

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Everything Was Made By God" English

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: Bless God who has blessed us.

People: We praise God for we have received grace in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Bless God who has called us daughters and sons of the Most High.

People: We praise God for adopting us in the holy family.

Pastor: Bless God for giving us an inheritance.

People: We praise God who gives us every spiritual blessing.

Pastor: Bless God who calls us to grow into the likeness of Jesus.

People: We praise God who gives us Jesus. Blessed assurance Jesus is

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Blessed Assurance" Chalice Hymnal No. 543

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

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

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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).

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship

Special Music Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

"Veni Emmanuel"

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Nerak

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "Every Season" Nordeman
Emily Jackson, Alto

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Chalice Hymnal No. 113

Invitation to Communion

Bud Flora

Prayer of Communion

Georgia Flora

(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 "Tabernacle" Landgrave
mine.

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 1: 21-28 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "Hospital Beds" Rev. Edd Spencer

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Chalice Hymnal No. 339

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***POSTLUDE** "Jesus Is the Song" Danner

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 15

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
11:30 pm	Ona/Ruth at Barbara Ray's

MONDAY, August 16

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study on Zephaniah
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, August 17

7:00 pm	Elders Calls
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THURSDAY, August 19

7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study on John
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Sunday, August 15, 2010

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKE

Edd will be leaving after worship for a hike on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. He will be joining a friend from Sarasota, Florida for a five day hike in the wilderness of central Virginia. He will return Saturday and be in worship next Sunday.

PASTORS CABINET Monday, August 23rd

All Mission Chairs, Moderator and Vice Moderator are encouraged to attend the Pastors Cabinet on Monday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. This is a very important meeting as we will view calendars and plan programs for all missions for the remainder of the year.

YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN AGAIN - September 12th

Going back to school is exciting. It is a time to see those you haven't seen in three months and, of course, it's a time to get back to serious studying. So have a great time and get settled in. Then on Sunday, September 12th, come and bring your old and new friends at 5:00 as we begin our youth groups again. That's right - **5:00 PM**. We will be beginning at 5:00 - and meet until 6:30- with our snack supper at 6:30. This time change will help the younger ones get home earlier and get to bed. The older youth will still have time to do their homework. So mark your calendars now. See you soon - Can't wait!!!!

Mary Pat

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:

Today after worship - Ona/Ruth at Barbara Ray's

Monday, August 23 - Pastor's Cabinet

Tuesday, August 24 - Caring & Sharing

Saturday, August 28 - District II Elders Retreat

Sunday, August 29 - Fifth Sunday Pot Luck

Monday, August 30 - Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, September 1 - Young At Heart River Cruise

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL: Bud & Georgia Flora

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: How the Church Tells Time

STORYTELLER: Paulette Farquhar

GREETERS: Susan Hales & Julie Henderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS: Paul & Donna Penn

WORSHIP TABLE GREETER: Virginia Guthrie



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.

YOUNG AT HEART RIVERBOAT CRUISE - September 1st

Does the riverboat ring your bell? Maverick music comes to mind for me, but this cruise is not for the gamblers such as Britt and Bart...It's for you and it's a lunch cruise down the Alabama River on the 1st of September. Sign up for a ride on the church bus and lots of fun... oh yes, there's a short side trip after the cruise to the historic First White House of the Confederacy. A fun day for all Young at Heart and their friends. We will meet at the church 9:00 am. Please sign up soon in the Narthex by the 21st. Let's go down the river together...

Janet

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.