

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Pillihp

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "We Fall Down" Tomlin

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIRST LENTEN CANDLE

The Anchor Cross Emily Jackson & Kathy Mann

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Chalice Hymnal No. 207

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev. Edd 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 meets in our library.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "Still Be Still My Soul" Moen

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Face the Cross" Schram
Kathy Mann, Alto

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Gather Your People" Praise Hymnal No. 172

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 "We Remember You" Harrah

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 Micah 7: 19 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Stilling the Storm Within" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Walk in the Light" 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.

POSTLUDE "There Is Power In the Blood" Pillihp

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service
10:15 am	Children's Worship and Wonder
11:30 am	Ona/Ruth at Janice Lamb's
5:30 pm	Children & Youth
6:45 pm	Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook (Our Preschool Ministry)
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MONDAY, February 22

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

TUESDAY, February 23

9:45 am	Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study on James
11:00 am	Young at Heart/Civil Rights Museum
7:00 pm	Elder Calls

WEDNESDAY, February 24

9:45 am	Chapel
5:45 pm	Lenten Dinner
6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

Every Wednesday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 5:45 pm for supper. The cost will be: Adults- \$5.00, children under 10- \$3.00, and children 3 and under are free. Following the meal at 6:30 pm, we will have a thirty-minute Lenten Worship Service in the Farkas Room. The service will focus on the passion of Jesus through the senses of sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. The schedule for each worship service is as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 24	Seeing - "Watching the Walk to Calvary"
Wednesday, March 3	Hearing - "Sounds Heard On the Way to the Cross"
Wednesday, March 10	Smells - "Smelling the Approach of Death"
Wednesday, March 17	Touch - "The Feel of the Cross"
Wednesday, March 24	Taste - "Jesus Tastes The Approach of Death"

Reservations for the meal can be made using the envelope in back of the pews. If you can't come for the meal, please attend the Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided for both the meal and the worship service.

SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Edd and Mary Pat will share a series of sermons during Lent on some of the miracles of Jesus. These miracles transform lives from darkness and suffering to light and wholeness. This theme of darkness to light is the symbolic meaning of Lent and Easter. The miracle sermons for Lent are:

Today, Feb 21	Stilling the Storm Within
Sunday, Feb. 28	Healing of a Leper
Sunday, March 7	A Woman With a Issue of Blood
Sunday, March 14	Healing of Blind Bartimaeous
Sunday, March 21	Raising of Lazarus

YOUNG AT HEART

We have a trip planned for us this Tuesday, February 23rd. We will travel in the bus to Dale's Southern Restaurant in Hoover for a Dutch treat and then head downtown to the Civil Rights Museum. This will be a treat for all of us that have been there and for you that can visit for a first time experience. Sign up today in the narthex for this fun trip (no thrift shop buying, sorry). We will leave the church at 11:00 this Tuesday February 23rd. (Our shopping trip was COOL! Just ask Ginny White what bargains she found and Edd!) See you, *Janet*

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

God bless First Christian members and friends for a fantastic response to the Week of Compassion offering for Haiti relief. To date we have shared \$3,399.00 in helping those devastated by the earthquake. Well done!!! We will continue to receive Week of Compassion offerings Sunday, February 21, and Sunday, February 28, for other tragedies around the world. This wonderful offering helps feed the hungry in countries around the world and here in the United States. Week of Compassion offering is Jesus' love in action.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Jim & Beverly Baxter

SERVING DIACONATE:

Donnette Mee, Lisa Burdette, Bob Coupland, Sheila Coupland, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Carlton Horne, Tiffany Horne, Scott Jackson, Katherine Mee, Ed Powell, Bob Smith, Cory Tabb, Charlie Thigpen, Jacob Thigpen, Leanna Webb

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Lenten Puzzle

STORYTELLER: June Pryor

GREETERS: Pepper Edwards & Emma Harms

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

SOMETHING NEW

Facilitator-led, dialogue encouraged Bible Study for women on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in The Gandy Room (formerly Genesis Room). We will begin with a study of James. James could be considered a "how-to" book on Christian living. He wrote to Christians living in hostile surroundings. They were tempted to let intellectual agreement pass for true faith. James encourages us to put our faith into action. He says it is easy to say we have faith, but true faith will produce loving action toward others. In the modern vernacular, "Put your money where your mouth is". So ladies... bring your personal translation of the Bible and join us Tuesdays at 10:00 am. *Judy Dudley*

MEN'S MEETING Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm

Steve Pasky will, as always, be providing some great food. If you have never been to a men's gathering, this would be a great time to start. After the meal, George Dudley will be sharing experiences from his recent mission trip to Honduras as part of a delegation from the Alabama / Northwest Florida Region of our church. There is an exciting work in progress which will provide numerous opportunities to work with Honduran Christians in a Partnership or Covenant relationship. This is a somewhat new way of doing mission. You can get involved, so come and get excited about this unique opportunity. Please make your reservations by signing on the list in the narthex.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Marquita Sebastian as a "Thank you to my Church family".