

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Thallander

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ACCOUNCMENTS Bob Coupland

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Lord of Justice"

PROCESSION OF FLAGS Nancy DeVore & Janice Lamb

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" Chalice Hymnal No. 725
Vs. 1,2,& 4

***PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands:
One Nation under God indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.

***PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

I Pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,
and to the Savior for who Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood,
uniting all mankind in service and in love.

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Bob Coupland
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 Bob Coupland
Special Music Offering "Statue of Liberty" Rehsarb
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication** Bob Coupland

ANTHEM "America the Beautiful" Buryl Red

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Chalice Hymnal No. 677
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 "Give Thanks" D'Ivad

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 Luke 10: 25-37 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "A Show of Hands" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory" Chalice Hymnal No.705

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Lo, I Am with You" Chalice Hymnal No. 430

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you,
Lo I am with you to the end of the world.

Lo I am with you in the breaking of bread.
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.
Lo I am with you, Lo I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.

***POSTLUDE** "God Bless the USA" Greenwood

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 4

FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY SUNDAY

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service – Worship Celebration
of Our Country
10:30 am Children’s Worship and Wonder

MONDAY, July 5

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 6

9:30 am – 1:00 pm TAN’S Summer Fun
7:00 pm Elder Calls

WEDNESDAY, July 7

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, July 8

9:30 am -1:00 pm TAN’S Summer Fun
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study on John



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



Sunday, July 4, 2010
Freedom & Democracy Sunday

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

A FELLOWSHIP MOMENT

Beginning this Sunday, July 4, the Fellowship Mission will provide light refreshments of fruit, cookies, coffee, and juice between Sunday school and Worship. The refreshment table will be located in the Narthex by the church office. Stop by between 9:45 and 10:15 to enjoy refreshments. Also, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our guests and welcome them to First Christian Church.

PRAYERS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

May the following prayers be helpful as we celebrate our freedom on the fourth of July.

For Our Troops

O God, we commend to Your gracious care our troops who are serving our nation. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to endure the danger which they may face; and grant wherever they go, they may be assured of Your abiding presence, through Christ, our Savior. Amen

For Our Veterans

Lord our God, look favorably on all those who have served this nation in our armed forces. We thank You for Your presence with them in their service. Help them and us to remember the sacrifices of their fallen comrades. Let the light of liberty and the love of justice and mercy burn brightly in the heart of this nation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

For Our Nation

Eternal God our Father, on this day we come praising You for this land in which we live. Thank You for the people of this nation. We thank You for the divergent backgrounds - for peoples of every tradition, from many nations, of many colors, and of many creeds. We praise You for a land of abundance. For the mountains and plains, for rivers and lakes, for rich soil and rare minerals, we thank You. But more than these, we thank You for things unseen. For those forefathers who dreamed of a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, we thank You. O God, increase in us the desire to pass on to all the world the liberty we hold dear, until people everywhere have a right to worship as they wish, to read what they choose, to select their own leaders and to disagree with those who rule over them without fear of reprisal through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:
LESSON: The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper (I)
STORYTELLER: Libby Carpenter
GREETERS: June Pryor & Pepper Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen
WORSHIP GREETERS: Brice & Peggy Thornbury
WORSHIP TABLE GREETER: Marian Moon

BE A BLOOD DONOR FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

Would you be willing to donate blood for another church member if needed? If so, please sign our blood donor list in the narthex. We will keep this list on file. If anyone in our church family has an emergency and needs this critical life source, we can call persons on our blood donor list to donate blood for another church member. If you would be willing to donate blood, please sign the list in the narthex. Thank you!

Lisa Burdette

A POEM FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Ruth Ann Steele

A GLORIOUS DAY TO SALUTE THE FLAG AND OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN AND SAY...

I LOVE MY COUNTRY...

I LOVE MY FAMILY OF THIS NATION...

AND PLEDGE TO STAND TOGETHER WITH PRIDE IN ANY SITUATION!