

November 22, 2009
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**“O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”
(Psalm 136:1, NRSV) This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let us be greatly
thankful for all of God’s blessings. Welcome to all!**

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *“Lord, We Praise You”* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 131 *“We Gather Together”*
Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 847 – Psalm 126
*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: 102 *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

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 EPISTLES: 944 – Philippians 4:4 - 9

ANTHEM *“Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings”* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 769 – Matthew 6:25 - 33
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Saying ‘Please & Thank You’ Is Not Just for 2-Year-Olds” Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 75 *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*
*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:
09:30am Altar Prayer 11:00am Morning Worship
10:00am Sunday School 12:00pm Thanksgiving Fellowship
THIS WEEK: *****
Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class
Wed., Nov. 25, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 26, **Happy Thanksgiving!**
NEXT WEEK: *****
Sun., Nov. 29, **First Sunday of Advent**
Mon., Nov. 30, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Dec. 1, 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting
Wed., Dec. 2, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Dec. 3, 11:30am – VIP’s
Fri., Dec. 4, 6:00pm – Willing Workers Class Christmas Dinner
Sat., Dec. 5, 6:30pm – Chug Matthews Class Christmas Dinner

| SERVING OUR LORD: | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Week</u> |
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| Nursery: | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Acolyte: | Andrew Joseph | Andrew Joseph |

Preparation for Worship: *Lord, we gather together in love and great appreciation for your constant grace and many gifts. Prompt us to remember that you simply open your hands and all our needs are met. 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 Margaret Maddox was received from Ray & Sara Ouzts.

Our Thanksgiving Celebration Meal is today 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. Don’t worry if you forgot about the meal and didn’t bring anything; we have plenty to go around. We just want everyone to enjoy the fellowship with our church family.

Decorating for Christmas. After the meal today 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.



Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
(Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-1882)