A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 6, 2011

PRELUDE *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* *Thallander*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Edd Spencer*
(Please Silence Your Cell Phones. Thank You.)

****CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP*** *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

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

Pastor: *We gather, centered in the promises of God,*
People: ***Caught in the web of grace.***
Pastor: *Surrounded by wonder and joy,*
People: ***Welcomed into the house of blessing.***
Pastor: *We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,*
People: ***Lifted up by stories of faith.***
Pastor: *Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayer,*
People: ***Touched by joyous music and the power of God's love. Let us come as Christians and sing praise to the Lord.***

****HYMN OF PRAISE*** *"Come, Christians Join to Sing"* *Chalice Hymnal No. 90*

****INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI*** *Rev. Edd Spencer*
(*Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING *Rev. Edd Spencer*
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder an experiential worship experience for children, which meet in our library.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS and WEEK OF COMPASSION
Call to Stewardship *Rev. Edd Spencer*
Special Music Offering *"The Plan"* *Samoht Semaj*
****Doxology***
Prayer of Dedication *Rev. Edd Spencer*

ANTHEM *"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"* *Spevacek*
Libby Carpenter, Alto

PASTORAL PRAYER *Rev. Edd Spencer*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn *"Lord, We Need Bread"* *Chalice Praise Hymnal No.167*
Invitation to Communion *Edith Carreras*
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 *"You'll Never Walk Alone"*
Duet: Jan Watts & Aneda Chandler *Rodgers*

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 *Philippians 4: 13* *Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*

SERMON *"Self-Defining Moments"* *Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*

**** HYMN OF INVITATION*** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*
Chalice Hymnal No.66

****BENEDICTION*** *Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*

****CHORAL RESPONSE*** *"Walk in the Light"* *Chalice Praise Hymnal No.155*

Walk in the light, loved in God's sight,
thru the dark night, walk, walk in the light.

Come take my hand; heal this scarred land;
together we'll stand; come, come take my hand.

We're not alone, left on our own.
Loved as God's own, we're, we're not alone.

Walk in the light, loved in God's sight,
thru the dark night, walk, walk in the light.

****POSTLUDE*** *"Sweetest Name"* *Bridges*

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 6

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am	Fellowship Moments
10:15 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Children's Worship and Wonder
11:30 am	Rebekah w/Lucille Leaman
1:30 pm	Bell Choir
5:00 pm	Kids Praise
5:00 pm	Children and Youth Groups
6:15 pm	Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook

MONDAY, March 7

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, March 8

9:45 am	Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm	Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, March 9

6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
7:30 pm	Easter Cantata Practice

THURSDAY, March 10

7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm	Advocates Bible Study

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WEEK OF COMPASSION 2011 March 6-13 - For over 65 years, following in Jesus' footsteps, we have given our hard-earned resources through **Week of Compassion** to bring help and blessing to hurting lives. Sharing invites God more fully into our lives. As we reach out in love, we open the way for God to reach more deeply into us. Sharing will joyfully transform you as you help transform the world. You may support this essential mission of the church by giving to our Week of Compassion offering on March 6 and March 13. Our goal this year is $3500, or $35 per church family. Perhaps you or someone you know has been affected by a natural or manmade disaster, or perhaps you and your loved ones have been lucky. Please give generously to the Week of Compassion, and help us, "carry each other's burdens". *The Outreach Mission*

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 at 6:30 pm - Lent begins Wednesday, March 9. Lent is the season we reflect on the suffering and passion of our Lord. A season to consider ways we can suffer for our Lord and carry our personal cross for His glory. We will gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. The service will have special music, a meditation on "A Return to the Holy City," a time to walk forward to receive the Mark of the Cross on our foreheads. Invite a friend to this service and all of our Lenten services as we proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior. The nursery will be open for childcare.

SERMON SERIES FOR LENT - Edd and Mary Pat will share a series of sermons during Lent on the people who made the objects and symbols for The Passion of Jesus in the last forty days of His life.

Sunday, March 13	"The Potter for the Lord's Cup"
Sunday, March 20	"The Whip Maker"
Sunday, March 27	"The Cross Maker"
Sunday, April 3	"The One Who Made the Tomb"
Sunday, April 10	"The Linen Maker"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP - Every Wednesday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm for supper. The Fellowship Mission will provide the meals, with the cost being $5 for adults, $3 for children 4-11, and children under 4 are free. Following the meal at 6:30, we will have a thirty-minute Lenten worship in the Farkas room. The youth will assist the ministers in leading the worship services. The worship services this year will focus on places in the Holy Land where powerful things happened.

Wednesday, March 16	The Fields of Bethlehem – His Birth
Wednesday, March 23	The Mountains of The Wilderness – His Temptations
Wednesday, March 30	The Sea of Galilee – His Greatest Sermon
Wednesday, April 6	The City of Jerusalem – His Suffering
Wednesday, April 13	The Hill of Calvary – His Death

The meal and service has become a wonderful Lenten tradition at First Christian. Reservations for the meal can be made on the envelopes in the pews on Sunday mornings. If you can't come to the meal, please attend the Lenten worship service at 6:30 pm. The nursery will be open for childcare.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS:	*Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*
MUSIC MINISTER:	*Rev. Jan Watts*
ORGANIST/PIANIST:	*David Brasher*
ELDERS ON CALL:	*Edith Carreras & Joye Taylor*
SERVING DIACONATE:	*Nickey Rudd, Carole Rudd, Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Clayton Brammer, Charlotte Brammer, Cayla Corbin, Don Garrison, Susan Hales, David Hamilton, Gary Howard, Sherri LaBeau, Alyssa Lamb*
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:	
	LESSON: Parable of the Good Samaritan
	STORYTELLER: June Pryor
	GREETERS: Emily Fowler & Bud Flora
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:	*Jim Thigpen*
WORSHIP GREETERS (Door):	*John Howard*
WORSHIP GREETER (Table):	*Gary Howard*

CANTATA PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30pm - Music is an integral element of our worship here at FCC and I was reminded of that this past Sunday as I listened to our congregation joyfully and beautifully raise their voices in praise & worship of our Lord. Our Easter Cantata this year will be on Palm Sunday, April 17. Practice starts at 7:30. Anyone who would like to sing in the Cantata is welcome. Also, the Bell Choir is playing during the Easter Sunday service. Bell practice is on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm. *Jan Watts*

PASTOR'S CLASS - All children, youth and adults who want to be baptized are welcome to join the Pastor's Class. In the class, participants will discuss the meaning of baptism, communion, the life of Jesus, the love of God, and the joy of serving in the church. The class will be led by Edd and will meet every Sunday at 4:30 pm during Lent. The first class will be March 13 at 4:30 pm in the Library. Baptism will be on Easter Sunday, April 24. Contact Edd if you are interested in taking the class.

2011 MEN'S RETREAT - The annual Men's Retreat is planned for March 18-19 at YMCA-Hargis. The theme for the retreat is "Living Generously." The guest leader will be Rev. Bruce Barkhauer, Minister of Faith and Giving for the Christian Church (DOC). Contact the church office for more information.