

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 28, 2011

PRELUDE "People Need the Lord One by One" Nojsaj

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
(Thank you for signing the attendance pad and silencing your Cell Phones.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: The living moving presence of God has called us together in witness, in celebration and in struggle.

People: **O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Chalice Hymnal No. 263

***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. It is an experiential worship experience for children that meets in our library.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS
Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "Through It All" Wanda Davis
by Andrae Crouch

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Chalice Hymnal No. 261
Invitation to Communion Bud 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

"Saviour"

Nelson/Farrell

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 Psalm 116: 1-6 Wanda Davis

SERMON "Miracles of God – Fly like the Angels" Wanda Davis

Fly Like The Angels
by Wanda Davis, 1998

All: **Certain of God's presence, let us come and worship as we reach out to**

Verse 1

All my life I had sung about His amazing grace
and how He had saved my soul.

But when He reached down and pulled me from the stormy sky,
without His grace, I would have surely died.

Chorus 1

When I flew like the angels, when I soared like the eagles,
When I blew like the mighty - rushing wind.
And when the cords of death enslaved me,
And no power on earth could save me,
Then I called upon the name of the Lord.

Verse 2

Special Music Offering I want to thank You Lord, for all the times You saved me,
"In I will praise You for ever more. *Doxology"
And when my time on earth has ended and my vows to You are completed,
Then I'll sail with You to the other shore.

Chorus 2

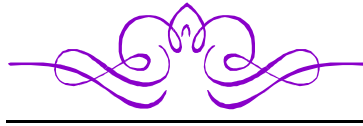
(Congregation to join in)

I will fly like the angels, I will soar like the eagles.
I will blow like the mighty - rushing wind.
And when the cords of death enslave me,
And no power on earth can save me.
Then I'll call upon the name of the Lord.
Then I'll call upon the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Communion Georgia Flora

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***POSTLUDE** "For Thine Is the Kingdom" Nerak



(Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 28

9:00 am	"Senior Adult Sunday"
9:45 - 10:15 am	In Alabama/Northwest Florida
10:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Fellowship Moment
11:30 am	Worship Service
	Worship & Wonder
	Chi Rho & CYF Youth
	A day at the Powell's Lake House

MONDAY, August 29

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
8:30 am	TAN Teacher's work day
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:30pm	Men's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, August 31

8:30 am	TAN teacher's work day
2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Marquita Sebastian

THURSDAY, September 1

7:00 pm	Advocates Bible Study
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First Christian Church

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING Monday, August 29, 2011 at 6:30 pm

We are delighted to have Chris Curry, Sheriff of Shelby County as our guest speaker. Sheriff Curry will be providing the latest report on a variety of issues that are presently affecting our county. Let's have a big turnout for this event. Mark your calendars for Monday, August 29, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Wednesday, August 31, at 2:00 pm

We will celebrate the life of Marquita Sebastian with a memorial service on Wednesday, 31 August, at 2:00 pm followed by the internment.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS Tuesday, September 6

Tuesday mornings, beginning September 6, from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, we will be studying ACTS.

Thursday evenings, beginning September 8, from 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm, we will be studying 1 Corinthians. So, Ladies, bring your choice of Bible translation and any commentary you would like to share. I look forward to seeing ALL LADIES wishing to participate in this study. Judy Dudley

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING Sunday, September 18

Beginning on Sunday, September 18, Edd will begin a four-week sermon series "Reflections on a Mountain Top Experience". Please invite your family and friends to come and hear about his adventure.

COLLECTION CENTER

*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden
(Matthew 5:14).*

Many faithful people manned our "Collection Center" during the Tornado Relief effort. You were the "Light of the Community" during that time. We would like to recognize those wonderful folks with a small gift following worship services on Sunday August 21 & 28. Please visit the "Outreach Table" in the narthex & pick up your gift. *Jerry & Rita Wallace, Charles & Peggy Daniels*

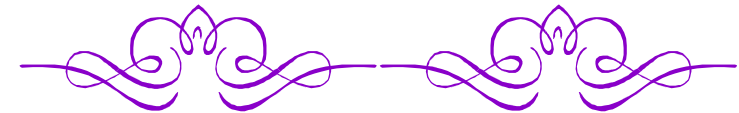
- *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although we generally practice baptism by immersion, we honor 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 & Wanda Davis*
MUSIC MINISTER: *Rev. Jan Watts*
ORGANIST/PIANIST: *David Brasher*
ELDERS ON CALL: *Bud & Georgia Flora*
SERVING DIACONATE: *Dan Alderson, Conlee Alderson, Linda Byrd,
Jose' Carreras, Nick Cotruvo, Paulette Farquhar,
Russ Favorite, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Connie Tabb,
Gary Taylor, Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis,
Ginny White.*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:
LESSON: *Jesus Asks Peter to Follow Him*
STORYTELLER: *Joye Taylor*
GREETERS: *Karen Beaton & Susan Hales*

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: *Jim Thigpen*
WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): *Jim & Beverly Baxter*
WORSHIP GREETER (Table): *Donna Strickland*



WHAT WE BELIEVE