November 8, 2009
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A joyous greeting to one and all. We're pleased that you're here to worship our Creator. We especially welcome all veterans, as our nation honors them this week.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"Open Our Eyes"*
Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 437 *"This Is My Song"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 777 – Psalm 42
*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: 140 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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 OLD TESTAMENT: 732 – Amos 5:14 - 15, 21 - 27

ANTHEM *"Love Grew Where the Blood Fell"*
Choir

THE READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: 808 – Mark 12:38 - 44
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"A Thought for Your Pennies"* Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 349 (2 times) *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*
*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 11:00am Morning Worship
THIS WEEK: **********
Mon., Nov. 9, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class
Wed., Nov. 11, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 12, 6:30pm – Men's Club
NEXT WEEK: **********
Mon., Nov. 16, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Nov. 17, 7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting
Wed., Nov. 18, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

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

Preparation for Worship: *Loving Creator, just as the psalmist wrote, "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God," so we thirst inwardly for you. Fill us with your love. Amen. (Psalm 42:2, NRSV)*

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.

Memorials for Margaret Maddox were received from:
Wanda Miles Denton & Ramona Jefferson Emma Corley
Jo & Donnie Perry Chug Matthews SS Class

Our Thanksgiving Celebration Meal is November 22nd after the morning worship service. We wish for everyone to attend as this will be a time to express our gratitude to God for our many blessings. This meal will be a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. 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.

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Things we CANNOT control:
- Someone else's faults
- How long we live
- Another person's opportunities

Things we CAN control:
- *Our* attitude
- The *kind* of life we live
- What we do with *our* opportunities