

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Pavane" Gabriel Faure'/Paxton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "You Are Here" Nystrom/Moen

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

Pastor: God became an infant,
People: **So we could become God's children.**
Pastor: God walked the earth, telling stories,
People: **So the words would guide our choices.**
Pastor: God became poor,
People: **So our riches would help others.**
Pastor: God became foolish,
People: **So we would be wise enough to follow.**
Pastor: God turned the world, upside down,
People: **So we would find our way home.**
All: **Let us come and worship God's Son who makes this all possible.**
Let us stand up and praise Jesus.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" Hymnal No. 613

***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 "I Worship You Medley" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Doxology Roosevelt
*Prayer of Dedication Hymnal No. 46
Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "African Psalm" Kenyan Folk Song
arr. Liebergen

Twila Tyree, Soprano; Wanda Davis, Alto; Gary Franklin, Bass
Aneida Chandler, Soprano; Hugh Henderson, Bass; Georgia Flora, Soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Are Ye Able", Said the Master" Hymnal No. 621
Invitation to Communion Boyce Guthrie
Prayer of Communion Joye Taylor
(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 "Song of Remembrance" Ludwig van Beethoven

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 Genesis 22: 1-13 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "It Is Not About Me" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Living for Jesus" Hymnal No. 610

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "There Is Strength In The Name of The Lord" Hymnal No. 28
(Sing thru twice)

POSTLUDE "May the Road Rise to Meet You" Lee Turner

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 20

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
4:30 pm CWF & Chi Rho Youth Sunday Practice
5:30 pm Younger Youth Groups
5:30 pm Bible Study on Genesis
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 21

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

TUESDAY, April 22

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Watercolor Class
9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Personnel Meeting
7:00 pm Elder Visitation

WEDNESDAY, April 23

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

FRIDAY, April 25 - SATURDAY, April 26

Regional Assembly in Mobile

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **YOUTH SUNDAY, April 27th** - “Temptations” is the theme that has been chosen by our Chi Rho and CYF youth for youth Sunday on April 27th. Four of our young people will share some of the temptations that they face as middle and high school students. They will share specific temptations like cheating, pre-marital sex, drugs, smoking and/or dipping. They will share how they cope and how their faith helps them. Our youth today are faced with many more temptations than previous generations and obviously we do not have time to deal with all of them. However, one thing is sure, they need a strong faith in God in order to resist the peer pressures and temptations that occur daily. Our other youth will participate as worship leaders and elders. We know that you will want to come to worship and bring a friend as our youth lead worship service. Support our youth and learn how they exercise their faith.
- **THIS IS YOUR LIFE** - You are invited on May 4th to help us honor three of our graduating seniors in our “This Is Your Life” program. This year our seniors who have chosen to be recognized are: Sarah Beatty, Lindsay Brown, and Sylvia McLain. Immediately following morning worship, we will have a wonderful lunch prepared by Elizabeth Orazine in honor of our seniors. You may make reservations by signing the sign-up sheet in the narthex over the next few Sundays. The cost of the meal will be \$5.00 and children under 6 free. Following our meal each of the seniors will be “Roasted” by a special person in their life and a short video presentation will be shown of their growing up years. Come and join us for this special time in the life of our seniors and we send them forth and wish them well.
- **CAMP HIGH HOPES June 7 – 8** - Mark your calendars for Camp High Hopes. It is the event for which you have been waiting. Spend some time in the fresh air at YMCA Hargis Retreat. It is an entire weekend of fun, and it is all free. You get to spend the weekend with some really great people. And if you get the urge you can do some exciting things like fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, motorcycling, hay riding, and dancing the night away. The campers are mentally challenged folks who live in group homes in the surrounding counties. First Christian Church has had a special bond with some of these campers for years and years. Many have no family and this is their most special event of the year. We need counselors! Mark your calendar for June 7-8. You have the option of sleeping over or sleeping at home and returning in the morning. Please contact Jim Langley at 980-1827 if you can participate.

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>Boyce Guthrie, Joye Taylor</i>
<i>SERVING DIACONATE:</i>	<i>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</i>
<i>WORSHIP GREETERS:</i>	<i>Gail Burton, Jerry Wallace</i>
<i>WELCOME TABLE:</i>	<i>Sandy Hamilton</i>
<i>CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:</i>	<i>Clarissa & Emma Harms</i>
<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</i>	<i>Jim Thigpen</i>

