

May 10, 2009 / Mother's Day
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On this wonderful Mother's Day, we lift up all mothers in our prayers to God. May the Holy Spirit grant them joy and peace. We rejoice in the presence of each worshiper. Welcome, friends!

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP "This Is the Day" Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 753 – Psalm 22:25 - 31
*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

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS & WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

*Hymn of Preparation: 445 "Happy the Home When God Is There"

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: 984 – I John 4:7 - 21

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "He Never Changes" Choir

SERMON: "The Passage That Interprets Us Responding to the Word" Dr. Bill Harris

*Hymn of Commitment: 408 "The Gift of Love"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "He's Able" Choir

*RECESSIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

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

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., May 11, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., May 12, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

Wed., May 13, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., May 14, 6:30pm – Men's Club

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., May 17, 12:00pm – 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal

2:00pm – Church Council Meeting

Mon., May 18, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., May 19, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts

7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting

Wed., May 20, 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: Lord, make us mindful of the joy your grace can be to us. Grant us the gift of your presence, we pray. 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.

Memorials for Leila Peurifoy were received from:

Dolly Bain	Lee, Broome, MacBay & Associates
Loree Bailey	Earl & Kay Stanton
Sybil Baker	The Cambridge Club
Earl & Rachel Harrison	Kathleen Todd
Emily Dominick	The Jack W. Tribble, Jr. family
John Andrew Dominick	Leslie Stanton Hinton
Mr. Lee Padgett	Matt Stanton
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peurifoy	Margaret Ashford
T.E. & Betty Kirby	

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal is next Sunday, May 17, 2009. We invite and encourage everyone to participate. Bring your favorite covered-dishes and plan to have an enjoyable time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity to gather in the name of Jesus to break bread with one another and to support our church.

Vacation Bible School Needs – We are going to need potato chips, Little Debbie cakes and lots of 2 liter drinks for our meals. If you would like to help out with this need, please bring your items to the social hall. We thank you.

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"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."
(Honore' de Balzac)

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