

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 7, 2010



Third 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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March 7, 2010, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Nathan Weaver

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.

Centering Music: "On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship: (Psalm 46:1-3, 8-10)

Marjorie Lutz

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

People: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Leader: Let us worship God.

+Hymn: "Forever" (see insert for words)

Michael W. Smith

Lenten Journey Reflections

Colin Pettigrew and Seth Price, PSA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sarah Kolacki

O God, Your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when our hearts are hidden, even when the doors of our souls are locked. You seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways, and corrupted our best intentions. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(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: Hymn #467, "How Great Thou Art", verse 4

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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(During the singing of the hymn, children may come to the front.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

- Story for All Children Jo Anna Eason
(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 84 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**) Lee Sommerfeld
- Anthem: "What Faith Can Do" Kutless
- New Testament: Mark 4:35-41 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**) Charles DuBose
- Sermon: "Be Still and Know that I Am God" Stephanie Luckett, Margaret Nelson, Randy Gelhausen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- +Hymn: "Better is One Day" (see insert for words) Kutless
- Prayers of the People and "The Lord's Prayer" (front of Hymnal, pg. 16) Katie Gray
("and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors")
- Invitation to Discipleship Ali Riehm
- Offering of Oneself and One's Gifts to God and to God's Church
Offertory: "Prelude in C" J. S. Bach
- +Doxology (#592) Brian d'Entremont
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) Ashley Rube
Dear God, thank you for blessing us every day with the gifts of your creation. Grant us strength, wisdom, and courage to share your gifts with one another, that all your children may know plenty and none shall be in need. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
- +Affirmation of Faith: (Adapted from *A Brief Affirmation of Faith*) (unison) Sarah Morrison
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith, and life in Christ through Scriptures, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- +Hymn: "Walk By Faith" (see insert for words) Jeremy Camp
- +Benediction
- +Postlude: "I Am" Mark Schultz

+indicates that all who are able may stand

*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshipers

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. **Bill Gause and PSA students** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door, Porte-cochere Door and Courtyard 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.
- Today is PSA Sunday. Here are the names and hometowns of those participating in PSA Sunday: Ashley Rube, Chapin, SC; Ali Riehm, Easley, SC; Beth Tumblin, Simpsonville, SC; Brian Paul d'Entremont, Aiken, SC; Bobby McKinsey, Aiken, SC; Charles DuBose, Madison, GA; Colin Pettigrew, Clemson, SC; Joshua Furtick, Greer, SC; Jo Anna Eason, Summerville, SC; Katie Gray, Aiken, SC; Marjorie Lutz, Easley, SC; Margaret Nelson, Summerville, SC; Margaret Landers, Mableton, GA; Nathan Weaver, Clemson, SC; Randy Gelhausen, Dallas, TX; Rea Cauthen, Aiken, SC; Rebecca Fulmer, Rock Hill, SC; Rebekah Erwin, Winter Park, FL; Sarah Kolacki, Anderson, SC; Sarah Morrison, Greenville, SC; Seth Price, Charleston, SC; Stephanie Lockett, Las Vegas, NV.
- The Elder on duty today is **Kristen McInnis**. 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.
- 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: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (3/8 - 3/14)

Mary Gause (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

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Linda Gahan and Janet Bean

Nursery Workers for Today

Stephanie Scott and Nancy Oates, Kathy McGee, Heather Wright and Beth Gregory, LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Megan and Eddie Chavis, Joan Dixon and Virginia Ellis, Donna McCubbin and Helen Mohr, Leslie, Evan and Alex Hicklin

Attendance from 2/28/10:

10:30 Worship 251

Sunday School 133

8:30 Worship 65

Attendance from last year 3/1/09:

10:30 Worship 278

Sunday School 137

8:30 Worship n/a

Head Ushers for March: Becky DeWitt and Linda Wofford.

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

Known to have been in the hospital: Jerry Lesley, St. Francis

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 3/7	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School – Various Locations
	9:15 AM	Endowment Committee meeting – Dungeon classroom
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall
	2:30 PM	NAMI Family to Family Class – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Foothills Chorale Concert - Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	JAM (3 rd – 5 th grade chimes) – Room 205
	5:00 PM	Jesus Jammers (K – 2 nd grade music group) – Room 205
	5:30 PM	Prayer Partner Picnic – Tartan Hall
Mon. 3/8	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	9:30 AM	Circle 3 – Club Room
	2:30 PM	Garden Club - Library
	5:30 PM	Girl Scouts – Bethlehem Hall
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry Meeting – Library
Tues. 3/9	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts - Tartan Hall, Club Room, dungeon
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting – Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall
	7:30 PM	Circle 2 – Library
Wed. 3/10	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	10:00 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	2:00 PM	OLLI class – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	5:30 PM	Worship Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
Thur. 3/11	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Library
	9:00 AM	OLLI class – Tartan Hall
	10:00 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Library
	2:15 PM	OLLI class – Library
Friday 3/12	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
Sat. 3/13	9:00 AM	Deacons Retreat – Club Room
	12:30 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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.

One more week until our annual Loyalty Dinner. We will gather at 5:30 pm on Sunday, March 14th at Clemson First Baptist Church. **Parking:** You may park at Fort Hill, First Baptist or in the parking garage. **Gifts:** A fun part of the evening is the awarding of door prizes, which are donated by church members. These could be any new item either store bought or hand made or perhaps baked goods, certificates for restaurants or services such as babysitting, yard or computer work. We are also collecting 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. **The Loyalty Dinner Menu** will be prepared by the new chef at FBC, Louis Sardinias of Sardi's restaurant: tossed salad, tropical chicken, baked ziti with beef and sausage, sautéed onions, squash, and peppers, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, chocolate cake and peach cobbler. Don't miss this dinner...it will be delicious!!!

Spring Bible Study - Dust off your Bible and join Mary Gause 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.

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 Olan Mills Scheduling Department at 1-800.866-2263 weekdays between 9am-9pm.

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, 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.

Chili Cook-off – April 18th immediately following the 10:30 service. Support the Middle-School Mission Project, compete for the coveted chili pepper award, or just join in the fun and fellowship after church on Sunday! Whatever your reasons for participating, we are just happy you are planning to join us! We are currently seeking Chili competitors and donations for the auction. If you are willing to compete in the cook-off or donate to the auction, please contact Joan Alexander (Joan.RileyRealty@yahoo.com or 653-7226).

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 FHOOG 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. Potluck in the Club Room. **March 22** - Theology on Tap - 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Tiger Town Tavern. 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 continued our discussion on questions about our faith. It was a great discussion. Tonight we will meet at a different time! Tonight is the Prayer Partner Picnic. We will meet from 5:30-6:30 pm in Tartan Hall. Join us tonight to meet your prayer partner. **Important Dates** – **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 continued our discussion on God's awesome grace and we also talked about heaven. Tonight we will meet at a different time! Tonight is the Prayer Partner Picnic. We will meet from 5:30-6:30 pm in Tartan Hall. Join us tonight to meet your prayer partner. **Important Dates** – **March 12-14** – We will finally go on our ski trip to West Virginia. **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

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 Worship Services on Sunday, April 4, 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 March includes "I've Got the Joy," "What a Mighty God We Serve," "He's Got the Whole World," and other Bible song favorites. If you have any questions about the Musical Explorers program, 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** today, 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 2/28/10 was \$84.20. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank & Safe Harbor II.

Habitat for Humanity House Update - This past week 12 students from John Carroll University in Cleveland helped us out at the Quail Circle site. They accomplished some much-needed cleaning up as well as light fixture, ceiling fan, and closet shelving installations. Despite some pretty grim weather, they also helped dig the trenches to duct footer and roof drain pipes away from the foundation. Closets are nearly completed, now, and the kitchen countertops are being installed. Outside, the concrete drive and front walk are finished. This week we hope to install the vinyl flooring and get the kitchen appliances in place. Barring more rain or snow, we'll also work on the front porch roof and the back steps. Thank you to all our church volunteers, who have been so dedicated over the past weeks. Hopefully, we're on the home stretch now!

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 FHOG office) during the week. Watch your bulletin for lists of specific items needed by CCC throughout the month. Thank you for your support!!