

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, July 31, 2011

PRELUDE "Shine" Evaphi

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Coupland
(Please Silence Your Cell Phones. Thank You.)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "I Love You, Lord" Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Bob Coupland

Leader: The storm is strong, we face the wind. The water rises, waves crash in.

People: But You O Christ are with us here. We turn to You in all our fear. The single word You say is "Peace" and wind and

Leader: The storm is strong, we face the wind. The water rises, waves crash in.

People: O Christ, remove our fear of death and harm. Give us Your faith and Still Our Storm.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "How Firm a Foundation" Chalice Hymnal No. 618

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI** Bob Coupland
(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. It is an experiential worship experience for children that meets in our library.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS
Call to Stewardship Bob Coupland
Special Music Offering "I Believe" Pillihp
***Doxology**
Prayer of Dedication Bob Coupland

ANTHEM "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Fettke

PASTORAL PRAYER Katherine Mee

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "Come, Share the Lord" Chalice Hymnal No. 408
Invitation to Communion Kathey Long
Prayer of Communion Ross Lange

(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 "Remember Me" Nerak

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 Mark 4: 35-41 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Still Our Storms" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chalice Hymnal No. 86

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Now Thank We All Our God" Chalice Hymnal No. 715

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

***POSTLUDE** "Roll Call" Erba

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 31

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moment
10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship & Wonder
11:30 am Appreciation Spaghetti Luncheon
1:30 pm – 3:30pm Rehearsals for Dinner Theatre

MONDAY, August 1

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

TUESDAY, August 2

6:30 pm – 8:30pm Meadowridge Homeowners Association Mtg

WEDNESDAY, August 3

3:00 pm Memorial Service for Gordon Goodall
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, August 4

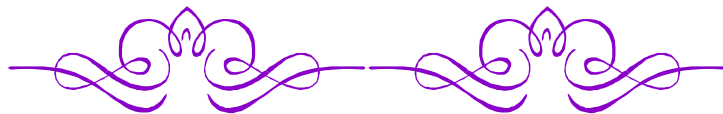
7:00 pm Advocates Bible Study

SATURDAY, August 6 – SUNDAY, August 7

Regional Young Adults Retreat
At FCC Montgomery

SUNDAY, August 7

12:00 pm Insighters Sunday School Class brunch
At the Birmingham Museum of Art



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP

Immediately following worship there will be an *Appreciation Spaghetti Luncheon*. Please join us to celebrate the spirit of giving that abounds here!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GORDON GOODALL

We will celebrate the life of Gordon at his memorial service for Gordon Goodall will be on Wednesday, August 3rd at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.

MARK YOUR AUGUST CALENDARS

Sunday, August 14, we will recognize Rev. Carl Flock for his outstanding 60 years of ordination and Christian Ministry. Sunday, August 21, our CYF youth will share the morning worship of their life changing experiences from their "Journey in Faith" to the Holy Land this past June. Our CYF youth have also been invited to write their stories for **280 Living**. Sunday, August 28, Wanda Davis will share with us in morning worship her life changing experiences titled, "Fly like the Angels." Come and invite a friend(s).

OUTREACH UPDATE

I have heard many speak about a special spirit moving in our midst, and that spirit seems to be influencing our children as well. During VBS last week, Teanna Cason and Lora Anderson presented a sandwich bag containing money that they had raised for tornado relief. These two young girls had gathered books and gone door-to-door selling those books in order to raise money to help others. Surely "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"

(Matt. 19: 14, NIV).

- *Open Communion*. The Lord's Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- *Baptism by immersion*. In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although we generally practice baptism by immersion, we honor other baptism traditions as well.
- *Importance of church unity*. All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- *The Ministry of all believers*. Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- *Freedom of belief*. We are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mary Pat Spencer & Bob Coupland

MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL: Kathey Long & Ross Lange

SERVING DIACONATE: Lisa Burdette, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Carlton Horne, Tiffany Horne, Scott Jackson, Donnette Mee, Katherine Mee, Ed Powell, Bob Smith, Corey Tabb, Charlie Thigpen, Jacob Thigpen

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Women Anoints Jesus

STORYTELLER: June Pryor

GREETERS: Soren Reitsma & Cayla Corbin

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Bob & Lyn Frederickson

WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Marquita Sebastian