



*“You Are Lord”*

*Emily Jackson  
Barry Storer*

*“Angels We Have Heard on High!”*

*Georgia Flora*

*Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*

***INVITATION and BENEDICTION***

***RECESSIONAL***

*“Come Down to Bethlehem”*

***\*POSTLUDE***

*“Treasures of the Heart”*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

***CHOIR MEMBERS***

***BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:***

*Barry Storer, David Brasher, Charlie Giles, Michael Watts, David Hamilton,  
Don Wurner, Olivia Wurner, Wanda Davis, Twila Tyree, Georgia Flora, Shirley Naylor,  
Susan Storer.*

***2<sup>nd</sup> ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:***

*Andrew Ford, Steve Pasky, George Dudley, Jim Langley, Gary Franklin,  
Mack Carpenter, Emily Jackson, Linda Hamilton, Aneda Chandler, Sarah Ford,  
Carolyn Goodall, Lori Morrow.*

***1<sup>st</sup> ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:***

*Hugh Henderson, John Tabb, Edd Spencer, Bud Flora, Cristi Watts,  
Libby Carpenter, Barbara Carpenter, Judy Dudley, Deb Carpenter, Connie Tabb,  
Donni Garrison.*

*Special Thanks to Sound Technician Bill Watts*

## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

**SPREAD THE LIGHT** - Our CYF youth will once again accept your donations of \$5.00 or more in honor or memory of a loved one. These donations will help the youth to *Spread the Light* of Christ on their Mission Trip - which this year will be an immersion Mission trip to Lexington, Kentucky to the inner city. Our youth will be immersed in the culture of the inner city where they will live and work for a week among those they will serve. In addition, the youth have created a special Christmas card – as a gift to you - to share with others, in lieu of a Christmas gift. Often times it is difficult to find that “perfect gift” for our family and friends. However, when you give a gift to the *Spread the Light* project, you will help the youth spread the Light of Christ in the inner city where Jesus reminds us to minister to the least of these. You will be able to send your friends a Christmas card letting them know you have honored them with this special gift. Also, your name and those you have honored will be placed in our Christmas Eve bulletins. As always, thank you for your love and support of our youth.

**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*

**2012 BLESSING BOXES** - Thanks for showering twenty-four angels with blessings this month which have been picked up by the Salvation Army for delivery to the children. The Outreach Mission plans to conduct another Blessing Box Campaign in 2012. In anticipation of the campaign, please return your empty boxes to the Outreach table. The tentative date for distributing boxes will be on Mother’s Day. *Peggy Daniels Outreach Mission*

**TIRED OF TURKEY?** - Why not surprise your family and guests with a delicious Boston Butt for the holidays? The CYF will be taking orders for Boston Butts beginning this Sunday. **The delivery date is Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 11:00 am at the church.** You may place your order at the same time you make a donation for Spread the Light. Both fund raisers will support our youth on this coming summers mission trip to Lexington, Ky. The cost is \$30.00 for a 8-9 lb. Boston Butt. As always thank you for your support. Merry Christmas from your CYF youth.

**A BUDGET COMPARISON** – A comparison of the 2012 proposed budget with the 2011 budget are available on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy and review the comparisons.

**OUTSIDE THE CHURCH DOORS** – Does your new neighbor/co-worker have the blessing of a church home like you?

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mary Pat Spencer & Rev. Jan Watts*

*MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts*

*ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher*

*ELDERS ON CALL: Charles & Peggy Daniels*

*SERVING DIACONATE: Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Clayton Brammer, Charlotte Brammer, Cayla Corbin, Don Garrison, Susan Hales, David Hamilton, Gary Howard, Sherri LaBeau, Alyssa Lamb, Nickey Rudd, Carole Rudd.*

*CHILDREN’S WORSHIP & WONDER:*

*LESSON: The Magi Show the Way: (Advent IV)*

*STORYTELLER: June Pryor*

*GREETERS: Cayla Corbin & Soren Reitsma*

*WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Andrew & Sarah Ford*

*WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Virginia Nall*

### ADVENT WORSHIP

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Holy Baptism  
Christmas Outreach Offering

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
7:00 Contemporary Worship  
11:00 Traditional Worship

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Sunday – Holy Baptism  
Blessing of The Toys, Christmas Outreach Offering  
**Worship at 9:00 am**

Please note that on Christmas Sunday there will be no Sunday school or Worship and Wonder. Worship will begin at 9:00 am. Don't worry about what you will wear to worship on Christmas Day. Just come casual and put on your clothing of spiritual commitment and join with others on Christmas morning in a celebration of wonder and praise to the One born in Bethlehem.

**OUR COMMITMENTS** - First Christian is a great church. It is made up of wonderful believers. May we all join hands and hearts in a loving effort to do what Jesus asked us to do. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your commitment, please mail it or bring it to the church office by next Sunday, December 18. Commitment cards and privacy envelopes are available in the narthex. Together we can demonstrate our love for Him who once proved His love for us.

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

### **WALKING THE TALK**

What is important, Jesus says, is not to simply cry out “Lord! Lord!” but to obey Him! During our Stewardship Emphasis this year our theme is “Walking The Talk”. A theme that reminds us to act upon Jesus' words. We have all received our committment cards for the ministry we will accomplish together in 2012. May we fill them out with a promise that will bring the Good News of God's love to Birmingham and the world. Please return your committment card to the church by Sunday, December 11. In 2012 let us all “Walk The Talk” and proclaim Christ is Lord in our action and service.