

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Gift of Love" Ronaele

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Edd Spencer

Pastor: Let us declare the greatness of God!

People: **Who fills the earth with beauty.**

Pastor: Causes the sea to shout praise,

People: **And the birds to sing glory.**

Pastor: Great and loving is our God!

People: **Touching us in our need.**

Pastor: Sending friends to listen and embrace,

People: **Giving food in all seasons with abundant grace.**

Pastor: Holy and awesome is our God!

People: **Painting sunsets that take our breath away.**

Pastor: Whispering comfort in the darkest night,

People: **Holding us with infinite and tender care.**

All: **And now we come in worship to praise God for all these blessings. To lift up our voices in singing glory to His Holy name.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Chalice Hymnal No. 5

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI**

(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)

Rev. Edd Spencer

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Rev. Edd Spencer

Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder. (An experiential worship experience for children which meets in our library).

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship

Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Schaum

Kathy Mann, Violin and David Brasher, Piano

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Berry
Kathy Mann, Violin and David Brasher, Piano

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Chalice Hymnal No. 602

Invitation to Communion Ann Langley

Prayer of Communion Jim Langley

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC "We Hear and Obey" Nerak

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

SCRIPTURE Mark 7: 32-37 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Invisible!?" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SPECIAL MUSIC "Is Anyone Listening?" Kirk Franklin
Signing: Stacy Cason

***INVITATION and BENECTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***POSTLUDE** "Higher Praise" Phillipe

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 8

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moments
10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 am Children's Worship and Wonder

MONDAY, August 9

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Zephaniah
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Elders Gathering

TUESDAY, August 10

7:00 pm Finance Council

THURSDAY, August 12

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study on John

FRIDAY, August 13 & SATURDAY, August 14

7:00 pm – 10:00 am Regional Back-to-School Chi Rho & CYF Lock-In

SATURDAY, August 14

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Alabama/Northwest Florida Clergywomen's Luncheon



Sunday, August 8, 2010

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WELCOME BACK

We welcome Mary Pat back to morning worship. We celebrate that she had a great sabbatical and returns to us refreshed in mind, spirit, and soul. Welcome Home Mary Pat!

ELDERS

Tomorrow night the Elders will gather at 6:30 pm in the Farkas Room. Mary Pat will share the highlights and spiritual moments of her sabbatical. Special appreciation is extended to all the Elders in their wonderful ministry during her absence.

EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The men begin a new Bible Study on the book of Zephaniah tomorrow morning at 7:00 am in the Fireside Room. This would be a great opportunity for men of First Christian to join the Bible Study. There is always room for more men in our special circle of learning God's Word.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The men are studying the Gospel of John on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. This week they will be exploring Chapter 7. End your day with God's Word.

LOOKING AHEAD IN AUGUST

August is a slow month in the life of the church, but please notice the special activities that will be happening in the church:

Monday, August 9 - Elder Gathering

Friday, August 13 - Regional Lock-In

Sunday, August 15 - Ona/Ruth

Monday, August 23 - Pastor's Cabinet

Tuesday, August 24 - Caring & Sharing

Sunday, August 29 - Fifth Sunday Pot Luck

Monday, August 30 - Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, September 1 - Young At Heart River Cruise

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL: Jim & Ann Langley

SERVING DIACONATE: Donnette Mee, Lisa Burdette, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Carlton Horne, Tiffany Horne, Scott Jackson, Katherine Mee, Ed Powell, Bob Smith, Cory Tabb, Charlie Thigpen, Jacob Thigpen, Leanna Webb

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Parable of the Good Shepherd and the Wolf

STORYTELLER: Julie Henderson

GREETERS: Susan Hales & Joye Taylor

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS: Paul & Donna Penn

WORSHIP TABLE GREETER: Virginia Guthrie

REGIONAL YOUTH LOCK-IN Friday – Saturday August 13-14

The Alabama/Northwest Florida region will hold its annual back to school lock-in at our church August 14-15. Together, we will enjoy fun, fellowship, Bible study, and worship. It begins at 7:00 pm on Friday and concludes at 10:00 am on Saturday. This lock-in is open to all 6-12 graders. Chi Rho/CYF youth will be receiving forms in the mail. The cost is only \$10 to be paid at the door. Bring your sleeping bag, a pillow, personal toiletries, and a great attitude as we fellowship with youth around the region. See you there!



A STATEMENT OF OUR IDENTITY

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

**BASIC BELIEFS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)**

A FELLOWSHIP MOMENT

The Fellowship Mission will provide light refreshments of fruit, cookies, coffee, and juice between Sunday school and Worship. The refreshment table will be located in the Narthex by the church office. Stop by between 9:45 and 10:15 to enjoy refreshments. Also, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our guests and welcome them to First Christian Church.

THE PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer concern or a special joy to share, call the church office and ask that it be put on the prayer chain. I will be notified of your written request (or Jean Nicholson if I'm not available) and I will initiate the call, which then goes out to all 50 participating members of the group. At that time we form our unseen circle of intercessory prayer for your request. If you would like more information or if you wish to join us in this prayer ministry, please call the church office or me at 822-5645 or email me at claradelcsh@aol.com.

BE A BLOOD DONOR FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

Would you be willing to donate blood for another church member if needed? If so, please sign our blood donor list in the narthex. We will keep this list on file. If anyone in our church family has an emergency and needs this critical life source, we can call persons on our blood donor list to donate blood for another church member. If you would be willing to donate blood, please sign the list in the narthex. Thank you!

Lisa Burdette

THE WEEKLY OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Disciples' life is centered at the table. Through communion we are connected to one another and to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

Following the earliest tradition of the church, we demonstrate our commitment to God by dramatic action, letting the waters of our baptism give witness to God's grace upon us.

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Recognizing that the traditions of the whole church are many and varied, we do not insist that our baptismal practice is the only one that is valid. We know that baptism is God's action far more than our own.

AN ATTITUDE OF TOLERANCE AND A REJECTION OF CREEDS AS TESTS OF FAITH

- We celebrate diversity as strength rather than weakness, and do not expect everyone's interpretation of the Bible or the Christian life to be identical.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and is best heard and understood within the community of faith with the diverse insight that context provides.

THE INCLUSION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN

We believe that God provides spiritual gifts to all and do not restrict any office or role in the life of the church by gender.

AN EMPHASIS ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Aside from performing weddings which is regulated by the state, lay persons in our church are permitted and encouraged to all things, including presiding and offering the Eucharistic prayers at the Lord's Table, often restricted to ordained clergy in other denominations.

AN EDUCATED CLERGY

We set educational and professional standards for ministers – licensed and ordained, and hold our clergy to ethical accountability through denominational oversight.

A PRIORITY ON ECUMENICAL LIFE

Disciples earnestly pray and strive for the unity of the church and attempt to work in ways that bridge the separation of Christ's body.