

November 23, 2008 / Christ the King Sunday

J. William Harris, Pastor

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We offer a joyful greeting to all who have come to worship our Creator. May we be open to the Holy Spirit and receive all benefits of God's grace today. Welcome!

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 694
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 821 - Psalm 100
*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: 131
"We Gather Together"

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: 937 - Ephesians 1:15 - 23

ANTHEM
Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 789 - Matthew 25:31 - 46
This is the Word for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
"Getting Ready for the Judgment Day"
Responding to the Word
Dr. Bill Harris

*Hymn of Commitment: 75
"ALL People That on Earth Do Dwell"
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE
"We Will Stand"
*RECESSIONAL
Choir

*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
02:00pm Decorate Church

THIS WEEK: *****

Tues., Nov. 25, 6:30pm - Cub Scouts

Wed., Nov. 26, No Bible Study

Thurs., Nov. 27, Happy Thanksgiving!!

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., Nov. 30, 1st Sunday of Advent

Tues., Dec. 2, 6:30pm - Cub Scouts

7:00pm - Circle #2

7:00pm - Trustees

Wed., Dec. 3, 7:00pm - Bible Study

7:45pm - Choir Practice

Thurs., Dec. 4, 11:30am - VIP's

Fri., Dec. 5, 6:00pm - Willing Workers Class Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 6, 6:00pm - Chug Matthews Class Christmas Party

Table with 3 columns: SERVING OUR LORD:, Today, Next Week. Rows include Nursery: Volunteer and Acolyte: Andrew Joseph.

Preparation for Worship: Dear God, on this Lord's Day before Thanksgiving, help us be totally sincere in our every expression of gratitude for your innumerable blessings. 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.

An Honorarium for the Nurses & Staff of the 3rd Floor Tower Vascular Care Unit at Self Regional Healthcare was received from Dr. David & Marie Wren for the Mathews Budget in recognition of the special care given to Margaret Maddox for her surgery and care on Nov. 12 & 13, 2008.

"A Connie Maxwell Christmas" - December 4, 5, and 6, 2008, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Everyone is invited and the admission is free. You may drive through the campus to enjoy the lights, Christmas music, and the live nativity scene, or you can take a ride on a horse-drawn wagon to enjoy the same. For more information, call 1-800-868-2624 or visit www.conniemaxwell.com.



DECORATING THE CHURCH ...

We invite everyone to come and help 'Decorate the Church' for the Christmas Season today at 2:00pm.

(We do have Soup & Cornbread available for those who wish to stay after the worship service instead of going home or out for lunch and then coming back to decorate.)

