

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 9, 2011

PRELUDE "Share His Love" Reynolds

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "You Are Here"

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Pastor: God knows each of us by name.

People: We are somebody.

Pastor: God loves us whether we are young or old.

People: We are somebody.

Pastor: God cares for us whether we are short or tall.

People: We are somebody.

Pastor: God accepts us as we are.

People: We are somebody.

Pastor: God calls us to be more than we are.

People: We are somebody.

Pastor: God places us here to be the church.

People: We are somebody.

All: May we all share the wonderful story of the blessing of being loved, and the blessing of being a somebody in Christ. We have a story to tell the nations.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation" Chalice Hymnal No. 484

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI** Rev. Edd Spencer
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)

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 "Here Am I, Send Me" Purifoy
***Doxology**
Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" Hopson

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Chalice Hymnal No. 576
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 "Holy Is the Lord" Schubert

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 Matthew 28: 18-20 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "The Gift" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "I Love to Tell the Story" Chalice Hymnal No. 480

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "We Fall Down" Chalice Praise Hymnal No. 67

***POSTLUDE** "Worthy of Worship" Blankenship

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 9

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
11:15 am Diaconate Meeting
5:00 pm Children & Youth Groups
6:15 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY, January 10

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, January 11

9:45 am The Adventure Nook Chapel
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, January 12

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 13

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, January 14-SUNDAY, January 17

Chi Rho & CYF Smoky Mountain Trip
"Resurrection" Youth Ministry Conference



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

DIACONATE MEETING – A Diaconate meeting for all deacons is to be held today in the sanctuary following morning worship. The purpose will be to welcome the new deacon class of 2013, review serving procedures and to elect voting deacons for the Mission Council. The nursery will be open after church for those deacons who need childcare.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN 2011

The following are some wonderful opportunities to serve our Lord at First Christian in 2011. Please choose one and notify Hugh Henderson, Scott Jackson, Edd or Mary Pat. All members of First Christian are encouraged to serve as a member of a Mission.

Worship Mission: Responsible for all Sunday morning worship services and special services such as Christmas and Easter.

Education Mission: Responsible for Sunday school of all ages, youth work and the total education program of the church.

Evangelism Mission: Responsible for bringing new members into the life of the church.

Fellowship Mission: Responsible for providing a social life and fellowship activities for the church.

Administration Mission: Responsible for the financial program, maintenance of property and general administration policies for the church.

Outreach Mission: Responsible for giving to the needy within Birmingham and throughout the world.

Membership Mission: Responsible for care and nurturing of church members.

CHI RHO & CYF TO ATTEND RESURRECTION EVENT - Our Chi Rho and CYF youth and their sponsors will participate in a youth event sponsored by the United Methodist Church in Gatlinburg, Tennessee over the MLK weekend. The event is called "Resurrection," which is an annual event of worship and spiritual growth. Each year over 12,000 youth and their sponsors come together to celebrate the God of the Resurrection. Through inspirational words by nationally known speakers and music led by well-known musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. Resurrection gives evidence to the common experience of Jesus Christ's Lordship that binds all believers. The youth come from all over the Eastern United States as well as many denominations. This year we have 18 youth attending. We will depart Friday, January 14 at 1:00 pm and stay in cabins in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We will return Monday, January 17 in the afternoon.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Bud & Georgia Flora

SERVING DIACONATE:

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: The Boy Jesus in the Temple

STORYTELLERS: Deb Carpenter

GREETERS: Pepper Edwards & Paulette Farquhar

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETER (Door): Bob & Janet Clark

WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Jill Pasky

PLEDGE REPORT- We have received 59 pledges that represent \$255,995.00 toward our budget for 2011. If you have not made your pledge, please return your pledge card soon. We all need to share in our part of supporting the Lord's work at First Christian. Pledge cards and privacy envelope are available in the narthex.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY - Don't forget to sign-up for flowers to celebrate birthday, anniversaries, and other special occasions for your loved ones and friends. The sign up list is in the narthex and the cost is \$45.00. Our talented ladies always do such a beautiful job of flower arrangements. There is no nicer way of showing your love or appreciation of that special someone than to say it with flowers.



- *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although we generally practice baptism by immersion, we honor other baptism traditions as well.
- *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- *The Ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- *Freedom of belief.* We are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.