

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "As the Hart Pants for You, O Lord" Richard Blake

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Hugh Henderson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Hugh Henderson

Leader: O God, because You are the source of all life and love and being,

People: We call You Creator;

Leader: Because we know the history of Your presence among Your covenanted people and honor their tradition,

People: We call You Lord;

Leader: Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, Your obedient child, knew You intimately and spoke of You so,

People: We call You Father;

Leader: Because You are present in the act of birth and because You shelter, nurture, and care for us,

People: We call You Mother;

Leader: Because You hold us up and give us strength and courage when we are weak and in need,

People: We call You Sustainer;

Leader: Because we have known You in our pain and suffering,

People: We call You Comforter;

Leader: Because beyond pain lies Your promise of all things made new,

People: We call You Hope;

Leader: Because You are the means of liberation and the way to freedom,

People: We call You Redeemer.

All: Confident that You will hear, we call upon You with all the names that make You real to us, the names that create an image in our minds and hearts, an image that our souls can understand and touch. And yet, we know that You are more than all of these.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymnal No. 97

***INVOCATION**

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

CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Jan Watts

Children of preschool through fifth grade are welcome to join the Pastor in front of the sanctuary. Young worshipers (age 3 through fifth 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 AND OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Hugh Henderson
Special Music Offering Ronaele
Doxology Hymnal No. 46
*Prayer of Dedication Hugh Henderson

ANTHEM "You Make It Rain For Me" Goodman
Wanda Davis, Alto

PASTORAL PRAYER Hugh Henderson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Take Our Bread" Hymnal No.413
Invitation to Communion Ann Langley
Prayer of Communion Jim Langley
(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 "Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet" Michael Shea

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 Isaiah 53: 3-5 Rev. Jan Watts

SERMON "Expect the Unexpected" Rev. Jan Watts

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Hymnal No. 344

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Jan Watts

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Hymnal No. 434

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "The Abundant Life" Garrett Parker

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 30

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:30 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Praise Kids
7:00 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, March 31

6:30 pm Christian Men's Fellowship

TUESDAY, April 1

9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm PEPP Program in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, April 2

9:45 am Chapel
5:30 pm Girls' Vocal Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, April 3

Our Pilgrims return from the Holy Land

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You



March 30, 2008

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **CHRISTIAN MEN'S GATHERING MONDAY, MARCH 31, 6:30 PM-** The men of First Christian are blessed at their next meeting to have Richmond Flowers as their guest speaker. All men are encouraged to attend and bring a friend for a great meal and speaker. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex.
- **THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF NATURE FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 7:30 PM**
A beautiful presentation of God's love using majestic pictures of nature along with spiritual thoughts by Ken Jenkins of Gatlinburg, Tenn. Invite a friend for this fantastic evening. The nursery will be open.
- **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.
- **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 the 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.
- **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.

MINISTER OF MUSIC:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Jim Langley, Ann Langley

SERVING DIACONATE:

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

WORSHIP GREETERS:

Charles & Peggy Daniels

WELCOME TABLE:

Ann Langley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Tiffany Rodriguez

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

CAMPS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ADVENTURE DAYS 2008

June 23-25-27

1-3 grades 9:00 am -11:30 am

July 7-9-11

4-5 grades 9:00 am -11:30 am

July 14-16-18

4 yrs- K 9:00 am -11:30 am

Full of activities, games, crafts, stories and much more! Cost \$10 (A non-refundable registration fee)

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP 2008

"It's Cool in the Furnace"

July 28 - August 1

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For ages 6 yrs. to 8th grade.

Cost \$65 of which \$25 will be a non-refundable registration fee.

A performance will be held on Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 am.

Limited registration – hurry!

Registration forms are in the office.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Jan Watts, Hugh Henderson