November 16, 2008
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We welcome all who have come to worship on this glorious Sunday. May we all be open to the benefits of God's grace. Let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"Seek Ye First"* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 370 *"Victory in Jesus"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 797 – Psalm 76
*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: 398 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 949 – I Thessalonians 5:1 - 11

ANTHEM *"Spirit Song"* Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 789 – Matthew 25:14 - 30
This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"That's Not God in the Picture"* Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 348 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *"We Will Stand"* 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: **********

Tues.,	Nov 18,	6:30pm –	Cub Scouts
		7:00pm –	Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting
Wed.,	Nov. 19,	7:00pm –	Bible Study
		7:45pm –	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	Nov. 20,	6:00pm –	Autism Support Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK: **********
Tues., Nov. 25, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Nov. 26, No Bible Study
Thurs., Nov. 27, Happy Thanksgiving!!

SERVING OUR LORD:	**Today**	**Next Week**
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *May we properly invite you, dear Lord, to enter our hearts so we may know we've been in your presence. 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.

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DECORATING THE CHURCH …

We invite everyone to come and help
'Decorate the Church' for the
Christmas Season
Next Sunday, November 23, 2008
at 2:00pm.

There will be Soup & Cornbread available after the worship service for those who wish to stay and help decorate the church.