

**A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011**

Gary Franklin, Baritone

**PRELUDE** "Because I Have Been Given Much" Landgrave

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** Logan Watts & Anna Eady

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "I've Got the Joy" Praise Kids

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

For the world we live in: Beautiful mountains and peaceful valleys, flowing streams and majestic oceans. We love You, O Lord.

For the variety of living creatures which are our companions: Tigers and elephants, butterflies and lambs, deer and puppies. We love You, O Lord.

For the necessities and luxuries of life: Bread and ice cream, winter coats and party dresses, back yards and electricity. We love You, O Lord.

For the strength and freedom of our country: Elections and Constitutions, courts and congress, Presidents and commissioners. We love You, O Lord.

For the work You have given us to do: Time clocks and pay checks, promotions and competition, muscles and minds. We love You, O Lord.

For life's small joys that add flavor and zest: Books and TV, gardens and golf, football and sewing. We love You, O Lord.

For those with whom we share love and a sense of belonging: Tumbling children and cozy grandparents, loving husbands and affectionate wives, parents who worry and friends who listen. We love You, O Lord.

For Your everlasting love which surrounds us: The Son who lives and the Spirit who in us dwells, the grace that comforts and the law that directs, the life which triumphs and the heaven which is prepared. We love You, O Lord. Thank You O God for everything.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Let All Things Now Living" Red Hymnal No. 717

**\*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.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, and THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

**Call to Stewardship** Rev. Edd Spencer

**Special Music Offering** "My Tribute" Kartsonakis

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Edd Spencer

**ANTHEM** "Can I Pray For You?" Bishop

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Communion Hymn** "Give Thanks" Red Hymnal No. 528

**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** "His Peace" Taylor

**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** Colossians 3: 15-17 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**SERMON** "Giving Thanks!" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Red Hymnal No. 718

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Now Thank We All Our God" Red Hymnal No. 715

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**\*POSTLUDE** "Wir Pflugen" Claudius

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, November 20**

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Children's Worship & Wonder Orientation
9:45 – 10:15 am	Fellowship Moment
10:15 am	Worship Service – Thanksgiving Offering
10:30 am	Children's Worship & Wonder
3:00 pm	Bell Choir
4:00 pm	Pastor's Class
5:00 pm	Praise Kids
5:00 pm	Children & Youth Groups
6:15 pm	Snack Supper

**MONDAY – TUESDAY**

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook Preschool
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**MONDAY, November 21**

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:30pm	Mission Council

**TUESDAY, November 22**

9:45 am	The Adventure Nook Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
12:00 pm	The Adventure Nook - Thanksgiving Feast

**THURSDAY, November 24 & FRIDAY, November 25**

*Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!*

**SATURDAY, November 26**

10:00 am	Decorate the Church for Advent
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**THANKSGIVING**

***First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)***

***Where The Grace of God Awaits You***



***Sunday, November 20, 2011***

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## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

### ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER Sunday, December 4

The All-Church Christmas Dinner will be after morning worship on Sunday, December 4. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 – 10 years old, and children under 5 are free. The menu for the wonderful meal is: Barbeque pork and barbeque chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, banana pudding, tea and lemonade. Please make your reservation on the envelope in your pew. Invite a friend for this great moment of fellowship with your church family during this holy season.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, December 4

Moderator Hugh Henderson has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 4, following morning worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Nominating Committee Reports, the proposed 2012 general budget, and any other new business.

### THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Thanksgiving offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. **Most importantly, your support of the 2011 Thanksgiving offering helps Disciples raise up servant leaders! We will receive the Thanksgiving offering today and next Sunday.**



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Christmas poinsettia list is now in the narthex. The cost of the poinsettias are \$17.00. Please sign up and select a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

*MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts*

*ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher*

*ELDERS ON CALL: Ann Langley & Jim Langley*

*SERVING DIACONATE: Dan Alderson, Conlee Alderson, Linda Byrd, Jose' Carreras, Nick Cotruvo, Paulette Farquhar, Russ Favorite, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Connie Tabb, Gary Taylor, Art Varvoutis, Regena*

*CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:*

*LESSON: Exile and Return*

*STORYTELLER: Julie Henderson*

*GREETERS: Karen Beaton, June Pryor, & Pepper Edwards*

*WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Brice & Peggy Thornbury*

*WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Ruth Ann Steele*

### CHRISTMAS FOR THE STAFF

Christmas time is the time for gifts of appreciation and love. During the season of Advent, we will have a decorated Christmas box in the narthex for you to place your gift for the staff of First Christian. Please note on your check that it is a gift for the church staff. You may also mail your gift to the church in care of Steve Pasky. Please remember our staff and all the many extras that they have done for us this year. We are fortunate to have them and appreciate their ministry to us. *Thank you, Steve Pasky, Chair of the Personnel Committee*

### COME DECORATE

The presence of God is felt in Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, and lights. Come, this Saturday at 10:00 am as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas so that we can feel the presence of God in a special way during the holiday season.