

We are grateful for 99 years of worship, fellowship, & ministry as a 'light on the hill' in this community. Your presence enhances the meaningfulness of this worship service. Welcome, dear friends! Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "How Great Thou Art" 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: 804 – Psalm 82

\*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed

\*The Gloria Patri: 70 – "Glory Be to the Father"

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GREETINGS and REFLECTIONS

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: 378

"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 HOLY SCRIPTURES

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Then Shall Live" Choir

SERMON Rev. Mary Teasley

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\*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:

09:30am Altar Prayer

10:45am Homecoming Celebration

10:00am Sunday School

12:00pm Fellowship Meal

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

Mon., Aug. 24, 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., Aug. 26, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Aug. 27, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

Sat., Aug. 29, 5 - 6:30pm Hot Dog Sale 7:00pm – Gospel Singing

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

Mon., Aug. 31, 7:00pm – Art Class

Tues., Sept. 1, 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting

Wed., Sept. 2, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice

Thurs., Sept. 3, 11:30am – VIP's 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

Table with 3 columns: SERVING OUR LORD, Today, Next Week. Rows: Nursery, Acolyte.

Preparation for Worship: Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we belong to you. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. 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.



Homecoming Celebration! Welcome to our Homecoming Celebration. We are delighted to have Mary Teasley, our District Superintendent, worship with us and deliver the sermon. Music will be presented by Jesse Nance and the Church Choir and by Chaney Rolin, Christi Hollingsworth, Audrey Lockaby, James Cannon, and Josh Snelling.

Committee Schedule – The Charge Conference for Harris and Mathews Churches will be held at Harris on Sunday, October 25, at 4:30pm. In preparation for the conference, committees will meet on Sept. 20 (Lay Leadership and Finance) and on Sept. 27 (SPPRC and Church Council). Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed in early October.

Gospel Singing – Mathews UMC is hosting a Gospel Sing this Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7:00pm. This event features the Ken Clubb Singers and the Centurions. This is a free will / love offering concert. We will also have a Hot Dog sale before the concert from 5:00 - 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Plan now to bring your family and friends to an enjoyable evening of food and 'good ole' gospel music.

