

**A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, June 29, 2008**

**PRELUDE** "Enough" Tomlin/Giglio

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

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

**PROCESSION OF FLAGS** Jim Baxter & Scott Jackson

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "Breathe" No. 18

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!  
American! America! God shed full grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with servant hood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.*

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

*I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic for which it stands:  
One Nation under God indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.*

**PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands  
one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.*

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI**

**CHILDRENS MOMENT** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Call to Stewardship  
Special Music Offering "In Christ Alone" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
Doxology Townend/Getty  
\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**ANTHEM** "Forever" No. 10  
arr by. Chris Tomlin

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Communion Hymn "Come to the Table of Mercy" No. 34  
Invitation to Communion Hubert Nall  
Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson  
(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** "Remember Me" Gustafson/Nystrom

**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** I Corinthians 8: 1-13; Romans 6: 12-23 Rev. Edd Spencer

**SERMON** "Celebrating God's Gift of Freedom" Rev. Edd Spencer

**\* HYMN OF INVITATION** "Give Thanks" No. 28

**\* BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Be Glorified" No. 19

**POSTLUDE** "Lord I Life Your Name on High" Founds

\* Those that are able please stand

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, June 29**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
6:00 pm Barbeque Dinner  
7:00 pm God Bless the USA Musical

**MONDAY, June 30**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Isaiah  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Opal Smallridge Celebrates her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
with a birthday party at Fairhaven Nursing Home  
6:30 pm Church Work Party

**TUESDAY, July 1**

9:00 – 1:00 pm TAN Summer Fun  
7:00 pm Elders Calls

**THURSDAY, July 3**

9:00 – 1:00 pm TAN Summer Fun

**FRIDAY, July 4**

Offices Closed



***GOD BLESS THE USA***

***A Patriotic Musical***

***Created by Sue C. Smith, Joel Lindsey, and Russell Mauldin***

***Arranged by Russell Mauldin***

**Narrated by Michael Watts**  
**Performed by First Christian Church Chancel Choir**

*Welcome: Jan Watts, music minister*

**God Bless the U.S.A. with This Is Our America**

**America, the Beautiful**

*Jim Langley, bass; David Brasher, baritone*

**(Please sing with the choir on the last chorus when signaled to do so)**

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

**I Love These Fifty States**

*Libby Carpenter, alto; Steve Pasky, tenor; Kathy Mann, alto;  
Gary Franklin, bass; Donni Garrison, soprano; Barry Storer, tenor;  
Deb Carpenter, soprano*

**While There's Time**

*Aneda Chandler, soprano; Hugh Henderson, baritone*

**In God We Still Trust**

*Wanda Davis, alto*

**You're a Grand Old Flag with Forever in Peace May You Wave**

*Twila Tyree, soprano*

**God Bless the U.S.A.**

*Gordon Goodall, bass*

*Closing Prayer: Edd Spencer, co-pastor*

## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **GOD BLESS THE USA** – The Chancel Choir is busy preparing for a special event taking place today at 7pm. We are pleased to be able to present a patriotic, Christian musical entitled, “God Bless the USA”. We will celebrate the birth of our country and have a rousing good time doing it! Come join your choir as they present this very special musical honoring your country’s birthday. Also, the Fellowship mission is planning a dinner at 6:00 pm. Come early for dinner and then enjoy “God Bless the USA”
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY, JUNE 29** – We are all invited by the Fellowship mission for a Fellowship Dinner at 6:00pm this evening prior to the wonderful musical at 7:00 pm presented by the choir. The dinner will be catered by Full Moon Barbeque. The menu is barbeque chicken and pork, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chow-chow and Full Moon’s chocolate cookies for desert. The cost is \$6.00 for Adults and older children, \$4.00 for children 5 to 10, and under 5 years of age are free. Please sign up today for reservations for the dinner on the chart in the narthex. Then after dinner we will all go into the Sanctuary for the choir musical “God Bless the USA”. Invite a friend for this great experience in our church.
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY OPAL** - Our Opal Smallridge, who has been a member of First Christian Church for many years, will be 102 years old. We celebrate that she was born on June 30, 1906, in Ft. Deposit, Alabama. We will have a birthday party for her on Monday, June 30, at 2:00 pm at Fairhaven Nursing Home. If you would like to ride in the church van to the party please be at church at 1:15 pm. Everyone is invited to come for her 102<sup>nd</sup> celebration. Also, you may want to send her your birthday greeting. Please mail your cards to:  
Opal Smallridge  
Fairhaven Nursing Home, Rm 137B  
1424 Montclair Road  
Birmingham, Al 35210
- **CHURCH WORK DAY** - Steve Pasky and Gary Franklin are calling all men and women of First Christian to come Monday, June 30, at 6:30 pm for a Work Day on the church grounds. The work to be accomplished is to refresh the flower gardens with new mulch and paint stripes in the parking lot. There will be a meal provided and great fellowship as we add beauty to our church.

*WORSHIP LEADERS:*

*Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*

*MINISTER OF MUSIC:*

*Rev. Jan Watts*

*ORGANIST/PIANIST:*

*David Brasher*

*ELDERS ON CALL:*

*Hubert Nall, Hugh Henderson*

*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*

*WELCOME TABLE:*

*Pepper Edwards*

*CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:*

*Joye Taylor, Susan Hales*

*SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen*

- **AN INVITATION FROM THE KING** - King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon requests the honor of your presence at the Performing Arts Camp July 28-Aug 1. The King and his new friends, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, invite you to participate in all the fun they will have during the week. Then on Sunday, Aug. 3, all of you will share with our congregation the wonderful story of just how Cool It is in the Furnace. So if you are 6 years old up through completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then you are encouraged to come. Ask your parents to get a registration form in the Narthex so the King will know that you are coming. You may also invite your friends. The King says, “The more the merrier”. See you soon. The King’s Court Team.

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of Bruce Moon’s retirement from AT & T (formerly Bellsouth) after 36 ½ years of service. Congratulations on a job well done! Love, Marian, Walt & Betty.*

*The beautiful flowers that we had in the sanctuary last Sunday, June 22, were in honor of Russ & Pat Favorite’s 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. And also, in celebration of Kirstyn Rudd on her 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday,*

## WORSHIP LEADERS