

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE "Still Small Voice" Schuyler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "How Long, O God, How Long?"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Today we begin our Lenten journey into the heart of our faith.

People: **We turn toward the cross and the empty tomb and the mystery that from His death comes new life.**

Pastor: And this is the journey for us, to die and rise with Christ.

People: **Yes, to die to all that diminishes life, to rise to new abundance.**

Pastor: So may we die to fear and rise to love.

People: **May we die to defensiveness and rise to new openness.**

Pastor: May we die to judgments and rise to compassion.

People: **May we die to pettiness and rise to generosity.**

Pastor: May the life of Christ take root in us.

People: **May it grow us into the people of God.**

All: **This is our prayer, now and always. Amen**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Hymnal No.518

***INVOCATION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Edd Spencer

Children Preschool through fifth grade are welcome to join the Pastor in front of the sanctuary. Young worshipers (Age 3 through fourth grade) are invited to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Please join the Leader in the back of the sanctuary.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS

A Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering

*Doxology Hymnal No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Jesu, Blessed Jesu" Young

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Become to Us the Living Bread" Hymnal No. 423

Invitation to Communion Beverly Baxter

Prayer of Communion Jim Baxter

(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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Softly and Tenderly" Burger

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 5:27-32 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Dinner With Levi" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Renew Your Church" Hymnal No. 463

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "Gather Us In" Hymnal No. 284

Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in this light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Libby Carpenter

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 10

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Edith Garrison
4:00 pm Fellowship Mission
5:30 pm Chi Rho Music Group
5:30 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Praise Kids
7:00 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, February 11

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Job
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Elders Gathering

TUESDAY, February 12

9:45 am Chapel
6:00 pm Scale Back Alabama Class
6:00 pm PEPP Program
6:30 pm Finance Council
7:00 pm Elder Visitation

WEDNESDAY, February 13

9:45 am Chapel
11:30 am Church Volunteers Luncheon
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 14

6:15 pm Lenten Dinner
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

FRIDAY, February 15

7:00 pm Scrabble at Joye Taylor's



IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **THURSDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP** – Every Thursday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 6:15 for supper. Different groups will provide the meals with the cost being \$5.00 for adults and older children, \$3.00 for children 4 through 11, and children under 4 are free. Following the meal at 7:00 pm, we will have a thirty minute Lenten worship service in the Farkas room. The service will focus on the thoughts of Joyce Rupp from her book, “The Cup of Our Life.” We will discover how the ordinary cups we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us closer to God. The schedule for each service on the Cups is as follows:

February 14	<i>The Cup of Life</i>
February 21	<i>The Chipped Cup</i>
February 28	<i>The Broken Cup</i>
March 6	<i>The Styrofoam Cup</i>
March 13	<i>The Cup of Blessing</i>

All of these services will begin at 7:00 pm following the meal and will last thirty minutes, ending at 7:30 pm. Reservations for the meal can be made on the reservation chart in the narthex or call the church office. If you can't come to the meal, please attend the worship service at 7:00 pm. Childcare is provided for both the meal and the worship service.

- **SERMON SERVICES FOR LENT** – Edd and Mary Pat will share a service of sermons during Lent on meals that Jesus shared with His friends. Jesus loved to share in food and fellowship during His life on earth. The following sermons focus on some of the special meals that Jesus enjoyed on earth before He returned to be with His father.

Sunday, February 10	Dinner with Levi
Sunday, February 17	Dinner with Zechariah
Sunday, February 24	Dinner with Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Sunday, March 2	Dinner with the Twelve

- **PASTOR CLASS** – Anyone interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday should attend the Pastor Class beginning next Sunday at 4:30 pm in the church library. Please contact Edd if you are interested.

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>Jim Baxter, Beverly Baxter</i>
<i>SERVING DIACONATE:</i>	<i>Pepper Edwards, Susan Hales, Clark Andrich, Brent Beatty, Jacob Beatty, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Luci Colee, Allison Mirabito, Shane West, Jenny West, Emma Harms, Stacy Cason, Sherri LaBeau</i>
<i>WORSHIP GREETERS:</i>	<i>Fletcher & Sandy Hamilton</i>
<i>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:</i>	<i>Tiffany Rodriguez</i>
<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</i>	<i>Jim Thigpen</i>

- **2007 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS-** 2007 Contribution Statements will be in the narthex Sunday, January 27. Please stop by, search the box (they will be in alphabetical order by last name) and retrieve your statement. If you do not see your statement, or if you find an error on your statement, please contact Cece. After the month of February, the statements will be in the church office. No statements will be mailed out unless you call and request it. Thanks! Cece.