

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, April 10, 2011

PRELUDE "Bachiana On An Ancient Chorale" Young

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

EXTINGUISHING THE FIFTH LENTEN CANDLE Rev. Jim Clifford

"Christ Is Wounded On His Hands"

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Chalice Hymnal No.576

***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 Charles Daniels

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, and OFFERINGS
Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Anthem "The Day The Cross Held Up The Sky" Nolan
***Doxology**
Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SPECIAL MUSIC "Via Dolorosa" DiGesare
Kathy Mann, Violin & David Brasher, Piano

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "Day By Day" Chalice Hymnal No.599
Invitation to Communion Hubert Nall
Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson
(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 "Quiet Place" Kartsonakis

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 Luke 2: 5-7; Luke 5: 36-37 Rev. Edd Spencer
John 19:38-42; 20:1-8

SERMON "The Linen Maker" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Living for Jesus" Chalice Hymnal No.610

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Chalice Praise Hymnal No.104

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song;
The Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

***POSTLUDE** "Yorkminster" Young

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 10

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 am	Ona/Ruth at Janet Bonds
1:30 pm	Bell Choir
1:45 pm	Crop Walk
4:30 pm	Pastors Class for Baptism
5:00 pm	Kids Praise
5:00 pm	Children & Youth Groups
6:15 pm	Snack Supper

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook
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MONDAY, April 11

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

TUESDAY, April 12

9:45 am	Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm	Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, April 13

5:45 pm	Lenten Dinner
6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
7:00 pm	Easter Cantata Practice

THURSDAY, April 14

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

SATURDAY, April 16

9:00 am	Easter Cantata Practice
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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP – This Wednesday, April 13 is our last Wednesday night Lenten Supper and Worship. We are blessed to have Jacob Thigpen sharing his thoughts on the crucifixion of Jesus. And Alyssa Lamb to play a solo on the piano. Jacob and Alyssa are two of our young people in a very active and wonderful youth group at First Christian. Remember to come early at 5:45 pm for supper. Following supper we will gather in the Farkas Room at 6:30 pm for our thirty-minute worship service. Reservations for the meal can be made using the envelope in the back of the pews. The nursery will be open.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday Easter Cantata
"I Know My Redeemer Lives" at 10:15 am
Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday "Evening Meal and Seder" at 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 21 - Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Friday, April 22 Vigil at 9:00 pm
Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast at Hargis at 6:30 am
Easter Morning Worship and Holy Baptism at 10:15 am

EASTER CANTATA – Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. On this special Sunday our choir will share praise to the Lord in the Easter Cantata, "I Know My Redeemer Lives". The Cantata will tell the story of His last week on earth through inspiring music and words. Invite a friend to worship next Sunday as we begin Holy Week lifting up the promise that our redemption has been secured, our hope is real, and our future with Him is certain. We know our Redeemer lives. Praise the Lord!

MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER SEDER AND THE LORD'S SUPPER - Circle your calendar for a holy evening at First Christian on Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The evening begins with a meal furnished by the Fellowship Mission. The cost is \$5.00 for age 11 and over, \$3.00 for ages 4-10, and children under 3 eat free. After the meal, the Worship Mission will lead us in a Passover Seder. The Passover meal was instituted over 1200 years before Jesus. It recalls God saving the people of Israel from slavery to the Egyptians. Jesus celebrated it, knowing that it foreshadowed God's ultimate saving action to be accomplished through Him. On April 21, we will celebrate the Old Testament Passover Seder, followed with the New Testament Lord's Supper. Place this meal and worship service on your calendar for Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. It will be a holy moment during Holy Week as we prepare for Easter Sunday. The nursery will be open.

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL Thursday, April 21 – Friday, April 22

We are having a Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 21 and ending at 9:00 pm on Friday, April 22. The Prayer Vigil will be in the sanctuary with each person praying at their special time. A prayer chart consisting of 48 thirty-minute prayer periods is in the narthex. During the Prayer Vigil there will be material available for reflection and prayer. There will also be security in the parking lot for those praying during the night hours. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex. And remember that the Prayer Vigil takes place in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Hubert Nall & Hugh Henderson
SERVING DIACONATE: Lisa Burdette, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Carlton Katherine Mee, Ed Powell, Bob Smith, Corey Tabb, Charlie

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Jesus the King

STORYTELLER: Julie Henderson

GREETERS: Cayla Corbin & Pepper Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Clayton & Charlotte Brammer

WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Edith Carreras

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST Sunday, April 24 - Our Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast is Easter Sunday, April 24 at the outdoor amphitheater at Hargis Retreat. This year we are blessed to have the choir lead us in worship at the Sunrise Service. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the Hargis dining room at a cost of \$5.75 for adults and children 6 and over, \$3.75 for children ages 3-5, and children 2 years old and under are free. Please sign up for your breakfast reservation in the narthex or call the church office.

CROP WALK APRIL 10th AT CALDWELL PARK ON HIGHLAND AVENUE - As your congregational representative to the Church World Service (CWS) 5K Walk on April 10th, at Caldwell Park on Highland Avenue. Registration is at 1:45 pm and the Walk starts at 2:30 pm. I am asking for your support in raising money. Each walker is asked to raise \$100. We have been involved with this event for 5 years. Due to the recent tragic events around the world, our participation is even more important this year. I will have 20 collection envelopes available until April 10th. Please see me before and after church to sign up to walk or to make a donation. We have a safe website available for on-line giving: bhamcropwalk.org. We were recognized as the congregation to raise the most money on the web last year...let's do it again! Twenty-five percent of all monies go to Greater Birmingham Ministries. The rest is distributed throughout the USA and into 67 other countries. CWS and the CROP Hunger Walk are non-denominational. Their operating expenses are paid by donations from businesses, churches, individuals and corporations. One-hundred percent of funds from the walks are used for the purchase of food. Your help is urgently needed. Although it would be nice to receive donations on the day of the walk we will however, be accepting donations thru June 2011. Blessings, Sharon