

## A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** "Christ the Redeemer" Tom Birchwood

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "In the Name of the Lord"

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

*Pastor:* We are God's household, crafted by the architect of creation,  
**People:** **Our hearts are shelters for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

*Pastor:* We are God's people, created in the divine image,  
**People:** **To tell others of God's love; to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

*Pastor:* We are God's children, called to give of ourselves,  
**People:** **Chosen to serve the lost and lonely; gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

**All:** **Let us come and tell His story of love to all the world.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Hymnal No. 484

### **\*INVOCATION**

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

**CHILDRENS MOMENT** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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  
Special Music Offering "Jesus...Wonderful Name!"  
Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
Jonjas  
Hymnal No. 46  
Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**ANTHEM** "Be Still" Beebe

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Communion Hymn "We Come as Guests Invited" Hymnal No.386  
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** "Spirit of God" Lani Smith/Tune: Morecombe

**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: 1-11 Rev. Edd Spencer

**SERMON** "Our Favorite Place – The Sea of Galilee" Rev. Edd Spencer

**\* HYMN OF INVITATION** "We Call Ourselves Disciples" Hymnal No.357

We Call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.  
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.  
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.  
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,  
To share the cup of water and bread with all in need;  
To work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,  
Till all this planet's people know justice with-out fail.

So now the vision brightens,  
The light of Christ burns still in hearts of all disciples, to be the church God wills.  
From quiet meditation, and Joyous hymns of praise,  
We go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

**\* BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" Hymnal No. 439

God, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

**POSTLUDE** "The Awakening" Edward Broughton

## **LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY, April 6**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Trustees Meeting  
11:30 am Rebekah at Rocky Ridge  
5:30 pm Bible Study on Genesis  
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, April 7**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Job  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Lydia w/Julie Henderson

### **TUESDAY, April 8**

9:45 am Chapel  
6:30 pm PEPP Program in the Genesis Room  
7:00 pm Finance Council

### **WEDNESDAY, April 9**

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

### **THURSDAY, April 10**

6:30 pm Pastor's Cabinet

### **FRIDAY, April 11**

7:30 pm "The Spiritual Side of Nature"  
with Ken Jenkins

### **SATURDAY, April 12**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Aneda Chandler's Brunch/Shower

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

*Where the Grace of God Awaits You*



*April 6, 2008*

## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH



### **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.*

- **OUTREACH NOTES** - Today is the LAST day to take an "egg" from the Lovelady Tree . Also, it is the last Sunday before the Crop Walk. The registration packets will be available in the narthex. If you can't join the walk with us, please make a donation. You can also go to [www.bhamcropwalk.org](http://www.bhamcropwalk.org) for more information. So grab your check book and walking shoes and do something good for your heart...and soul. Thanks, Liz and Sharon.
- **REGIONAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN MOBILE** – Azalea Hills Christian Church will be the host site for this year's Regional Assembly, scheduled for April 25-27. The assembly's theme is, "The Acts 1:8 Mandate: And you shall be my witness...". A great slate of speakers has been secured for this three-day regional gathering, including former moderator of the Christian Church, the Rev. William Lee, pastor of the London Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, VA. Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon. An all-assembly Fish Fry will be held on Saturday evening. The new Family Life Center at Azalea Hills Christian Church will be the site for many of the events during the assembly. Reservation forms are on the table in the narthex.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*  
*MINISTER OF MUSIC: Rev. Jan Watts*  
*ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher*  
*ELDERS ON CALL: Jim Baxter, Beverly Baxter*  
*SERVING DIACONATE: Carole Rudd, Cindy Thigpen, Donna Beatty, Sarah Beatty,  
Deb Carpenter, Jose Carreras, Jeff Eady, Don Garrison,  
Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Scott Long, Gary Taylor,  
Connie Tabb, Ginny White*  
*WORSHIP GREETERS: Gail Burton, Jerry Wallace*  
*WELCOME TABLE: Sandy Hamilton*  
*CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Allison Mirabito*  
*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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.