November 9, 2008
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We offer a cheerful welcome to each worshiper. We're pleased that you're here. We especially greet all veterans, remembering that November 11 is Veterans Day.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"He's Everything to Me"* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 369 *"Blessed Assurance"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 799 – Psalm 78:1 - 4, 32 - 38
*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: 454 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

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 4:13 - 18

ANTHEM *"The Longer I Serve Him / Whatever It Takes Me"* Choir

SEOCND SCRIPTURE READING: 789 – Matthew 25:1 - 13
This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON ***"A Lesson on Readiness"*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 472 *"Near to the Heart of God"*
*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. 11, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
7:00pm – Mathews Village Assoc. Meeting
Wed., Nov. 12, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 13, 6:30pm – Men's Club
NEXT 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

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

Preparation for Worship: *Loving Creator, help us gather our thoughts and focus on your will for our lives. May this time of worship be pleasing to you and a time of spiritual growth for us. 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.

Community Events – Just to bring you up to date on the outreach programs that are going on at our church. We have a number of Community Groups that meet in our Social Hall.

- The *Mathews Village Association* meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This is open to all who live in the Mathews Community.
- The *Wisewood Neighborhood Association* meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This is for the residents of Wisewood Subdivision.
- A new group, the *Autism Support Group*, will have their first meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:00pm. This group will offer support, counseling, and information that will help with the concerns of families that live with and raise an autistic child.
- The *Cub Scouts* are also meeting on each Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in Rooms 101 & 103. Cub Scouting is for kids ages 7 thru 10, or 1st thru 5th grades.

Please keep these groups in your daily prayers. They are an important part of this community and meeting at Mathews UMC keeps our name out in the public, reminding people that we are still here in the community.

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