

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 27, 2011

PRELUDE "Crucifer" Nicholson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
(Please Silence Your Cell Phones. Thank You.)

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

EXTINGUISHING THE THIRD LENTEN CANDLE Rev. George Dudley

"Christ Is Wounded On The Back"

Were you there when they flogged Him on the back?
Were you there when they flogged Him on the back?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they flogged Him on the back?

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" Chalice Hymnal No.621

***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)

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 an experiential worship experience for children, which meet in our library.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS and WEEK OF COMPASSION
Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Special Music Offering "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Pethel
Soren Reitsma, Tenor Sax, David Brasher, Piano
***Doxology**
Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "The Only Road to Easter Morning" Carter
Steve Pasky, Tenor

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Chalice Hymnal No.587
Invitation to Communion Bud Flora
Prayer of Communion Georgia Flora
(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 "I Saw The Cross of Jesus" Anonymous

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 Matthew 16: 24-25; Matthew 27:32; Matthew 27:41-43
Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "The Cross Maker" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "The Old Rugged Cross" Chalice Hymnal No.548

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Walk in the Light" Chalice 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, loved in God's sight,
thru the dark night, walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the Light.

***POSTLUDE** "My Tribute" Pillihp

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 27

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am	Fellowship Moments
10:15 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Children's Worship and Wonder
4:30 pm	Pastors Class for Baptism
5:00 pm	Kids Praise
5:00 pm	CYF Parents Meeting
5:00 pm	Youth Groups
6:15 pm	Snack Supper

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:45 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook
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MONDAY, March 28

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

TUESDAY, March 29

9:45 am	Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm	Elders Calls

WEDNESDAY, March 30

12:00 pm	Young at Heart
6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner
6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
7:30 pm	Cantata Practice

THURSDAY, March 31

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

SATURDAY, April 2

7:00 am	Walk in The Bankhead National Forest
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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP – The attendance at our Wednesday night Lenten Suppers and Worship has been very good. Our appreciation is expressed to Mack Carpenter and Annie Franklin who have provided excellent dinners for an average attendance of 50 people to the two dinners. The Lenten Worship services have been a spiritual blessing with an average attendance of 63 at the two services. There are three Dinners and Services remaining during Lent. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 30 The Sea of Galilee – His Greatest Sermon
Wednesday, April 6 The City of Jerusalem – His Suffering
Wednesday, April 13 The Hill of Calvary – His Death

Please make your reservation for the Lenten dinners at church on the envelope in the pews. If you can't come to the dinners, please attend the Lenten worship services at 6:30 pm. The nursery will be open for childcare.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TOMORROW - If you have ever had any concerns, questions about the Middle East, please plan to attend our Men's Fellowship tomorrow night at 6:30 pm. We are very pleased to have as our Guest Speaker, Dr. Iradj Sooudi, an Iranian, born into a Muslim family who has lived in the US for 48 years. Dr. Sooudi will be sharing his thoughts and feelings on what is going on in the Middle East Region. Our meal starts at 6:30 pm and we look forward to your being with us. Ladies are welcome to attend. Please sign-up today on the list in the narthex.

YOUNG AT HEART WEDNESDAY 30TH - Young at Heart & friends, you are in for a great treat. We will have as our guest for lunch, Plato Pappajohn Plato, well known in the produce business in Birmingham and now an author and inspiring speaker for all ages. A hard working immigrant from the island of Evia, Plato survived a childhood shattered by two wars and was drafted into the Korean conflict by the USA. He has quite a story of faith to tell. We are privileged to have him as our guest and speaker. Sign up on the poster and bring your friends for a great time of fellowship with Plato Pappajohn, on March 30th at noon, here at the First Christian Church. Please sign-up on the list in the narthex.

COMPASSION WEEK EXTENTION - Our hearts break for our neighbors in Japan as they try to cope with the aftermath of earthquakes and a tsunami even as they fear nuclear disaster. We feel compassion for their pain, loss, and uncertainty. We want to help, and we can. Please give generously using the envelope in your bulletin.

Outreach Mission

A WALK IN GOD'S CREATION – This Saturday come join Edd for a walk in the beautiful Bankhead National Forest. We will meet at the church at 7:00 am. Please bring a pack with your lunch, camera, walking stick, and a spirit of adventure.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Bud & Georgia Flora
SERVING DIACONATE: Nickey Rudd, Carole Rudd, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd,
 Clayton Brammer, Charlotte Brammer, Cayla Corbin,
 Don Garrison, Susan Hales, David Hamilton,
 Gary Howard, Sherri LaBeau, Alyssa Lamb

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Lenten Puzzle

STORYTELLER: Kathy Mann

GREETERS: Cayla Corbin & Paulette Farquhar

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Gary Howard & Sharon Freeman

WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Ruth Ann Steele

CROP WALK APRIL 10TH - As your congregational representative to the Church World Service (CWS) 5K Walk on April 10th. I am asking for your support in raising money. Each walker is asked to raise \$100. We have been involved with this event for 5 years. Due to the recent tragic events around the world, our participation is even more important this year. I will have 20 collection envelopes available until April 10th. Please see me before and after church to sign-up to walk or to make a donation. We have a safe website available for on-line giving: bhamcropwalk.org. We were recognized as the Congregation to raise the most money on the web last year...let's do it again! Twenty-Five percent of all monies go to Greater Birmingham Ministries. The rest is distributed throughout the USA and into 67 other countries. CWS and the CROP Hunger Walk are non-denominational. Their operating expenses are paid by donations from businesses, churches, individuals and corporations. One Hundred percent of funds from the walks around the country are used for the purchase of food. Your help is urgently needed.
Blessings, Sharon Orazine

EASTER HYDRANGEAS - This year we are going to have Easter Hydrangeas in the sanctuary for Easter morning. Many of our people are allergic to Easter lilies and the Worship Mission felt this would be a good alternative. The hydrangeas are \$18 and you are encouraged to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one. Payment in advance is required. Please note on your check, "for Easter Hydrangea."

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Jim, given by Linda & David Hamilton.