

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Rock Of Ages" No. 11

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jan Watts

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Here we gather as God's people,
People: **We gather with our friends from far and near.**
Pastor: Let our voices sound with praises,
People: **Knowing Christ is with us here.**
Pastor: Now we seek and greet each other,
People: **Here we mingle, bound together.**
All: **Gathered in Your name because among us You are here.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "You Are Here" No. 15

***INVOCATION**

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

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 third 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 Rev. Jan Watts
Special Music Offering "Be Unto Your Name" DeShazo/Sadler
Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Jan Watts

ANTHEM "Now I Belong To Jesus" Clayton
Aneda Chandler, Soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Jan Watts

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Come To The Table of The Lord" No. 24
Invitation to Communion Steve Pasky
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 "To Love You" Elson/Moran

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 Romans 8: 12-17 Rev. Scott Bowen
(pages 1756 & 1757 in Pew Bibles)

SERMON "The Choice" Rev. Scott Bowen

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Shout To The Lord" No. 35

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Jan Watts

POSTLUDE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" No. 6

* Those that are able please stand

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 20

9:00 am
10:00 am

Sunday School
Worship

TUESDAY, July 22

6:30 pm
6:45 pm

Caring & Sharing at Habaneros
Website Meeting w/Andy Evans
For all those interested in having input
are invited to attend

WEDNESDAY, July 23

12:00 pm
6:30 pm

Young At Heart Luncheon
And Program
Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, July 24

ICYF 2008 Begins at Chapman Univ.
Orange, California (24th – 27th)



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July 20, 2008

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **DOUPLING DIPPING IS GOOD!** – Double Decker Hamburgers... double delight Ice Cream cones... double play at the old ball game...And a **DOUBLE PROGRAM FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART.** We didn't want to leave any one out and we have now a great treat for you on Wednesday, 23rd July. We have our very own Laura Langley telling us about her trip to Africa. A delicious lunch of quiche, and from the Road Scholars we have a story teller and friend talking about the traditions at the dining table and other eating places. It's a fun topic and Joyce Cauthen comes highly recommended. Sign up today and grab a friend and have a delightful double good time here at First Christian Church on Wednesday, rain or shine...By the way, mark you calendars for August 27th. We have a special program and lunch planned with one of our own special actresses Deb Carpenter...see you! Janet.
- **PERFORMING ARTS CAMP July 28 – Aug 1 for ages 6 years – 8th grade**
Register your children and your neighbors' children and your friends' children for our performing Arts Camp. They will be learning about and then presenting, "It's cool in the Furnace" on Sunday, Aug 3 in morning worship. It is a great children's musical about Daniel, and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They will learn about a great Old Testament story and have fun at the same time. We have a great team of leaders that have worked hard to make this event special. Please share with others and register your own children ASAP. We look forward to seeing you. Registration forms are in the narthex. Please note that if you are a church member, you only pay half the registration fee. If you help out, then your child is totally free. Registration for non-member is \$65.00. Scholarships are available.
- **EVENING VESPERS and ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, August 3**
The Worship Mission is having an Evening Vespers outside in the Prayer Garden on Sunday, August 3 at 7:00 pm. The service will be special worship focused around God's beautiful creation of trees. Edd will share a message on trees of the Bible and how they have touched our lives. There will also be special music and Holy Communion. After worship the Fellowship Mission is providing ice cream and all the trimmings in the Family Life Center. It will be a special time of delicious ice cream, fun and Christian fellowship. Circle August 3 for a special day with morning worship of "Cool in the Furnace," with our children from the Performing Arts Camp and then Evening Vespers on "Trees" followed by an Ice Cream Social.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Jan Watts & Rev. Scott Bowen

MINISTER OF MUSIC:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Steve Pasky, Joye Taylor

SERVING DIACONATE:

Carole Rudd, Cindy Thigpen, Donna Beatty, Sarah Beatty, Lindsay Brown, Deb Carpenter, Jose Carreras, Jeff Eady, Don Garrison, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Jason Lamb, Scott Long, Connie Tabb, Gary Taylor, Ginny White

WELCOME GREETERS:

Bob & Janet Clark

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Libby & Barbara Carpenter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: *Jim Thigpen*

- We welcome Scott Bowen this morning to the pulpit of First Christian Church. Scott is the Chaplain at Shelby Baptist. May God bless him as he brings the morning worship. Also, we are grateful to have Jan serve as worship leader. May God bless her ministry.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Our Parents, by John & Connie Tabb

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of Ken Horne on his Birthday, by his family



An Invitation

To all those that we love, we wanted to share,

The most joyous news and nothing can quite compare.

*We are bound by our love and soon we will be, committing ourselves to each other,
between him, God and me.*

*We have been so blessed and how happy we will be,
Husband and wife for eternity.*

*On our special day we ask of you,
Send us warm wishes and blessings
as we send the same to you.*

Tiffany & Carlton

You are cordially invited to join us on our wedding day, August 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm at
First Christian Church, Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama