

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Before there was any time,
People: There was God.
Pastor: When we wander through the wilderness of problems,
People: God is there with us.
Pastor: When we are overwhelmed by stress and change,
People: God is there to hold us.
Pastor: When we seek to serve faithfully,
People: God provides the opportunities.
Pastor: When tomorrow comes,
People: We find God awake and waiting for us.
Pastor: When time ends,
People: There will still be God. May we come and sing in praising His name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" No. 29

***INVOCATION**

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

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 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. Mary Pat Spencer
Special Music Offering "Lord Have Mercy" Merkel
Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "We Are Waking" South Africa (20th Century)
Praise Band

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" No. 13
Invitation to Communion Jim Langley
Prayer of Communion Ann Langley
(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 "Hold Me, Lord" Reinhardt

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 Mark 10: 46-52 Rev. Edd Spencer
(page 1572 in Pew Bible)

SERMON "Healing A Blind Beggar" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" No. 32

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE "Awesome God" No. 6

* Those that are able please stand

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 27

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
3:30 pm Youth Sponsor Meeting
4:30 pm Performing Arts Summer Camp
Staff and Volunteer Meeting

MONDAY, July 28

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Isaiah
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Performing Arts Summer Camp
"It's Cool in the Furnace"
(July 27th - Aug 1st)
6:30 pm Men's Gathering

TUESDAY, July 29

7:00 pm Elders Calls

SUNDAY, August 3

10:00 am Performing Arts Summer Camp
"It's Cool in the Furnace" Performance in Worship
7:00 pm Outdoor Vesper Worship & Ice Cream Social



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(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You



July 27, 2008

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **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.

- **NEW PEW BIBLES** - We have purchased new LARGE print New International Version Bibles for the pews in the sanctuary. The worship mission hopes the new Bibles will make it easier for the congregation to see and understand the word of God during our worship services. If you would like to purchase a Bible in honor or memory of someone, you may do so with a \$10 donation to the church. Drop the check in the offering plate or mail it directly to the church office. Be sure to write on your check the name of the person for whom the Bible is in honor or memory of. If you are donating more than one Bible, please attach a list to your check listing the names and in honor/memory of. We know many of our current Bibles were given in honor or memory of someone, and we will continue to use those Bibles in our Sunday School classrooms, choir room, and during special services. "Give life by giving the Word of God!"

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 Langley, Ann Langley*

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*

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

