

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" Bish

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bud Flora

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Walk in the Light"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Bud Flora

Pastor: Come to Jesus, the Light that God has sent into our world,

People: **Let His Light flood our hearts and our lives.**

Pastor: The Light of Jesus is meant for all the world,

People: **We receive His Light that we might share it with others.**

Pastor: Let us worship the God who so graciously has blessed us with the Light of the world.

People: **We praise and adore our God of Light. Let us now follow where God leads, in worship and praise!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Am the Light of the World!" Chalice Hymnal No. 469

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

Bud Flora

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

Special Music Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

"Now I Belong to Jesus"

Bud Flora

Ronaele

Bud Flora

ANTHEM "Dream A Dream" Robertson

PASTORAL PRAYER Bud Flora

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

"Here Is Bread"

Praise Hymnal No. 161

Invitation to Communion

Jill Pasky

Prayer of Communion

Steve Pasky

(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, Holy"

Owens

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

Hosea 11: 1-9 (Page 1407-1408)

Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON

"His Grief Became His Gospel"

Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Chalice Hymnal No. 464

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Edd 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.

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Thallander

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 17

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Children's Worship and Wonder
5:30 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Younger youth meet
6:45 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

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

MONDAY, January 18

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

TUESDAY, January 19

9:45 am Chapel
7:00 pm Elders Calls

WEDNESDAY, January 20

9:45 am Chapel
5:30 pm Shack Study Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, January 21

7:00 pm Pastor's Cabinet/Farkas Room

FRIDAY, January 22-SATURDAY, January 23

Elder Retreat at Gunersville State Park/Departing church at 3:00 pm

FRIDAY, January 22-SUNDAY, January 24

Young Adult Retreat at Camp Chandler



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Where The Grace of God Awaits You



January 17, 2010

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

INSTALLATION SERVICE

All new officers, mission chairs, deacons and committee chairs will be installed in the morning worship on Sunday, January 24th. May God guide all of our new leaders for 2010.

DIACONATE MEETING

A Diaconate meeting for all deacons is scheduled for Sunday, January 24th at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. The purpose will be to welcome the new deacon class of 2012, review serving procedures, elect voting deacons for the Mission Council, and to elect a new chair for the deacons.

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.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

A penny saved is a penny earned, thrifty is nifty, shopping until we drop. Let's do it!!! Ready all you Young at Heart? On Wednesday, January 27 at 10:00, we are going to crank up the new bus and head toward the thrift shops around Birmingham with Mary Pat being our guide. One of the important stops will be a Dutch lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Irondale, for some of the best fried green tomatoes. Be sure to sign up for this fun outing and save your pennies....they might just buy something that you really, really need.

Janet

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Rev. Edd Spencer & Bud Flora

MUSIC MINISTER:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Steve & Jill Pasky

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: Jesus is Baptized

STORYTELLER: Cara Adams

GREETERS: Paulette Farquhar & Susan Hales

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday evening Bible Study for adults will begin again on Sunday, January 17 at 5:30 in the Genesis classroom. Our Bible service for January will be the miracle of Jesus. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, January 24 - The Feeding of the Multitude

John 6:1-13

Sunday, January 31 - The Raising of Lazarus

John 11:1-53

Edd is the teacher for the class. Everyone is invited to come and discover how the miracles proclaim the positive presence of God in our hour of greatest need.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES

- 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.