

September 13, 2009
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“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another ...” (Romans 15:5, NRSV). May that be our goal as we welcome and support one another in the name of the Lord.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP “He’s Able” Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 750 – Psalm 19

*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: 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 GOSPELS: 803 – Mark 8:27 - 38

ANTHEM “I Found the Answer” Choir

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 973 – James 3:1 - 12

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “What You Can Do with Words” Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “May You Run and Not Be Weary” Choir

*RECESSIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Sept. 14, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Sept. 15, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting

Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:00pm – ‘3 Simple Rules’ Bible Study

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Sept. 20, 12:00 Noon – 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal

1:15pm – Lay Leadership Meeting 2:00pm – Finance Meeting

Mon., Sept. 21, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Sept. 22, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:00pm – ‘3 Simple Rules’ Bible Study

Sat., Sept. 26, 9:00am to 12:00 Noon – Health Fair

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

Preparation for Worship: Dear Lord, may this time of worship be an awakening experience for us all. Show us your will and grant us the guidance and power to fulfill the role you have for each of us. 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 Samuel E. Harrison was received from Earl & Rachel Harrison.

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“Epworth became my mother and father,” (former Epworth resident). Annual Work Day is today! Please remember that Epworth depends on this offering to provide the quality care that has come to be expected from this state’s flagship children’s home agency.

3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal is next Sunday, Sept. 20. This meal will be a **Church Employee Appreciation Dinner** for our staff members; Jesse, Libby, and Ray. You have been touched many times by the efforts of our staff members. Join in expressing appreciation to them on Sunday, September 20, at our congregational lunch following the worship service.

Committee Schedule for our Charge Conference:

→ Sept. 20 – Lay Leadership will meet at 1:15pm – Finance will meet at 2:00pm.

→ Sept. 27 – S/PPRC will meet at 4:00pm. Church Council will meet at 5:00pm.

Committee Members:

❖ Committee on Lay Leadership (nominations): David Joseph, Beau Lockaby, Chip Snelling, Ray Snelling, Mary Turner, Agnes Minor

❖ Finance Committee: Denton Jefferson, David Joseph, Ann Landis, Ray Snelling, Chip Snelling, Beau Lockaby, Jesse Nance, Ralph Thomas

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