

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 25, 2011

PRELUDE "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord" Wellman

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Jesus, Stand Among Us" Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The warmth of the shining sun.
People: Reflects the warmth of God's love for us.
Pastor: The refreshing water of the gently flowing stream.
People: Reflects God's cleansing and renewing grace.
Pastor: The rush of a mighty wind.
People: Reflects God's powerful Spirit, present in each of us.
All: Let us worship God, who is the foundation of our faith and

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Church's One Foundation" Chalice Hymnal No. 272

***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.

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

ANTHEM "Go Out in Joy" Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "Gather Your People" Chalice Praise Hymnal No. 172

Invitation to Communion Charles Daniels
(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 "Bread of Heaven" Jordan

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.

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SCRIPTURE Psalms 1: 1-3 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "Reflections on Roots" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Shall We Gather at the River" Chalice Hymnal No. 701

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Spirit Song" Chalice Hymnal No. 352

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Special Music Offering "All Things Are Possible" Zschoch ***Doxology**
O let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
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***POSTLUDE** "Toccata Brillante" Logan

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



SUNDAY, September 25
9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moment
10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship & Wonder
5:00 pm Children & Youth Groups
5:00 pm Praise Kids
6:15 pm Snack Supper

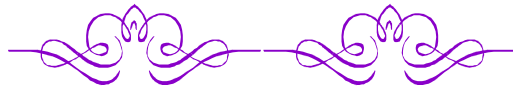
MONDAY – THURSDAY
9:30 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook Preschool

MONDAY, September 26
7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Men's Fellowship

TUESDAY, September 27
9:45 am The Adventure Nook Chapel
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, September 28
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Cantata Practice

THURSDAY, September 29
7:00 pm Advocates Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

HOMEcoming CELEBRATION Sunday, October 2

Next Sunday we will celebrate 137 years of serving the Lord with Birmingham and the world. The service will include recognition of all the members by highlighting the decade in which they joined the church. Also since it is World Communion Sunday, we will walk forward to the table to receive the Lord's Supper. The Elders will serve us through intinction. Following the worship service the Fellowship mission is providing a great Homecoming dinner. It will be turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, and all the trimmings of Thanksgiving. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5 – 10 years old, and children under 5 are free. Please make your reservations on the envelopes in the pews. Invite someone you know that has attended First Christian in the past. Encourage them to come to worship and stay for dinner as we celebrate precious memories. Come and celebrate 137 years of ministry!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm

Write it down and plan to be here for the Men's Fellowship on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm. Clay Osburne, Athletic Director at Spain Park High School will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing what's going on in the Youth World. Let's have a big crowd for him. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING - Our special Reconciliation Offering will be received Today and October 2. This offering is used to fund our church's mission to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across differences.

TRANSITIONAL WORSHIP FOR "GRADUATES" - TODAY AND OCTOBER 9

Several of our children will be "graduating" from **Children's Worship and Wonder** this fall. We are very proud of these children and want to offer all the support we can as they continue to grow in their Christian faith. **Today and October 9**, they are invited to attend a special worship called "Transitional Worship". This will be a time for them to learn about the worship that takes place in the sanctuary. Some things are done the same as in Children's Worship and Wonder, and some things are different. Transitional Worship will help them get ready for the differences. They will learn how to use the hymnal and pew Bible and how to follow the bulletin. They will talk about things they can do to help listen closely to the sermons. They will share communion, which is much like the feast in Worship and Wonder. Thanks to Bud and Georgia Flora, who will be leading in this special worship experience

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Creation
STORYTELLER: Sarah Ford
GREETERS: Paulette Farquhar & Pepper Edwards
TRANSITIONAL WORSHIP: Bud & Georgia Flora
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen
WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Charles & Peggy Daniels
WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Regena Varvoutis

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The choir would like to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us this year for our Christmas Cantata which will be on December 11. **Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm in the choir room.** This is always a wonderful time of spiritual renewal and fellowship for us as a choir. Come join our musical family! *In Christ, Jan.*

PASTOR'S CLASS

All children youth, and adults who want to be baptized are welcome to join the Pastor's Class. In the class participants will discuss the meaning of baptism, communion, the life of Jesus, the love of God, and the joy of serving in the church. The class will be led by Edd and will meet every Sunday at 4:00 pm. The first class will be October 2 at 4:00 pm and will meet in the library. Baptism will be on Christmas Sunday, December 25. Contact Edd if you are interested in taking the class.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Darcy Adams given by, Cara and Mark Adams.

WORSHIP LEADERS