 26, 2009
Mrs. Leila Peurifoy	April 24, 2009
Mrs. Marjorie Melton	June 14, 2009
Mrs. Perrine Polatty	July 11, 2009
Mrs. Margaret Maddox	October 1, 2009

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal for November will be moved to the 4th Sunday, November 22nd, for our Thanksgiving Celebration. This will be a Soup & Sandwich Meal. **The Soup will be provided; we will need you to bring sandwiches, desserts and drinks.** Plan now to attend this great time of fellowship.

Decorate for Christmas. After the meal on November 22nd, we are going to decorate the church for the Christmas season. We need lots of volunteers. All those who wish to help decorate are asked to stay after the meal to help.

