

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 28, 2010



Second SUNDAY IN LENT

Our Vision

*Joining together on a journey of Christian faith,
we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love
in our community and around the world.*

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PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time of Greeting and Fellowship Laura Conrad

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Life of the Church *(Please sign the Friendship Pad, members and guests alike.)*

Centering Music: "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" Robert Hobby

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

+Hymn #84: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

Lenten Journey Reflections Garland Gravely and Ette Ruppert, Chancel Choir members

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Eternal Ruler of all, you have made us citizens of your glorious realm,
led us into a land of milk and honey, and given us a place in your house.
Yet we have lived as though your table were bare, and your promises empty.**

Quicken us to believe your words of promise; open our eyes to see the goodness and bounty of our inheritance in Christ.

Teach us to live as children of heaven, trusting fully the goodness of your rule, the greatness of your power, and the extravagance of your love. *(Followed by silent individual confession)*

Assurance of Pardon: (followed by)

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*+A Faithful Response: "Gloria Patri" (#579)
(During the singing of the Gloria, children may come to the front.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Story for All Children Rodney Norris

*(Following the story, 3 year olds - Kindergarten may leave THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR for extended care.
Visitors: please accompany your child to the nursery for registration purposes.)*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 27 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Anthem: "O Be Joyful"

Rutter

New Testament: Luke 13:31-35 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: Fox in the Hen House; the Fierce Tenderness of God

Laura Conrad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #424: "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising"

CHARTERHOUSE

Prayers of the People and "The Lord's Prayer" (front of Hymnal, pg. 16)

("and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors")

Invitation to Discipleship

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Opening Words

Constitutional Questions to Officers-Elect

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

+Ordination and Installation

Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these officers-elect whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

And now let the candidates repeat the following prayer after me: All gracious God: you have chosen me. Now give me strength and wisdom, love and compassion, faith and hope, to do the work for our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

+Pronouncement and Charge

+Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace, who has called us all into a common ministry, we give you thanks for the servants you have called to be elders and deacons of this congregation. Give them courage and discipline in their task. Give us trust and confidence in their leadership. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering of Oneself and One's Gifts to God and to God's Church

Offertory: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Wilbur Held

+Doxology (#592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

You remind us, O God, that ours are the hands and feet of Christ. Use these gifts and use us to be the Body of Christ in the world. We pray for the strength and resolve to do the work to which your Spirit calls us. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #307: "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

+Benediction and Choral Response

+Postlude: "Bitter Passion-tide Begins"

Chorale, harm. J. S. Bach

+indicates that all who are able may stand
*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshippers

SERVICE NOTES FOR 10:30 AM SERVICE

- Following worship please introduce yourself to those around you. Don't take it for granted they know who you are; tell them your name. **Laura Conrad** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door; **Rodney Norris** will be at the Porte-cochere Door.
- We welcome visitors to worship today and pray the service will be a blessing to you. Please print your name on the Friendship Pad when it is passed and introduce yourself to those who are seated around you. You are invited and welcome to participate in all the programs of Fort Hill Church. If you would like to join our church, please indicate this on the Friendship Pad.
- The Elder on duty today is **Amy Elrod**. Following worship, the Elder on Duty will be at the Baptismal Font. If you would like to join the church, express a joy or concern or make a suggestion to the Session, please speak to this Elder on Duty.
- Today we ordain and install our Elder Class of 2013. They are George Dunkelberg, Linda Gahan, Meri Kate Marcum, Laura Shick, Hack Trammell, Joanne Trenholm, and Helen Wooten. Tom Shealy is being installed in the Elder Class of 2012. Elders for the Class of 2011 to be ordained and installed are Ross Davis and Samantha Young. We also ordain and install our Deacon Class of 2013. They are Donna Crader, Nan Jones, Edmee Reel, Terri Smith, Harvey Springer, Joy Van Daele, Jane Van Senus, and Gail Williams. Following worship, greet them at the front of the sanctuary.
- Elders in the Class of 2010 who are rotating off are Caleb Bailey, Bill Cato, Bob Folsom, Bobby Skelton, William Spittler, John Spragins, Alice Thalheimer, and Linda Wofford. Deacons in the Class of 2010 who are rotating off are Myra Cato, Lee Churchfield, Betty Dean, Joan Dixon, Cynthia Gravely, Edmee Reel, Cathy Spragins, and Tom Wooten. Please greet them and thank them for their service.
- Please honor the worship experience by refraining from photography during the service.
- Childcare is offered during worship for children through age 5. Childcare for children 0-3 years of age begins at 10:15 am in education building (1st floor). Please ask usher for directions.
- Restrooms are located at front (handicapped-accessible) and rear of Sanctuary and adjacent buildings.
- Hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.
- Scripture passages for next Sunday are: Isa. 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (3/1 - 3/7)	Rodney Norris (Call 654-2065 between 4:30 pm and 8:30 am)
(This information is also available each week on our answering machine after normal business hours.)	

Deacons Corner – Care Line: If you know of any congregational member who needs care for illness, anticipated surgery or hospitalization, a birth or death in the family, or any other concerns that the church family should know and pray about, please call FHPC Care Line, 864-654-2061.

Prayer Request cards are available in each pew rack. Please fill out card and place in offering plate.

Offering Counters for Today Raenota and Jack Merrill <i>Offering Counters for Next Sunday</i> <i>Raenota and Jack Merrill</i>	Nursery Workers for Today Jacquie McFall, Kerri and Mark Kwist, Myra Cato and Jenifer Griffis, Maggie and Chris Bandy <i>Nursery Workers for Next Sunday</i> <i>Stephanie Scott and Nancy Oates, Kathy McGee, Heather Wright and Beth Gregory, LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris</i>
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Attendance from 2/21/10:	10:30 Worship	287	Sunday School	122	8:30 Worship	68
Attendance from last year 2/22/09:	10:30 Worship	251	Sunday School	125	8:30 Worship	90
Attendance from Ash Wednesday Service on 2/17/10:		80				

Head Ushers for February: Wes Worley and Leslie Hicklin; **Head Ushers** for March: Becky DeWitt and Linda Wofford.

Staff Info: Mary Gause will be on vacation Feb. 22 – March 8. Bill Gause is on vacation today.

Kerin Watts is in York, SC, attending the Southern Annual Recreation Workshop.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 2/28	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School – Various Locations
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	2:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Bethlehem Hall
	2:30 PM	NAMI Family to Family Class – Club Room
	5:30 PM	Prayer Partner Picnic – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Mon. 3/1	12:15 PM	Circle 1 – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Circle 5 – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Personnel Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts - Tartan Hall, Club Room, dungeon
Tues. 3/2	7:15 PM	Christian Education Ministry Meeting – Room 206
	7:00 AM	Men of the Church breakfast/meeting – Tartan Hall
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting – Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
Wed. 3/3	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	10:00 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	5:00 PM	Webelos – Club Room
Thur. 3/4	5:30 PM	Music Ministry Meeting - Library
	10:00 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	2:15 PM	OLLI class – Library
Friday 3/5	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
Sat. 3/6	7:00 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall, Bethlehem Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The rosebud on the Communion Table today is in celebration of the birth of Eliza Reilly Smith on Feb. 21, 2010. Her parents are Blythe and Marshall Smith. Proud grandparents in our congregation are Tom and Stephanie Scott, uncle is Adam and aunt is Jillian.

The Building and Grounds Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.

The Board of Deacons is looking for a few good men and women (just like the saying of the Marine Corps). The FHPC Deacons need shepherds who will work closely with our deacons and the members of the Deacons' circles of care. Caring is the job description for this position! This volunteer job is full of enjoyment as we get to know our members better in our small groups. There will be training available for new shepherds and the continuing shepherds at a date to be determined. To volunteer, please call the church office and leave a message with the FHOG volunteer or email churchfield@bellsouth.net. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

For the Sundays during Lent we will build our Lenten collage, which will include the items that Jesus used to wash the feet of the disciples during the Last Supper. The Lenten Season will then culminate in our own celebration of the washing of feet during the Maundy Thursday Service on April 1st. We would like to call on the members of our Fort Hill "families" within the church (such as the choir, Sunday School classes, Presbyterian Women, Confirmation class, Men of the Church, Session classes, etc.) to assist in the building of our Lenten collage. We still two people for either the 8:30 service or the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 28. One person will read scripture as the other person adds to the collage. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Lenten services, please contact Evanne Thies at 864-653-0463 or evannehere3@yahoo.com.

It is a centuries old tradition to place a note with a prayer request in the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Following in that tradition, we invite you to do the same on one of our Fort Hill prayer walls. During Lent, these walls will be available in the narthex and Tartan Hall. Feel free to write as much or as little as you wish on a purple sticky note and then place that note upon the wall. These requests will stay up through Lent where all are invited to stop by and say a short prayer for them all.

Make your reservations and payment to attend our annual Loyalty Dinner on Sunday, March 14th at 5:30 pm at Clemson First Baptist Church. Payments must be made before March 14th either before or after each service or by check to Fort Hill Church marked Loyalty Dinner. Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children, and \$35 max for a family. This is a special evening for our entire church family – children too! There will be an opportunity for children to leave with caregiver if they wish. Gifts: If you choose, bring a special gift, baked goods, certificates for restaurants or services, AND/OR canned goods or donations for Clemson Community Care. Please bring these donated door prizes the evening of the dinner. Plan to come and be with our church family for dinner, music, door prizes, and fellowship.

Spring Bible Study - Dust off your Bible and join me for 8 weeks through the New Testament. Using Disciple's Overview of the New Testament we will explore the gospels, journey through the letters and end with a whole new 'revelation' of the Bible. Class meets either Wed night from 7-8:30pm or Thurs morning from 10:00-11:30am in the library beginning March 10th/11th. Registration is required since there is homework to be completed ahead of time. Register by March 8th to mary.gause@forthillchurch.org and copy fran.solesbee@forthillchurch.org or call 654-2061 and ask for Mary or Fran.

5th Annual Presbyterian Piñata(less) Prayer Partner Picnic – We need your help! We need around 50 adults to be prayer partners for our youth. Right now we have less than 20. So we have delayed the picnic in hopes of more adults signing up. The new date is Sunday, March 7 at the church from 5:30-6:30. We are seeking adults in the church who are willing to be a prayer partner with one of our youth. You will be paired with one of our youth to pray for one another. We will have a picnic on March 7 at the church from 5:30-6:30 where you will meet your prayer partner. Then over the next month you will pray for that youth and they will pray for you everyday. Then on April 25 we will have another picnic at the church from 5:30-6:30 so you can catch up with your prayer partner. If you are willing please sign up on the friendship pad or contact Cyndi Davis at 864-885-9884 or davisdcr@bellsouth.net.

Fort Hill Church Adopt A Garden Program - Have you noticed? There are garden plots and shrubbery sections surrounding our newly renovated buildings that need some loving care. It doesn't take much time to pull a weed or trim an excess limb on a small section of our landscape. You have the opportunity to nurture your very own garden right here at Fort Hill. This can be a great family project. Let's make our beautiful campus a Clemson showplace. Sign up on the FHPC Landscape Master Plan displayed in the Narthex starting March 7th. Put your name by the number of the garden or section that you want to adopt for 2010. The Building and Grounds Ministry can help you with any tools or materials that you may need. There is nothing more rewarding than watching your love and caring grow into something wonderful. And won't we be blessed when we put all the sections together. Hallelujah! Any questions? Call Bill Thalheimer at (864) 944-5450 or email at oconeehiker@bellsouth.net.

Sign up for our new Pictorial Directory in the Narthex, in Tartan Hall or through the link on our Fort Hill Website (www.forthillchurch.org). Directory pictures will be taken March 23-27 (Tues-Fri 3 - 9 pm; Sat 10 am – 4 pm). Please make every effort to be included in our new directory. If you have questions, please contact Jessica Goodwin at 226-7502 or jycg2006@yahoo.com. If you need to change your appointment or schedule a sitting at an alternate date/time call 1-800.866-2263 weekdays between 9am-9pm and speak to Olan Mills Scheduling Department.

Discovering Faith Class for Newer Members or those wanting to know more about our faith and the Presbyterian tradition. We will meet Sunday mornings in Tartan Hall from 9:30 -10:15 am starting today, Feb. 28, and March 7, 14 and 21. Anyone who feels called to join Fort Hill as members may join on March 21 during that session. For more info, contact Laura Conrad at (654-2061) or laura.conrad@forthillchurch.org.

Fort Hill Preschool's registration for fall 2010 classes begins on February 15. Classes are available for children turning two by April 1, 2010 or three, four and five by September 1, 2010. Applications will be available for new students on our website and in the FHOG office. Fort Hill members have priority until March 1. For more information, please call Shelley Burchfield at 654-2061.

Young Adult Group is made up of singles and couples in their 20s and 30s with or without children who gather together for spiritual, social and service events. We meet the last Monday of every month for Theology on Tap to discuss a theological topic for the night. We meet every third Sunday for lunch following the 10:30 worship service. To be added to the young adult email list, email ebritt@alumni.clemson.edu. **Up-Coming Dates to Remember – March 21** - Lunch after church. Place to be determined. **March 22** - Theology on Tap - 6:30 - 8. Place to be determined. Also we are planning a trip to go see Greenville Drive baseball game. Watch for details to come.

Middle School News – Last week we had a great discussion about questions we have about our, the Bible and God. The Prayer Partner Picnic has been rescheduled so tonight we will meet at our regular time of 4:30-6:00 for games and Bible study and then have dinner at 6:00. Join us tonight as we continue to talk about the questions raised from last Sunday. **Important Dates – March 7**– Prayer Partner Picnic. **March 14** – Loyalty Dinner. **April 18** – 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off to raise money for our summer mission trip. **May 30** – Year End Lake Party. **Summer Dates – July 5-10** –Mission trip to Ronceverte, WV. **July 21-25** – Montreat Middle School Conference at PC.

Sr. High News – Last week we had a very powerful and meaningful program on the awesome power of God's grace. The Prayer Partner Picnic has been rescheduled so tonight we will meet at our regular time of 6:00 for dinner and then have our program from 6:30-8:00. Join us tonight for fun and fellowship. **Important Dates – March 7** – Prayer Partner Picnic. **March 14** – Loyalty Dinner. **March 19-21** – Foothills Presbytery Sr. High Retreat in Montreat. **May 30** – Sr. Day in worship and year end lake party. **Summer Dates – June 18-27** –Mission trip to Camp Kintail in Canada. If you have not signed up please contact Rodney ASAP. **July 11-17** – Montreat.

Presbyterian Student Association – For weekly information on our University Ministry, please see the PSA Corner insert in each week's bulletin.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

PSA Sunday is March 7 at both Worship Services.

Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday Worship Service on April 1, at 7:30 pm in our sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4, at the Old Stone Church Cemetery (time TBA)

Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 am (Tartan Hall) and 10:30 am in our sanctuary

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord with Musical Explorers!!! We will be singing with our preschoolers (4&5-yr. olds and 2&3-yr. olds) during the 10:30 Children's Church time. Our song selection for February includes "God is So Good," "Praise Him, Praise Him," "Jesus Loves Even Me," and other Bible song favorites. If you have any questions about the Musical Explorers program, please contact Kristy MacRae at krmacrae@hotmail.com.

A benefit concert for the Anderson Academy of Music will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Anderson, SC at 3:00 on March 13, 2010. Featured performers are Matthew Manwarren, piano and Kristen Wunderlich, soprano. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door.

Inspirational, Free Concert – For a **Spiritual Afternoon** March 7, 2010, at 3 p.m., **Foothills Chorale**, under the direction of Bill Diekhoff, the St. Mark Methodist Church Choir, under the direction of David Wilcox, and the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of Bill Diekhoff, will present a **free concert** at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson. The range of music presented will be from the famous African-American spiritual "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" to John Rutter's "O Be Joyful." Come, relax, and contemplate with music as we approach Easter. Ample parking is available in lots across Edgewood Avenue from Fort Hill Church or in the Clemson City Garage. Donations of canned or boxed goods will be received for Clemson Community Care.

OUTREACH

The Feed the 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter/leave) on 2/21/10 was \$87. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank & Safe Harbor II.

Habitat Update - Last Saturday eleven teachers from the elementary school the Kerswell children attend worked all morning and just about finished painting all the interior doors and trim. The regular weekday volunteers will be working on baseboard molding installation, porches, and electrical installation. Join the Saturday morning, (8:30am-12:30pm), FHPC volunteers by contacting Wes Worley at 654-9449 or wes.worley@att.net.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - During Lent, the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This special offering goes to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This particular offering has a strong children's component allowing for great children/family participation. Fish coin boxes along with the calendar provide ways you and your family may contribute. These boxes are located at the entrance to Tartan Hall, the narthex and near the children's worship material in the covered arcade. We hope that your family will consider participating in this outreach opportunity!

March Food Drive at Fort Hill for Clemson Community Care - You may recall from last year that Clemson Community Care developed a new system for collecting donations for their food pantry. In addition to the vital ongoing donations that they receive throughout the year, the board (comprised of representatives from local churches) decided that it would be a good idea for each church in the area to focus on doing an aggressive food drive during a specific month. The thinking was that this would help keep food inventory levels at sustainable levels throughout the year, and it did! Given the success of this program in 2009, we are continuing it in 2010. Fort Hill's month this year is March. Throughout the month, please bring canned goods and other packaged food items to church to help the less fortunate in our community. Food can be left in the baskets in the narthex or Tartan Hall on Sundays, or in the Donation Room (the old FHO office) during the week. Watch your bulletin for lists of specific items needed by CCC throughout the month. Thank you for your support!!