

January 17, 2010 / Human Relations Day

**J. William Harris, Pastor**  
John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

**Jesus said, 'Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away' (John 6:37, NRSV).  
Our Lord welcomes each of us here today. Consider yourself warmly welcomed in  
the name of Christ.**

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP "There's a River of Life" Choir  
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)  
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING  
INVOCATION  
\*Hymn of Praise: 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Proclaiming the Word

\*Psalter Reading: 771– Psalm 36:5 - 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  
THE OFFERTORY  
\*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

\*Hymn of Preparation: 378 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) "Amazing Grace"

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: 598 – Isaiah 62:1 - 5

ANTHEM "O Happy Day" Choir

THE READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: 847 – John 2:1 - 11  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Follow the Signs!" Dr. Bill Harris  
Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 526 "What a Friend We Have in 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:**  
09:30am Altar Prayer 11:00am Morning Worship  
10:00am Sunday School 06:00pm PPRC Meeting at Harris UMC

**THIS WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Mon.**, Jan. 18, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class  
**Tues.**, Jan 19, 7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting  
**Wed.**, Jan. 20, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

**NEXT WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Sun.**, Jan. 24, 12:00pm – Lay Speakers & Witness/Evangelism – Eat & Meet  
**Mon.**, Jan. 25, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Art Class  
**Wed.**, Jan. 27, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

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

**Preparation for Worship:** *Heavenly Creator, as we remember how Christ prayed for his followers to be one, give us the desire to be unified with all who follow him 'that the world may believe' in you. Amen. (John 17:21, 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.

**PPRC Meeting Today** – There will be a joint PPRC meeting today at Harris UMC at 6:00pm. Members of this committee for 2010 are: Ann Landis (Chair), Donna Dolphin, Chip Snelling (Lay Leader), Harriett Snelling, and Gene Wilson.

**Lay Speakers & Witness/Evangelism Committee** – Next Sunday, after the morning worship, these two groups will meet in the Social Hall for an Eat & Meet session. This meeting is also open to anyone who has an interest in the planning of church events for the year.

**Jan/Feb Newsletters & Contribution Tax Forms** are now finished and have been placed in the vestibule. Please take yours only. Those not picked up today will be mailed this week.

**Newspaper Ad** – The cost of our ad in The Index Journal that appears every Saturday on the religion news page is \$35.00 per month. If you would like to help pay for this ad, please place \$35.00 in a brown offering envelope and mark it 'newspaper ad'. Thanks!

**Children's Goody Bags** – We need volunteers to make goody bags for Kids of the Kingdom time. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the pastor's office. Please sign up for the month(s) that you wish to help. If you wish, you can provide the candy only and the bags will be made for you.

**Offering Envelopes** – A limited number of the boxed offering envelopes are available. They are located on the tables in the vestibule and in the upstairs hallway. Also, we are receiving a few envelopes with cash that do not have names on them. Please make sure your name is on the envelope, especially if you want credit for it.