

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "All Hail King Jesus" Dave Moody

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Edd Spencer

Pastor: God, who created all things and named them "good" has shaped us in the divine image.

People: We come, with grace-filled hearts, into the presence of our Creator.

Pastor: Jesus, who led the way by carrying a cross, has brought us into the kingdom of God.

People: We come, our brokenness made whole, into the presence of our Redeemer.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit, who brings us together from many places, calls us to be the household of God.

People: We come, all walls broken down, into the presence of our Sustainer. In all of this we come to praise Almighty God who is Holy, Holy, Holy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymnal No. 4

***INVOCATION**

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

CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Edd 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 PENTECOST OFFERING

Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" John B. Dykes

Doxology Hymnal No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Hallowed Be Thy Name" Donald Moore

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Hymnal No. 422

Invitation to Communion Joye Taylor

Prayer of Communion Bud Flora

(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 "One Body in Christ" O.I. Cricket Harrison

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 James 3: 1-10 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Like Tongues of Fire" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymnal No. 5

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hymnal No. 254

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a new,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breath of me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.*

POSTLUDE "A Pompous March" Gordon Young

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You



May 18, 2008

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 18

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| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 10:00 am | Worship |
| 4:30 pm | Performing Arts Camp Meeting |
| 5:30 pm | Women's Tennis |

MONDAY, May 19

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

WEDNESDAY, May 21

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| 5:30 pm | The Grace Notes |
| 6:30 pm | Choir Practice |

SATURDAY, May 24

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| 5:30 pm | Busy Believers Cook-out At Oak Mountain State Park |
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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **CHURCH DIRECTORIES** – New church directories are available in the narthex. Please pick up your copy today after worship. We have already discovered some wrong phone numbers and addresses and will list the corrections in the next Visitor. If you notice any corrections, please call the church office. *Thank You*
- **BUSY BELIEVERS (Young Adults)** - You are invited to attend our Busy Believers Cookout on **Saturday, May 24**, at Oak Mountain State Park. I will provide the charcoal. You bring your own drinks and the food you want to grill. Don't forget the kids and games to keep us laughing. We will begin at **5:30** and go until... I have reserved the **Buckeye Pavilion**. It is the same one we had last time. I will provide a map for those who attend church school. So come and bring the kids, a friend, food and get to know other young adults. Let me know if you plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you there. *Mary Pat*
- **YOUNG AT HEART IS READY TO ROLL!** - Jenny West will be cooking our lunch. Yeah! And thank you Jenny. Then, after our great lunch, we will have Barbara Eubanks (comedian) as our guest speaker. That will be a lot of fun too. Be sure that you sign up for this great day, made especially for those Young at Heart and their friends (yes, you may bring a friend, or even your neighbor). That's May 28 at 12:00 -noon- here at our church. If you have any question or want to volunteer to help let me know. See you ... *Janet Bonds*
- **FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** – A sign-up sheet for flowers for the sanctuary each Sunday is located on the name tag closet, right next to the church offices. Please sign up for flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or friends. The cost is \$40 for each arrangement and you get to take them home after worship service. Contact Kay Keith for more information.

WORSHIP LEADERS: *Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*
MINISTER OF MUSIC: *Rev. Jan Watts*
ORGANIST/PIANIST: *David Brasher*
ELDERS ON CALL: *Joye Taylor, Bud Flora*
SERVING DIACONATE: *Pepper Edwards, Susan Hales, Clark Andrich, Brent Beatty, Jacob Beatty, Bobby Boyd, Luci Colee, Allison Mirabito, Shane West, Jenny West, Emma Harms, Stacy Cason, Sherri LaBeau*

WORSHIP GREETERS: *Clarissa Harms, Ruth Ann Steele*
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: *Clarissa & Emma Harms*
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: *Jim Thigpen*

- **SACRED HARP CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE AT FCC** – Something wonderful, beautiful and exciting is scheduled at your church building on June 12, 13th & 14th this year. SACRED HARP SINGING! It is acappella singing that has been enjoyed continuously for almost 200 years in this country. Some of the hymns, sung frequently, were written centuries ago. In 1980 a group of singers, in co-operation with the music department of Samford University, held the first NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION at Samford. It has been held in the Birmingham area annually since then. Singers come from many states in the United States, from England, Canada as well as other locations around the world to participate in this joyful musical event. They come at their own expense to join in singing from 9:30 am to about 2:30 pm – with breaks in the morning and afternoon. Of course time is taken out for a great lunch at noon. Different “leaders” follow one after the other directing songs of their choosing. About one hundred songs are sung each day. A smaller group will return on Thursday evening to sing some new compositions for a couple of hours. The visitors usually will attend area sings on Sunday 15th to experience a little different group of local activities.

Sacred Harp singing has been a tradition in my family for generations, and I am thrilled that the most significant event of each year will be here at First Christian Church Birmingham. It is my hope that you will find an opportunity to spend some time with these visitors and make them feel welcomed while they are here. You are welcome to come and stay throughout the event or come and go as you wish. Our buildings will be used with great care and I am sure a significant donation will be provided for the use of our outstanding facilities. Please come and become acquainted with this music tradition - you may actually enjoy it!

I hope you do enjoy it. *Hubert C. Nall*



WORSHIP LEADERS