

# Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Clemson, South Carolina

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**April 3, 2011**



## *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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*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**April 3, 2011, 10:30 A.M.**

### PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

*Glory Be to Jesus*

Robert Hobby

Welcome and Greeting

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

Centering Music

*I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Mathes

PSA Music Team

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship from Psalm 23

Kerin Watts

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.

**People: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.**

Leader: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

**People: For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

**People: We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.**

+Hymn No. 84

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

Prayer of Confession

Jordan Bolger and Caleb Bailey

Leader: During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. Throughout the life of Jesus, it is clear that the disciples never really "get it." They are unable to hear with their hearts the radical message of love Jesus brings. We, like the disciples of long ago, often close our hearts to the radical message of love that Jesus teaches. We lazily hate and offend. We purposefully hold on to our prejudices and anger. Darkness engulfs us. We extinguish the fourth candle, admitting our own lack of love and our closed hearts.

**Silent Prayer**

**People: Create in me, a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Have mercy on me, O God. According to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Create in me, a clean heart O God; put a new and right spirit within me.**

Prayer Song Hymn No. 101

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(Stanzas 1, 3)

HAMBURG

Declaration of Forgiveness (followed by)

Leader: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*+A Faithful Response

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*(During the singing of the Gloria Patri, all children may come to the front.)*

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Story for All Children

Mary Gause

*(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.)*

Anthem *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* by Gustafson  
(text is that of hymn 78)

The New Testament John 9:1-41 (The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God)

Sermon *Blindsided by Blame* Laura Conrad

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+ Hymn No. 324 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Bill Gause

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third  
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy  
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering of Oneself and One's Gifts to God and to God's Church  
Offertory *Grace Like Rain* by Agnew PSA Music Team

+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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation  
Prayers of Thanksgiving followed by "The Lord's Prayer"  
Sharing the Bread and Cup

+Prayer of Dedication (unison)  
**Lord, you call us to follow, and we are answering. Thank you for nourishing our bodies, hearts, and souls at  
table together. May we show forth the love and light of the Risen Lord with our community and your world.  
Amen.**

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn No. 280 *Amazing Grace* Amazing Grace

+Benediction

Congregational Response *What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 2)* from the Presbyterian Hymnal, #85  
**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

+Postlude *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* The Agincourt Song

+ indicates that all who are able please stand

\*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshipers

## SERVICE NOTES FOR 10:30 AM SERVICE

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- 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, **Bill Gause** will be at the Porte-cochere Door, and **Kerin Watts** will be at the Courtyard Door.
- **Following Jesus to Jerusalem:** As we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each Sunday; as we prepare for Good Friday, we **extinguish** a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death. The Light of the World has been born, but we turn away, denying Jesus with our actions and in our hearts. Let us enter into this season of repentance with trust that as we draw near to God, God will draw near to us. Our Lay Liturgists are members of the Confirmation Class and their covenant partners.
- We would like to thank the **PSA Music Team** today which includes: Vocals: Jo Anna Eason, Katie Gray, and Ashley Rube; Piano: Jonathan Bather; Guitar: Rea Cauthen; and Percussion: Patrick Philip.
- 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 **Meri Kate Marcum**. 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.
- **Communion Servers Today** are Elders: Bill Cato, Harold Cheatham, David Hendricks, Melanie Job, Meri Kate Marcum, Jack Stevenson, Hack Trammell, and DEACONS Robin Denny, Kathy McGee, Helen Mohr, Harvey Springer, and Allison Young.
- Please honor the worship experience by refraining from photography during the service.
- Child care 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 (first floor). Please ask usher for directions to nurseries.
- 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: Ezekiel 32:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

## SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

**Pastor on Call (03/27 – 04/02)**

**Laura Conrad (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**  
**Barbara Westall and Evelyn Rabey**

*Offering Counters for Next Sunday*  
*Cathy and John Spragins*

**Nursery Workers for Today**  
**Tootie Poteet, Joy Van Daele, Emily and Rich Bartels, Kristy and Ryan MacRae, Carolyn and Benja Mohr, and Beth Durham.**

*Nursery Workers for Next Sunday*  
*Judy Melton, Jackie and Virginia Ellis, Mark and Kerri Kwist, Pete and Jake Crowther, and Amy Elrod.*

**Attendance from 03/27/11:**                    10:30 Worship 294                    Sunday School 156                    8:30 Worship 72  
Attendance from last year 03/28/10:       10:30 Worship 312                    Sunday School 118                    8:30 Worship 66

**Head Ushers** for April: Joan Borick, Tim Burg, and Reel Adams  
**Head Ushers** for May: Melanie Job, Hugh Spitler, and Finley Wiles

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Sun. 04/03	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Discovering Faith Class – Club Room
	2:00 PM	NAMI – Tartan Hall
	4:30 PM	Middle School Group – Youth Room
	4:30 PM	JAM 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	5:00 PM	Jesus Jammers K- 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	6:00 PM	Sr. High Group – Youth Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Mon. 04/04	12:15 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle 1 – Club Room
	3:30 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle 5 – Club Room
	5:30 PM	Christian Action Ministry - Library
	7:00 PM	Disciple Bible Study – Library
Tues. 04/05	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts – Club Room, Tartan Hall, Bethlehem Hall
	7:00 AM	Men of the Church Breakfast – Tartan Hall
	6:00 PM	Folk Dancing – Tartan Hall
	6:00 PM	Buildings and Grounds Meeting – Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Ministry – Library
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Bethlehem Hall
	7:00 PM	Personnel and Program Support – Conference Room
	7:15 PM	Christian Education – CE Room 206
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	Wed. 04/06	10:30 AM
3:00 PM		Blood Connection – Parking Area
3:00 PM		Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
6:00 PM		Chancel Bells – Choir Room
6:30 PM		Youth Choir – Youth Room
7:15 PM		Chancel Choir – Choir Room
Thurs. 04/07	9:00 AM	OLLI – Tartan Hall
	7:00 PM	Preschool Board Meeting – Club Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Fri. 04/08	9:00 AM	Personnel & Program Support Visioning Retreat – Conference Room
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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**Christian Sympathy is extended** to Marchita Culpepper in the recent loss of her uncle, Larry Sharkey Sr.

**Joining Fort Hill as a Member** - Our next *Discovering Faith at Fort Hill* class for prospective members is **Today** Sunday, April 3 following worship in the Club Room (Admin Building). We begin with lunch and conclude by 2:00 pm. We invite you to become part of God's church with us as we seek to be disciples together.

**Fort Hill Presbyterian Church – Adopt A Garden Program** It's time to restart our Adopt A Garden Program. 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. Let's make our beautiful campus a Clemson showplace. Sign up on the FHPC Landscape Master Plan displayed in the Narthex. Put your name by the number of the garden or section that you want to adopt for 2011. 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](mailto:oconeehiker@bellsouth.net).

**Save the Date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunts! – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders** – are invited to the church on Friday night, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8:30pm for an evening of Easter fun. We'll eat some pizza, play some games, and search for and search for Eggs...by flashlight! So bring your flashlight, \$3 for pizza, and join us!

**Children 0-Kindergarten are invited** to the church on Saturday morning, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am for a "seek and find" of eggs. We begin in the courtyard blowing bubbles, creating with sidewalk chalk and playing games before heading up to our hunt! Bring a basket to hold your eggs!!! RSVP to Mary Gause at 654-2061 or [mary.gause@forthillchurch.org](mailto:mary.gause@forthillchurch.org) so we can make sure we have enough eggs!

**Spring Clean-up at the Fort** – Can you push, pull, rake, sweep, polish, mop, shovel, dust, mulch, plant, weed, or anything along those lines? WE NEED YOU!!! No one is too young or too old. Building and Grounds Spring Work Day is **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00am. Many hands make light work so come and join the fun while we get Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and PSA looking spectacular for Easter! We will start in the courtyard right at 9:00 a.m. so it can be ready for the Easter Egg hunt at 10:30. Please bring any supplies and tools that may help and we will have refreshments for all workers. If you have questions please call Joan Borick at 654-8003, or Will Gregory at 654-6347, [wgregory991@hotmail.com](mailto:wgregory991@hotmail.com)

**Men of the Church Breakfast – April 5, 2011.** Dabo Swinney will be our guest speaker! The meeting starts at 7am with breakfast. All men are invited to this wonderful time of fellowship, and we expect that we will have a larger than normal turn out. Due to this we have requested that you contact Melissa in the church office **864-654-2061** to RSVP so that we have enough food! We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!

**Attention Chili Cooks!** – The Middle School Youth Group needs you! Please help our youth raise money for their summer mission trip by entering your chili in the Chili Cook-off on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. They're also accepting items for the silent auction and live auction. Please help us make this the best chili cook off ever. Have conflict with the date? Remember, someone can serve your chili for you. For more information contact Terri Smith (donations) or Lauren Young (chili). If you can't find us, contact Rodney Norris or Laura Shick.

**VBS REGISTRATION STARTS NEXT WEEK!** Parents of 2 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to register beginning next week before/after 10:30 worship in the covered arcade. We'll embark on our "Island Odyssey" July 18-22 & have loads of fun!

**DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN?** We've got a chance for you to help our youngest members grow in their faith! VBS will be held July 18-22 and we need lots of FHPC members to help them along their "Island Odyssey". Volunteer forms will be located in the covered arcade beginning April 10 at the VBS registration table. Thank you in advance for helping make FHPC a home for our children!

**Middle School News** – Last week we had a great time at the Prayer Partner Picnic. The youth group would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who were prayer partners. We will meet at our regular time tonight, 4:30-6:00 for games and Bible study and then have dinner at 6:00. Tonight we will talk about Lent. **Important Dates** – **April 10** – Chili Cook-Off **May 29** – Year End Lake Party. **Summer Dates - June 5-11** – Mission Trip to Virginia. **July 20-24** – Montreat Middle Conference at PC in Clinton, SC.

**Sr. High News** – Last week we had a great time at the Prayer Partner Picnic. The youth group would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who were prayer partners. We will meet at our regular time tonight, 6:00 for dinner and then have our program from 6:30-8:00. Tonight we will talk about our prayers. Does God hear all of our prayers? Does God answer all of prayers? Do our prayers change God's mind? Join us tonight and find out. **Important Dates** – **May 29** – Sr. Day in worship and sr. luncheon and in the afternoon Year End Lake Party. **Summer Dates** – **June 17-26** Mission trip to New Orleans, LA. **July 9-16** Summer Montreat.

**Adopt a Student** - As a University Ministry mission in partnership with the Presbyterian Student Association of Clemson, Fort Hill offers individual Clemson students an opportunity to find a "family away from home" with its **Connector Program**. Individuals or families of Fort Hill are requested to share time with their students at least once a month.. If you have questions or are interested in being part of the Connector Program, please contact Hugh Spittle ([hspittle@clemson.edu](mailto:hspittle@clemson.edu)) Kerin Watts ([kerin.watts@forthillchurch.org](mailto:kerin.watts@forthillchurch.org)), or Bill Gause ([bill.gause@forthillchurch.org](mailto:bill.gause@forthillchurch.org)). Note: Participants will keep their same students (or family) throughout their involvement in this program. If you are a member of the church who adopted a student in the past and would like to adopt a student this year, you certainly are welcome to request to do so! You may opt to support more than one student as well.

**Sign up now for a Women's Mountain Retreat.** On **April 30-May 1**, we will travel to Flat Rock, NC for a Saturday and Sunday of deep discussion, learning, and fellowship. Harris Murray, an ordained elder, graduate of the SC Lay School of Theology and good friend of Nancy Oates, will lead us through an exploration of the book *The Prodigal God*. (Reading the book is not mandatory to attend the retreat...but it is helpful!) The cost is \$35, which includes the cost of your book, and is limited to 8-10 people. Upon committing to the retreat, you can pick up your book in the FHO office. Contact Nancy Oates 654-4262 to register or for more information.

**Birthday Brunch!** On Saturday, May 7, 2011, the PW Women of Fort Hill Church will be hosting a brunch for all the women who attend Fort Hill Church. It will begin at 10:30 A.M. and we hope you will enjoy not only the menu, but the speaker as well. There is no charge and you don't have to bring anything-just yourselves and a neighbor or friend. Rev. Beth Lindsay Templeton, from **Our Eyes Were Opened** in Greenville, will speak on "Servant or Sucker" -a topic you'll want to hear. Sign up lists are in the narthex and along the shelf outside the FHO office beginning today. If you have already signed up at your circle there is no need to sign up again. The lists will be tallied the last week in April, so we know how many to expect and plan the food accordingly.

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

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**Worship materials for children** are located in the covered hallway outside of the sanctuary. These include special instructions to help children participate in worship, worship pages for children, worship bags for preschoolers and an assortment of books to be read during worship. Stop by before worship and select materials to help even our youngest learners!

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord with Musical Explorers!!! Mark your calendar!!** Children ages 2-Kindergarten are invited to sing during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, May 1st! More detailed information will be sent out by e-mail in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy MacRae at [krmacrae@hotmail.com](mailto:krmacrae@hotmail.com).

**JAM and Jesus Jammers and Youth Choir!!!** We are very excited to share our music with the congregation during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, April 10th!! That afternoon JAM and Jesus Jammers' members will enjoy fellowship and fun together at our Spring End-of-the-Year Party!

**Nursery Care** - We offer a full range of child care for children 0 - completed Kindergarten. Our youngest children's rooms (infant/toddler) are staffed by paid volunteers and adult volunteers while our older groups are led by established adult volunteers. For more information, please see an usher or check our website: [www.forthillchurch.org](http://www.forthillchurch.org). Room assignments are: **Infants**-established walkers meet in room 117; **Toddlers** meet in room 101; **2/3 year olds** meet in room 107; **4/5 year olds** stay in worship through the story for children then move to room 207 for a short lesson before finishing in room 209.

## **OUTREACH**

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**THE FEED THE 5000 collection** (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 03/27/11 was \$83.79. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

**The Blood Connection bus** will be coming to Fort Hill on **Wednesday, April 6th from 3-7pm**. Did you know that the Blood Connection needs to collect over 300 donations each day to meet the need? One donation can help to up to three people, so please consider giving the gift of life. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex or just drop by. Call Peg Mowrey at 882-6065 if you have questions.

**The Wylie Hogue Camp Buc Scholarship Fund** was established in 2001 by the Hogue family to honor father and husband, Wylie Hogue, who was a longtime Fort Hill member and former Campus minister from 1958 to 1970. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to children who may not otherwise be able to attend a church camp. Fort Hill members have provided nearly 230 children with the opportunity to attend Camp Buc in the past. Christian Action Ministry would like to send twelve children to camp this summer. The cost of sending one child is approximately \$500. All money for the scholarships comes solely from individual donations. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please note Camp Buc on your check. Many small donations can add up to give several underprivileged children in our area a week to remember. Thank you.

**The Christian Action Ministry** wishes to inform the congregation that \$2,500 has been sent to One Great Hour of Sharing in response to the urgent request from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid the victims of the March 11<sup>th</sup> earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan.