

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

PRELUDE "This Little Light of Mine" Rehsarb

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Billy & Katie Farquhar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Breathe on Me" Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: Come to the Light that God has sent into our world.
People: Let the Light which is Jesus Christ fill our hearts and lives.
Pastor: The Light is sent for all the world.
People: We receive the Light that we might share it with others.
Pastor: Let us praise the God who has so graciously blessed us with the Light.
People: We praise and adore our God of Light.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Am the Light of the World!" Red Hymnal No. 469
Vs. 1,2,4

***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)

DISCIPLE MOMENT

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Special Music Offering "Shine Down" Rehsarb
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "Be A Candle of Hope" Mayo

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Take My Gifts" Red Hymnal No. 381
Invitation to Communion Edith Carreras **Prayer of Communion**

(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 "Your Light" 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 John 8: 12, Matthew 5: 14-16 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "The Best Christmas Lights Are Tail Lights" Rev. Edd Spencer

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Wonderful Words of Life" Red Hymnal No. 323

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Walk in the Light" Purple Hymnal No. 155

***POSTLUDE** "Shine" Rehsarb

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 8

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moment
10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship & Worship
5:00 pm Children & Youth Groups
6:15 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – THURSDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook Preschool

MONDAY, January 9

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, January 10

9:45 am The Adventure Nook Chapel
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, January 11

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, January 12

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

SATURDAY, January 14

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Alabama Porcelain Painters Assoc.

SATURDAY, January 14 – MONDAY, January 16

Chi Rho & CYF Resurrection Conference
in Gatlinburg, TN

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

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT - Our Regional Minister has written an inspirational book during his sabbatical. The title of the book is Humility, Gratitude, and Generosity: Reflections on Abundant Living. He shares that “ the reader will be helped to see the importance of these three qualities – humility, gratitude, and generosity – in developing the spiritual character that leads to the kind of abundant life Jesus wants for us.”

The emphasis upon these three particular qualities comes from the author's own reflections on the life and teaching of Jesus. Copies of his book are available on the welcome table in the narthex. A donation of \$8.00 is requested toward the purchase of a book. All proceeds go to the ministry of the Region. Consider buying a book for the New Year. John's thoughts can guide us toward an abundant life in 2012. His book is just another way to claim the promise of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”. (John 10:10).

BACKPACK BUDDIES DONATIONS NEEDED - As part of our Local Outreach efforts, we are Backpack Buddies for Vincent Elementary School. This national program is coordinated locally by Vineyard Family Services, and we are partnering with them to provide food and snacks to 28 children who do not have adequate food (or any food) over the weekend. You can help by donating any of the following items:

- ⤴ 100% juice boxes (small sizes for elementary age school children)
- ⤴ Fruit cups and applesauce (in individual packages)
- ⤴ Granola bars/snack bars (not candy)
- ⤴ Pop-top cans of pasta (e.g., ravioli, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, etc.)
- ⤴ Snack crackers (e.g., peanut butter crackers, cheese and crackers, etc.)
- ⤴ Pudding cups (ones that do not require refrigeration)

The foods needs to be accessible for elementary school children to open without assistance. Please bring your donation to the big orange tub by the Outreach table in the Narthex. If you would like more information about Backpack Buddies, please contact Charlotte Brammer or Sandy Hamilton.

GENEROSITY- God could have made the earth boring and dull. Fewer creatures. Same unattractive landscape. But He didn't. He opened His hands wide, spoke the words, “Let there be...” and creation was born. Diversity in creation speaks of God's great generosity. Therefore, because of God's loving kindness toward us, He has blessed us with a generous creation to enjoy as we live our lives here on the earth. In response to His great generosity, we share our commitments of time, talents, and treasures. If you have not shared your treasure, please do so today by filling out a commitment card and place in the privacy envelope that is on the table in the narthex. You may place your commitment in the offering tray on Chris' desk in the church office. Thank you for your support.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH DOORS – We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL: Edith Carreras & Joye Taylor

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

WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Clayton & Charlotte Brammer

WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Peggy Daniels

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Jesus is Baptized

STORYTELLER: Deb Carpenter

GREETERS: Sarah Ford & Cayla Corbin

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 14 youth attending. We will depart Saturday, January 14 at 5:00 am and stay in cabins in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We will return Monday, January 16 in the afternoon.

THE TAN CIRCUS – Come one, come all to the TAN Circus! The circus will be held on Tuesday, January 31 at 12:30 pm. Mother's Day Out children will be spectators for this exciting event. All parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us. Information on costumes will be sent home next week. We are looking for some new ideas. If you are interested in being our Master of Ceremonies please call the TAN office at 991-9952. If you have any suggestions please call us. Thanks!

DIACONATE MEETING - Sunday, January 15 - A diaconate meeting for all deacons is scheduled for Sunday, January 15 in the sanctuary following morning worship. The purpose will be to welcome the new deacon class of 2014, 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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP January, 28 at 6:30 pm - Men's Fellowship is returning with a bang and it's not too early to mark those calendars. Our first meeting of the year is set for Monday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. We are already lining up our speakers and our guests. You will not want to miss a single event. Invite your your friend, and your neighbor. We look forward to seeing all of you there.