

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2009

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2009, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Roberta Siebert

Chancel Bells

Time of Greeting and Fellowship and Life of the Church

Laura Conrad

Leader: Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Centering Music: "We are joining all together on a journey of Christian faith.
We seek to be disciples, disciples of Jesus Christ.
We seek to share God's love in our own community.
And we seek to share God's love all around the world."

BEACH SPRING

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

Kerin Watts

Leader: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

People: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Leader: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer – and also challenge. Welcome to God's House,

People: where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to service.

+Hymn #487: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Compassionate God, you have shown your great love to us by coming to us in the form of a Servant. You have called us to serve, even as we have been served; yet, we have put our own interests first, and have turned away from the needs of others. We are so self-absorbed that we trample over others and elbow our way to places of honor, scarcely noticing the violence of our ways. Show us your mercy, and forgive us. Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may show our love for you by showing tenderness and humility in our relationship to one another. Enable us to lay down our lives for Christ's sake demonstrating that we truly are faithful disciples. *(followed by silent individual confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

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

Bill Gause

(Following the story, 3 year olds-1st grade may leave THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR for extended care.

Visitors: please accompany your child to the nursery for registration purposes.)

Anthem: "Go Down Moses"

Harris

New Testament Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: Save Us Some Seats!

Laura Conrad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #367: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

+Affirmation of Faith: Phil. 2:5-11

Mary Gause

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (front of Hymnal, page 16)

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

Invitation to Discipleship

Stewardship Spotlight – Reflections on Giving

Jeremy Wright

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

Offertory: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Flor Peeters

+Doxology (#592)

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

O God who has so greatly loved us, long sought us and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works in a continual thank offering to you. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #151: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

+Benediction and Response: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Bells

+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. **Kerin Watts** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door, **Mary Gause** will be at the Porte-cochere Door and **Laura Conrad** will be at the 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.
- The Elder on duty today is **Chris Bandy**. 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.
- The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Clarence and Elaine Rogers in memory of their parents.
- The rosebud today is in celebration of the birth of Harris Ballentine Dean, born on Oct. 11, son of Jacob and Jenny Dean. Proud grandparents in our congregation are Jimmy and Betty Dean.
- Please honor the worship experience by refraining from photography during the service.
- Child care is offered during worship for all children through age 5. Childcare for children 0-3 years of age begins at 10:15 am in our education building (first floor). Please ask an usher for directions to our nurseries.
- Restrooms are located at both the front (handicapped-accessible) and rear of the Sanctuary and in both adjacent buildings.
- Hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.
- Scripture passages for next Sunday are: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8(19-22); Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (10/19 - 10/25)

Rodney Norris (Call 654-8934 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

Linda Gahan and Janet Bean

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Jimmy and Betty Dean

Nursery Workers for Today

**Tootie Poteet, Ann Howard, Donna and Corey McCubbin,
Heather Wright and Beth Gregory**

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Janna and Don McKale, Edmee Reel and Austin Adams, Myra Cato and Jordan Weir, Kelly and John McRoberts

Attendance from 10/11/09:	10:30 Worship	285	Sunday School	126	8:30 Worship	98
Attendance from last year 10/12/08:	10:30 Worship	253	Sunday School	138	8:30 Worship	73

Head Ushers for October: Cal Sawyer and Elizabeth Bost; Head Usher for November: Terri Bruce

Staff Notes

Laura Conrad is away with Donny Osmond on the Dancing with the Stars world tour.

Laura Conrad is on a study trip with a Lilly-funded study grant. Her group will be meeting with pastors of mainline churches who are transformative and missional in Los Angeles, CA from October 20-26.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 10/18	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School– Various locations
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
	10:00 AM	Called Session meeting – Tartan Hall
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	English Country Dancers – Tartan Hall
	2:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Bethlehem Hall
	2:30 PM	NAMI Family to Family class – Club Room
	4:30 PM	Children’s Choirs – Room 205
	4:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group – Youth Room and Club Room
	6:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group – Club Room and Youth Room
	5:30 PM	College Connector get-together – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	Mon. 10/19	1:00 PM
5:30 PM		Christian Action Ministry Meeting – Library
7:00 PM		Boy Scouts – Tartan Hall, Club Room and dungeon
Tues. 10/20	9:30 AM	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting – Club Room
	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Conference Room
	1:00 PM	OLLI class – Club Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Library
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 10/21	10:30 AM	Bible Study - Library
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal – Choir Room
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur. 10/22	10:30 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	12:00 PM	Young Adult Men’s Bible Study – Conference Room
	2:15 PM	OLLI class – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Kappa Delta – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Friday 10/23	9:00 AM	Preschool puppets – Club Room
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
	5:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall
	7:00 PM	3 rd – 5 th grade children’s lock in – Bethlehem Hall, Youth Room

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Service Stewardship - The Pledge Packets with Service and Financial Stewardship information for 2010 have either been picked up or mailed to you. Stewardship is very important because this is how we individually make a difference in our church, in our community and around the world. Included in your Pledge Packet is a Service Opportunities Booklet. You will be surprised at the variety and number of ways you can serve. In the Packet are also forms listing the various opportunities to serve. If you have children who are part of our Youth Group, there should be a special Youth Service form for them to complete. Please review the information, complete the forms and return in the envelope provided. The service information you provide will be entered in the church data base and given to the Ministry area leaders as appropriate. You will be contacted within a few months by a Ministry that may wish to utilize your talents. We hope you will find time to prayerfully consider how you can use the gifts God has given you to do the work He is calling you to do. Thank you from the Service Stewardship Team. If you have questions, see Barbara Westall before or after worship service in the Covered Arcade.

Spotlight on Stewardship, Joanne Trenholm

Presently, much of my efforts are concentrated on chairing the Ministers' Cook-Off, which is a benefit for Safe Harbor II. The event takes place on Thursday, November 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Daniel High School cafeteria with 19 churches from Pickens and Oconee Counties represented. Safe Harbor II is a shelter for victims of domestic violence, which FHPC has supported since its inception almost a decade ago. Regrettably, South Carolina ranks eighth in the nation in deaths due to domestic violence so the need for both funds to support the shelter and educational awareness to combat the problem are essential. The Ministers' Cook-Off, now in its 7th year, has had great success in both areas, while at the same time providing an ecumenical time of fellowship, fun and purpose. My past experience chairing the Christian Action Committee made me deeply aware of the many needs in the community. It also allowed me the opportunity to work with members of the committee to address those needs and make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbors. Ours is a deeply caring church, and over the years I have been both proud and humbled by the support of its members, enabling the Christian Action Committee to help the less fortunate through their generosity. When asked what being a good Steward means to me, I recall the words from the Gospel of Luke. In Chapter 11, verse 11, Luke asks us: "What father is there among you who, if his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?" And, in verse 13, "If you give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him!"

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting at Hazel Sparks' home, Monday, October 19, at 10 am. All are welcome to join in the fellowship of creating shawls, or some of the other projects members have shared. Hazel's address is 200 Lancelot Dr., Clemson, 654-3617.

Circles of Care for Deacons Betty Dean, Larry Goodwin, Cynthia Gravely, and Stephanie Scott will be having lunch in Tartan Hall after the 10:30 worship service on October 25. Members of the circles are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Beverages and main dish will be provided. Please join us!

Rodney Norris' Sabbatical - Last year your Session approved a three month Sabbatical for Rodney Norris, our Pastor with Youth and Young Adults. He will be away from us from November 2- February 1, 2010. Pastor's Sabbaticals are a time of rest, renewal of spirit, and a chance for new vigor for your ministry. The church allows pastors to take a Sabbatical after seven years of service. Rodney has faithfully and energetically served Fort Hill for over eight years. We will commission him into his Sabbath time in worship on November 1.

The Seekers Sunday School Class is going to the Pumpkin Patch today. Meet at Denver Downs at 3:30pm.

Children of ALL AGES ...come join in the Halloween Fun! Join us on Sunday, October 25th at 5:30pm for a Pizza dinner then prepare to model your Halloween Costume for all gathered in Tartan Hall. At 6:15 (or so) we will move to Bethlehem Hall for crafts, games, and fun. (Children 0-5 years need a parent or chaperone to help them with games.) Wear your costume (no gory or scary costumes, please) and join us for an evening of fun! Donations will be accepted for dinner and reservations are needed to make sure we order pizza for you so please call the church office by NOON on October 22nd!) Hope to see you there!

Attention Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Members - 25 yes, twenty-five families in our church are now Presbyterian Partners (PP) to new members! What do PPs do? They call the new members and invite them to their circle or men's breakfast or to a church luncheon or to their Sunday School class or to Choir practice or to brunch after church or to help weed or to just say welcome. Well, you get the picture. We have many folks joining the church and not enough Presbyterian Partners. Would you please lend a hand by volunteering to be a Presbyterian Partner? It's easy! Just call or e-mail Alice Thalheimer at 944-5450 or brambles15@bellsouth.net. Thank you!

Young Adults – The Young Adult group at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church 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. **Up-Coming Dates to Remember** – Today, **October 18**, we will meet after the 10:30 worship service at Pot Belly Deli for lunch. **October 26** – Theology on Tap – we will meet at Wingin It from 6:30-8:00. **December 5** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. Time and places to be determined.

Middle School News - Last week we had a great time at the Foothills Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken in Hendersonville, NC. Tonight we will meet at our regular time of 4:30-6:00 for our program and then have dinner at 6:00. Join us tonight for some fun games and Bible study. **Up-Coming Events** – **December 12** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 31** – Snow tubing at Sapphire Valley, NC. **Summer Dates** – **July 5-10** mission trip to Ronceverte, WV. **July 21-25** Montreat Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College.

Sr. High News - Last week had fun at the 2nd Sunday Supper. 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 a great Bible study and fellowship.

Up-Coming Events – **December 13** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **February 5-7** – Ski Trip to WinterPlace, WV. Watch for info to come about this trip. **March 19-21** – Foothills Presbytery Sr. High Retreat in Montreat. **Summer Dates** – **June 18-27** mission trip to Camp Kintail in Canada. **July 11-17** Montreat Conference.

Presbyterian Student Association – For weekly information on our University Ministry, please see the PSA Corner insert in each week's bulletin. **Reminder to College Connector families** of our get-together today at 5:30 in Tartan Hall, followed by our potluck dinner at the PSA Center.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Children's Music Groups!! Formerly known as Children's Choir, these music groups have new, exciting names! The 3rd-5th grade music group is called JAM (Jesus and Me) and meets at 4:30 pm on Sundays to learn music using the chimes. The K-2nd grade music group is now Jesus Jammers. This group joins JAM from 5:00-5:30 pm for singing, playing rhythm instruments, fun, and fellowship! Come and share the joy of music with your friends! Both groups will be singing and playing chimes during the 8:30 service on October 25th!

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 October includes "Jesus," "What A Mighty God We Serve," "Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna" and other Bible song favorites. Several wonderful singers and guitarists are helping with Musical Explorers this year! If you have any questions about the Musical Explorers program, please contact Kristy MacRae at krmacrae@hotmail.com.

OUTREACH

The Feed the 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 10/11/09 was \$62.36. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Homebound Missions, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

Fort Hill's Habitat House information posters and sign up sheets for building the Kerswell home are available on the landing outside Tartan Hall and in the Covered Arcade for people wishing to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just four hours on a Saturday morning, and a desire to help a deserving family have a home. Contact Wes Worley (654-9449) or wes.worley@att.net to volunteer or John Sherman (654-1957) or johnmsherman@bellsouth.net.

Clemson Downs need volunteers. If you're willing and able to help out at the Clemson Downs Healthcare Center with patients, please contact Barbara Fox at 654-5050.

Clemson Community Care - Thank you for your support of Clemson Community Care. Our needs are: juice, crackers, canned/dry milk, cereal, jello/pudding, grits/cornmeal, flour, sugar, tomato sauce, pasta, canned meat/fish.

The Upstate South Carolina Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has designated October 25 "Pink Sunday" to raise breast cancer awareness by distributing educational material. We have partnered with over 300 area churches to promote breast cancer education and celebrate the lives of those who have fought against breast cancer. Early detection saves lives. While the 5-year survival rate for late stage, distantly spread breast cancer is only 27%, early stage breast cancer (when treated) has a 98% 5-year survival rate. After the service, we will be handing out educational material and asking each woman to sign the COMMITMENT CHALLENGE. Please sign this pledge to receive a life-saving screening this year. Once you have signed the commitment and read the educational material, please pass along these life saving messages to a friend or family member. Together we can help eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease.

