

October 11, 2009 / World Communion Sunday

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

With joy we welcome everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator. May God's Spirit touch us all so we may know that we've been in the presence of the Almighty.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP "Commune With Me" Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 145 "Morning Has Broken"
Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 752 – Psalm 22:1 – 11
*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: 599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

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: 805 – Mark 10:17 - 31
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Give Me a Clean Heart / Into My Heart" Choir

SERMON: "When Your Religion is Insufficient" Dr. Bill Harris
Responding to the Word

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: p.15
*Hymn of Commitment: 419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" 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., Oct. 12, 7:00pm – Art Class
Wed., Oct. 14, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 15, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Oct. 18, 12:00pm – 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal & Pastor Appreciation
1:00pm – Web Ministry Committee Meeting
Mon., Oct. 19, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Oct. 20, 7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting
Wed., Oct. 21, 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: *Dear Lord, may the fire of your love burn away any false pride or selfishness that we find difficult to repel. 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.

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal & Pastor Appreciation – Bring your favorite covered-dishes and plan on having a great time of fellowship. Come and show your appreciation for Bill and the ministry he is doing for our Lord. We invite all members of the congregation to participate in this event.

Sunday, Oct. 18 – Web Ministry Committee Meeting – This committee will meet after the 3rd Sunday Fellowship meal to discuss the needs of the church relating to the church's website. Members of this committee are: Dale Moseley, Chair; Beau Lockaby, Chip Snelling, Ann Landis, Harriett Snelling, and David Joseph.

Sunday, Oct. 25 – Charge Conference at 4:30pm at Harris UMC. All Church Council members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 31 – 'Trunk or Treat' – We will be hosting a 'Trunk or Treat' event for the Mathews Community on Halloween night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the back parking lot. This event involves lots of people volunteering to decorate the trunks of their vehicles, buying candy and giving that candy out to the children who come to 'trick or treat.' We'll also have games with prizes. We'll need volunteers for the games, too. We're going to need lots & lots of candy! If you can't be here but still want to help, please buy as much candy as you can afford and bring it to the church office by Sunday, Oct. 25.

Bereavement Fund – Have you made your \$12.00 contribution to this fund for this year? This is a yearly requirement for each member of the church so that we may provide a hot meal to the families of our dearly departed ones. Thank you for your participation.