

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today" Bish

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Walk in the Light"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Edd Spencer

Pastor: Jesus Christ, God's Son, reflects God's glory to us,

People: **When we see Christ, we see God.**

Pastor: All who believe becomes part of the family of God,

People: **Can you see a family resemblance?**

Pastor: Does God's glory radiate from us?

People: **Let us glorify God the Father and the Son with our worship. Now is the time to worship.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Praise Hymnal No. 2

***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 AND OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "Pure as Snow" Pillihp

***Doxology**

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

ANTHEM "A New Commandment" Arcker

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" Chalice Hymnal No. 425

Invitation to Communion Clarissa Harms

Prayer of Communion Pat Deaton

(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 "Holy Is the Lord" Schubert

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 Isaiah 1: 18 (Page 1061); Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Philippians 3: 13-14 (Page 1829)

SERMON "White As Snow" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Chalice Hymnal No. 612

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Chalice Hymnal No. 434

God Be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE** "To God Be the Glory" Pillihp

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 10

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

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:45 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, January 11

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, January 12

9:45 am Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 13

9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY, January 15

7:00 pm Scrabble at Joye Taylor's

FRIDAY, January 15 – SATURDAY, January 16

Youth Conference at the Great Smoky Mountains



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Where The Grace of God Awaits You



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

AN INVITATION

Now is the time to begin the New Year with a commitment to your spiritual growth. We have Sunday school classes for all ages, plus a nursery for those under 3. As adults, you are encouraged to begin this New Year in one of our three adult classes which begin at 9:00. The following are classes which provide opportunities to exercise your faith, stretch your understanding of the scriptures, and develop lasting friendships:

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our Chi Rho and CYF youth will be attending a youth conference called "Resurrection" over the Martin Luther King weekend, January 15-17. It is an experience for spiritual renewal where the gospel is proclaimed and where the youth learn how to have a closer walk with Christ. Youth can expect terrific speakers, a God-centered message and fantastic worship and music. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The conference will be in Gatlinburg, and the youth will stay in Pigeon Forge. Our Youth will be the first to travel in our new church bus.

ELDER RETREAT

There will be an Elder Retreat at Lake Guntersville State Park on January 22-23. Elders are looking forward to this time when they can step out of their busy lives and focus on the beauty of God's creation. The theme will emphasize communion with our Master and a "Spiritual Renewal". It is also Eagle Awareness Weekend at Guntersville, where everyone hopes to spot an eagle! Please pray for your Elders as they attend this opportunity for growth and fellowship.

PLEDGE REPORT

We have received 61 pledges that represent \$254,880.00 toward our budget for 2010. If you have not made your pledge, please return your pledge card soon. We all need to share in our part of supporting the Lord's work at First Christian. Pledge cards and privacy envelope are available in the narthex.

THE 2009 VISITOR

If you would like to bind the 2009 Visitor in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Cece in the church office. The cost is approx. \$35.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Clarissa Harms & Pat Deaton
SERVING DIACONATE: Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Elizabeth Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:
LESSON: The Boy Jesus in the Temple
STORYTELLER: Georgia Flora
GREETERS: Paulette Farquhar & Bud Flora

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES

- No Elder Gathering on Monday, January 11
- Finance Council moved to Tuesday, January 19
- Pastor's Cabinet now on Thursday, January 21
- Mission Council moved to Monday, January 25
- No Men's Gathering on Monday, January 25

The Finance Council and Mission Council have been changed in order to allow more time to receive pledges towards the 2010 Budget.

ATTENTION!!

The Ala-Northwest Florida Newsletter will be distributed electronically in 2010!

Beginning in 2010 the bi-monthly newsletter called The Christian Ala-Northwest Florida will no longer be mailed out to individuals and congregations. It will be available at no cost by visiting the Al-NW Florida website at: www.alnwfdisciples.org.

You will be able to print out the newsletter or simply view it on-line.

What To Do To Access The Newsletter On-Line. Go to: www.alnwfdisciples.org, click on "Register" button in top left corner and follow the process. This will also allow you to receive regular updates from the region that will keep you informed of all the latest news and events. Please call 425-5245 with any questions.