

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**PRELUDE** "The Cross" Burger

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
(Please Silence Your Cell Phones. Thank You.)

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

**EXTINGUISHING THE FIRST LENTEN CANDLE** Rev. Jan Watts

**"Christ Wounded On The Head?"**

Were you there when they crowned Him with thorns?  
Were you there when they crowned Him with thorns!  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Chalice Hymnal No.197

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

**A DISCIPLE MOMENT** Cayla Corbin

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** Rev. Mary Pat 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 meet in our library.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS and WEEK OF COMPASSION**  
**Call to Stewardship** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
**Special Music Offering** "A Potters Cup" Rehsarb  
**\*Doxology**  
**Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**ANTHEM** "A Lenten Prayer" Powell

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**Communion Hymn** "Fill My Cup, Lord" Chalice Hymnal No.351  
**Invitation to Communion** Beverly Baxter  
**Prayer of Communion** Jim Baxter  
(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** "Guide Me" Rehsarb

**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** Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 18:1-4; Matthew 23:25-26; Rev. Edd Spencer  
Matthew 26: 27-28

**SERMON** "The Potter for the Lord's Cup" Rev. Edd Spencer

**\* HYMN OF INVITATION** "Have Thy Own Way, Lord" Chalice Hymnal No. 588

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Walk in the Light" Chalice Praise Hymnal No.155

Walk in the light, loved in God's sight,  
thru the dark night, walk, walk in the light.

Come take my hand; heal this scarred land;  
together we'll stand; come, come take my hand.

We're not alone, left on our own.  
Loved as God's own, we're, we're not alone.

Walk in the light, loved in God's sight,  
thru the dark night, walk, walk in the light.

**\*POSTLUDE** "My Cup Is Overflowing" Jasjon

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, March 13**

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moments  
10:15 am Worship Service –Week of Compassion  
10:30 am Children’s Worship and Wonder  
11:30 am Ona/Ruth w/Virginia Guthrie  
No Youth Groups – Spring Break

**MONDAY, March 14**

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study  
10:00 am Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, March 15**

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm Elders Calls

**WEDNESDAY, March 16**

6:00 pm Lenten Dinner  
6:30 pm Lenten Worship  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, March 17**

**St. Patrick’s Day**

7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm Advocates Bible Study

**FRIDAY, March 18 - SATURDAY, March 19**

Men’s Retreat at Hargis



## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

**WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING TODAY** - For over 65 years, following in Jesus' footsteps, we have given our hard-earned resources through **Week of Compassion** to bring help and blessing to hurting lives. Sharing invites God more fully into our lives. As we reach out in love, we open the way for God to reach more deeply into us. Sharing will joyfully transform you as you help transform the world. You may support this essential mission of the church by giving to our Week of Compassion offering today. Our goal this year is \$3500, or \$35 per church family. Perhaps you or someone you know has been affected by a natural or manmade disaster, or perhaps you and your loved ones have been lucky. Please give generously to the Week of Compassion, and help us, "carry each other's burdens". *The Outreach Mission*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP** - Every Wednesday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm for supper. The Fellowship Mission will provide the meals, with the cost being \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 4-11, and children under 4 are free. Following the meal at 6:30, we will have a thirty-minute Lenten worship in the Farkas room. The youth will assist the ministers in leading the worship services. The worship services this year will focus on places in the Holy Land where powerful things happened.

Wednesday, March 16	The Fields of Bethlehem – His Birth
Wednesday, March 23	The Mountains of The Wilderness – His Temptations
Wednesday, March 30	The Sea of Galilee – His Greatest Sermon
Wednesday, April 6	The City of Jerusalem – His Suffering
Wednesday, April 13	The Hill of Calvary – His Death

The meal and service has become a wonderful Lenten tradition at First Christian. Reservations for the meal can be made on the envelopes in the pews on Sunday mornings. If you can't come to the meal, please attend the Lenten worship service at 6:30 pm. The nursery will be open for childcare.

**PASTOR'S CLASS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 20** - All children, youth and adults who want to be baptized are welcome to join the Pastor's Class. In the class, participants will discuss the meaning of baptism, communion, the life of Jesus, the love of God, and the joy of serving in the church. The class will be led by Edd and will meet every Sunday at 4:30 pm during Lent. The first class begins next Sunday at 4:30 pm in the Library. Baptism will be on Easter Sunday, April 24. Contact Edd if you are interested in taking the class.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** – If you have ever had any concerns, questions about the Muslim religion? You will want to make plans to attend our next Men's Fellowship on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are very pleased to have as our Guest Speaker, Dr. Iradj Sooudi, an Iranian-born ex-Muslim, who will be sharing his experiences as a Muslim, and his feelings on what is going on today with this religion. Our meal starts at 6:30 pm and we look forward to your being with us. Bring a friend!

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

- *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.



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS:</b>	<i>Rev. Edd Spencer &amp; Rev. Mary Pat Spencer</i>
<b>MUSIC MINISTER:</b>	<i>Rev. Jan Watts</i>
<b>ORGANIST/PIANIST:</b>	<i>David Brasher</i>
<b>ELDERS ON CALL:</b>	<i>Jim &amp; Beverly Baxter</i>
<b>SERVING DIACONATE:</b>	<i>Nickey Rudd, Carole Rudd, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Clayton Brammer, Charlotte Brammer, Cayla Corbin, Don Garrison, Susan Hales, David Hamilton, Gary Howard, Sherri LaBeau, Alyssa Lamb</i>
<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP &amp; WONDER:</b>	
	<i>LESSON: Wondering Day</i>
	<i>STORYTELLER: Georgia Flora</i>
	<i>GREETERS: Julie Henderson &amp; Joye Taylor</i>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</b>	<i>Jim Thigpen</i>
<b>WORSHIP GREETERS (Door):</b>	<i>Gary Howard &amp; Sharon Freeman</i>
<b>WORSHIP GREETER (Table):</b>	<i>Ruth Ann Steele</i>