

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY
EASTER DAY
SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2008**

PRELUDE "Behold the Lamb" Ronaele

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: This is the day,

People: When healing touches the suffering, when loneliness discovers a family, when peace caresses the stressed.

Pastor: This is the day, the Lord,

People: Breaks free of death's clutches, rolls away the stone, folds the grave clothes into a neat pile.

Pastor: This is the day, the Lord has made,

People: The day of sins' defeat, the day of resurrection, the first day of the new creation.

Pastor: This is the day!

People: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Hymnal No. 216

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas)** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND EASTER OFFERING
Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Call to Stewardship

Special Music Offering "We Shall Behold Him" Dotie Rambo/Dick Torrans

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "Easter Doxology" Harris

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

HOLY BAPTISM

Rev. Edd Spencer

Call to Baptism

Leader: We are a people of the water!

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead. Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

"Christ Arose!"

Hymnal No. 224

Invitation to Communion

Clarissa Harms

Prayer of Communion

Kathey Long

(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 Shall Not Want"

Gene Clarke

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

John 20: 19-22

Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON

"Behind Closed Doors"

Rev. Edd Spencer

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF NATURE Friday, April 11 at 7:30 pm**

We have a wonderful opportunity ahead of us on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. On this evening, we will be blessed to have Ken Jenkins share the glory of God and grace of Jesus through beautiful pictures of nature. Ken is a nationally known natural history photographer, writer, lecturer, and outdoor adventurer. For more than 30 years his photography and articles have appeared in National Geographic and Southern Living. Galleries across the country have exhibited his work, including the United States Air Force Academy and the Sarasota Arts Center in Florida. Ken shares that his “photography has been an opportunity to shares my love for Jesus. I simply stand humbled and amazed in the presence of Almighty God, who created all things and sustains all life and allows me to push a button and record a split second of His majesty.” Ken makes his home in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, a small resort town at the entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Many of you have probably been in his gallery and store, Beneath the Smoke, in Gatlinburg. Please circle your calendar for Friday, April 11. We will be encouraging the community to attend this wonderful experience. May we fill the sanctuary with members of our church and visitors as we celebrate the majesty of God in nature.

- **THE OUTDOOR WORSHIP CENTER** - Brent shared that the Outdoor Worship Center would always be a “work in progress”. He was correct as new plants have been added for the spring season. Also, all of the memorial bricks in honor or memory of loved ones have been placed along the sidewalk in the Outdoor Worship Center. They look great and bring an awareness of beautiful people associated with First Christian Church. There has been an interest by individuals and families to order some more memorial bricks. A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the narthex. The cost of each brick is \$50.00. If you have any questions contact Brent Beatty or Edd Spencer.

- **WATERCOLOR CLASS** – Learn to watercolor! A class is being offered at the church on Tuesdays in April, April 1, 15, 22 and 29 from 9:00 am – 2:00pm with a break for lunch. There is no charge for this class but you may need to buy a few supplies. The first class on April 1, will be a watercolor basics, techniques, etc. In the other classes we will complete one, possibly two, simple paintings in which you will use these techniques. This is a beginner’s class, no experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Carole Rudd at 678-2440 or email her at chrvol@aol.com by March 30. We must have a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of fifteen (15) in order to have the class.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- *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

<i>WORSHIP LEADERS:</i>	<i>Rev. Edd Spencer, Rev. Mary Pat Spencer</i>
<i>MINISTER OF MUSIC:</i>	<i>Rev. Jan Watts</i>
<i>ORGANIST/PIANIST:</i>	<i>David Brasher</i>
<i>ELDERS ON CALL:</i>	<i>Kathey Long, Clarissa Harms</i>
<i>SERVING DIACONATE:</i>	<i>Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Elizabeth Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree</i>
<i>WORSHIP GREETERS:</i>	<i>Charles & Peggy Daniels</i>
<i>WELCOME TABLE:</i>	<i>Ann Langley</i>
<i>CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:</i>	<i>Pat Deaton & Ann Langley</i>
<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</i>	<i>Jim Thigpen</i>

- **HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT’S COMING?** - What is just around the corner and is for those of us that are silver around the edges... The right word for that is gilded. Now that you know who you are, you soon will know that something special is being planned just for you on May 28th at 12:00pm here at our church. Mark your calendars now; there will be food of the finest and entertainment, with a laugh, just for you. It is a much needed time of gathering for us gilded folk that love the Lord. Tell you more later! Janet Bonds.