

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 24, 2010



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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2010, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: Prelude in B-flat

attr. J.S. Bach

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

Welcoming New Members: Aaron and Natalie Dunham
Martha Grigsby
Weston Ulbrich

Centering Music: "Come, Oh, Come"

JAM & Jesus Jammers

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship:

Rodney Norris

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: Our souls long for your courts, where we yearn to sing your praises.

Leader: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, who are always praising you.

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way.

+Hymn #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, be merciful to me, a sinner, a sinner in the company of sinners. Too often, we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust in the good things we do. Seemingly safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful that we are not like them. Yet, the truth is, we are. We have all sinned. We have all fallen short of the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

(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 276 vs. 3 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Story for All Children

Bill Gause

(Following the blessing, 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: Joel 2:23-32 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Anthem: "Here I Am, Lord"

Arr. By Sherman

The Chancel Choir, JAM, Jesus Jammers, and Youth Members

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**)

Sermon: "The Sin of Comparison"

Laura Conrad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Singing a Song of Faith: "Gather Us In"

from Sing the Faith, #2236

Words and music on bulletin insert

+ Affirmation of Faith: From the *Declaration of Faith* 9.3 "Christ calls us to live in the presence of God"

Leader: Jesus lived with a constant sense of His Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

People: We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interest of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

Leader: It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

People: We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

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

Mary Gause

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

Invitation to Discipleship: A Word about Stewardship

Beth Durham

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

Offertory: "Siyahamba"

African Folk Melody

The Chancel Choir

+Hymn of Praise #428 "We Give the But Thine Own" Stanza 1 & 2

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We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Dear God, thank you for blessing us every day with the gifts of your creation. Grant that we might have the 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

+Benediction

+Congregational Response: Hymn #587 "Amen"

African American

Please sing though twice

+Postlude: Fugue in B-flat

attr. J.S. Bach

+ indicates that all who are able please 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, and **Mary Gause** 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.
- We would like to welcome Dr. Brooks Kuykendall who is our guest organist today while Judy Bonham is away on vacation.
- We welcome our children's chimers and choir, JAM and Jesus Jammers, under the direction of Kristy MacRae as well as members of our youth group who are combining their talents with the Chancel Choir this morning. JAM: Hallie Conrad, Elyse Hollingsworth, Alyssa Howard, Hannah Grace Rutland, Will Turner. Jesus Jammers: Sam Bruce, Mary Limber, Henry Marcum, Ellis Rutland, Kristen Smith, Reid Smith, Mary Kate Turner, Sydney Weeks, Caila Worley.
- The flowers today are placed in the church by Ed and Nancy Hutson in memory of Earl Gilliam and Edward Sr. and Ruth Hutson.
- 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: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor on Call (10/24 – 10/30)

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 Kathy Hughes

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Karen and Tim Burg

Nursery Workers for Today

Jackie Ellis, Lisa Britt, Joan Dixon, and Maggie and Chris Bandy,

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Lou Phillips, Meri Kate and Philip Marcum, Virginia Ellis, Jan and Susan Beckwith, Claudette Bennett, and Shelly and Nathan Wilson.

Attendance from 10/17/10:	10:30 Worship	301	Sunday School	122	8:30 Worship	77
Attendance from last year 10/18/09	10:30 Worship	285	Sunday School	126	8:30 Worship	73

Head Ushers for October: Will Gregory and Kristen McInnis

Head Ushers for November: Helen Wooten and Randy Moore

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 10/24	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	English Country Dancers
	2:00 PM	Cub Scouts – (Tigers, Webelo1) Bethlehem Hall
	2:30 PM	NAMI – Library
	4:30 PM	Jam 3 rd to 5 th Grade Chimes
	4:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group – Youth Room
	5:00 PM	Jesus Jammers K-2 nd Grade
	5:30 PM	Halloween Carnival
	6:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group – Youth Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	Mon. 10/25	9:00 AM
6:00 PM		Boy Scouts – Club Room, Tartan Hall, Dungeon, Bethlehem Hall
7:00 PM		Disciple Bible Study - Library
Tues. 10/26	12:00 PM	Office Volunteer Luncheon
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts – (Bears, Webelo2) Bethlehem Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 10/27	10:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Circle Leaders – Cooper Classroom
	10:00 AM	OLLI – Club Room
	10:30 AM	Disciple Bible Study – Library
	12:00 PM	Loose Group (Area Pastors & Educators) – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	6:00 PM	Chancel Bells – Choir Room
Thurs. 10/28	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
	10:00 AM	OLLI – Club Room
	2:15 PM	OLLI – Library
Fri. 10/29	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Milton Ernest Carlson, father of Doug Carlson. He was 96 and lived in Cedar Rapids Iowa. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Directories – if you have not picked up your directory yet, they are still available for pick up in the FHOG Office if you had your photo taken. If you did not have your photo taken but would still like one there are plenty still available for purchase in the church office. Cost is five dollars per directory.

Come one, Come all to the Halloween carnival, y'all! Whether you are young in body or spirit, like dressing up or not, or just love Halloween, please join us for dinner and Halloween activities **TODAY!** A pizza dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:00. Following dinner we will gather in Bethlehem Hall for crafts, games and other fun activities. Our evening will conclude at 6:30pm with a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot outside the sanctuary. Dinner is \$3/person or \$10/family. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes! Be there or you might get "Boo"ed!

Please join us for Sermon Starters each Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 pm. We gather around the scripture readings for the next Sunday. We listen to what God might be saying to us through the Word. Please join us at the Corley Center at Clemson Downs for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Your pastors enjoy hearing what you have to say as we prepare for worship!

Joining Fort Hill as a Member - We invite you to become part of God's church with us as we seek to be disciples. In the Presbyterian Church you meet with the Session to become a member. Please speak to the Officer on duty or any of the worship leaders if you want to further pursue membership. Our next *Discovering Faith at Fort Hill* class is November 14, 2:00-5:00pm.

Fellowship Ministry Holiday Gatherings – A new program of holiday gatherings for those whose families are out of town or who would just like to spend time with their FHPC family is off to a good start. Our get togethers on Father's Day and July 4th were very well attended. We are now looking for coordinators for Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day events. This can be as simple as reserving a room at a restaurant or working with friends to organize a potluck, or another activity. Work with others to plan a fun day. To volunteer to coordinate a holiday or to be placed on the list of those who would like to attend, contact Becky DeWitt dewittbecky@gmail.com or Rose Marie McDonald rosemariehere@yahoo.com.

Decorations for the Christmas Season: You can help us decorate our beautiful church by making contributions for the purchase of wreaths and poinsettias in memory or in honor of that someone special in your life. Wreaths are \$35 each and poinsettias are \$17 each. Please make checks payable to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and indicate either on your check or the form enclosed in the bulletin how many wreaths and/or poinsettias you are providing and the name of those loved ones you are remembering or honoring. Your contributions will be recognized in the bulletin and the Window.

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 every third Sunday for lunch following the 10:30 worship service. To be added to the young adult email list, please email ebritt@alumni.clemson.edu. Suppers for Seven Groups have been formed. If you are still interested in joining a group, email Lisa. **Up-Coming Dates to Remember** – Nov 21 – Lunch after church at Monterrey's. Save the date - The Progressive dinner will be on December 11 this year. If you are interested in hosting dinner, please email Lisa.

Middle School News – Last week we had a great time at the Foothills Presbytery Retreat. Tonight we will be staying a little longer than normal for youth group. We will be helping out with Halloween Carnival tonight. We will meet at our regular time of 4:30 but we will not be finished until 7:00. So come tonight and help out with young kids at the Halloween Carnival. **Important Dates – November 7** – Sue Limber, church member and expert on “bullying”, will speak to the youth and parents about this problem. **November 21** – Hay Ride! We will go to the Robinson's farm for a cook-out, hay ride and bon fire. **December 4** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 30** – Snow tubing! Watch for info to come.

Sr. High News – Last week we experienced what it is like to be someone else. Tonight we will meet at our normal time of 6:00-8:00. From 6:30-7:00 we will be helping out with the Trunk or Treat at the Halloween Carnival. If you have a car bring it and supply the trunk, Rodney will supply all the candy to give out to the young kids. Then from 7:00-8:00 will have a discussion on Halloween. Is it a Christian Holiday? Where did the tradition of Halloween come from? Come tonight and find out the answers. **Important Dates – November 7** – Sue Limber, church member and expert on “bullying”, will speak to the youth and parents about this problem. **November 21** – Hay Ride! We will go to the Robinson's farm for a cook-out, hay ride and bon fire. **December 5** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **February 4-6** – Ski trip to Winterplace WV. Watch for info to come. **March 18-20** – Foothills Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Montreat.

The Old Stone Church and Cemetery Association has released a new section of grave plots. This newly released section of the cemetery has been improved and landscaped. There are approximately 600 new sites available at a cost of \$2,500 per plot, one burial per plot. You can contact Clarence Rogers (864-654-3139 clarencedrogers@bellsouth.net) for further details. The Association is also accepting tax-deductible contributions for the upkeep and support of the church and cemetery. Mail your contributions to: Old Stone Church and Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1465, Clemson, SC 29631.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!! Musical Explorers is back! Every Sunday, after the children's time in church, a pair of music volunteers will lead preschool children (ages 2&3 and 4&5) in singing various Bible songs. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youngest members to praise God through music! If you have any questions about the Musical Explorers program, or if you'd be interested in volunteering, please contact Kristy MacRae at krmacrae@hotmail.com.

JAM and Jesus Jammers!! All elementary aged children (K-5th grade) are invited to attend JAM and Jesus Jammers on Sunday afternoons! Children in grades 3-5 will meet at 4:30 pm in the Children's Music Room to learn pieces with the chimes, with kids in grades K-2 joining the group for singing at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please e-mail Kristy MacRae at krmacrae@hotmail.com. Our children look forward singing and playing chimes today during the 10:30 service.

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!

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. 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

THE FEED THE 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 10/17/10 was 51.00. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

Operation Christmas Child – The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The brochures are available in the collection office (old FHOG office). If you need shoe boxes they are available in the cabinet. The deadline to turn in your boxes is November 10th.

Make a Difference to an Abused or Neglected Child. Did you know that there are hundreds of children living in foster care in Pickens County? These children can spend years moving from one placement to another. They need someone to take the time to figure out what's best for them, someone to be their voice in court. There is something that our church members can do: they can become a volunteer for the Pickens County Guardian ad Litem Program. Volunteers are concerned men and women trained to advocate for abused and neglected children in family court. The Pickens County Volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program is hosting a GAL Introductory Workshop Tuesday, October 19 at 10am, and Wednesday, October 20, at 7pm, at the Hampton Memorial Library, Easley. Learn about the free, 30 hour training program that teaches you how to be a positive, effective advocate for children. Our next training starts October 25, 2010. For more information call Cindy Wolthuis at 878-0807, or go to Pickens.sccgal.org.

8th Annual Ministers' Cook-Off - Bring your appetite to the Daniel High School Cafeteria on November 11 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and join your neighbors for the 8th Annual Ministers' Cook-off. Ministers from 20 area congregations (including Pastor Laura Conrad) will be showing off their culinary skills in support of Safe Harbor II. Taste tickets at \$1.00 each will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance in lots of ten individual tickets from Joanne Trenholm, Sandy McLeod, Carol Pollock or Jane Polk. [If you aren't able to attend but would like to support the event, we'll be happy to accept a contribution.]

PASTORAL STAFF: Laura Conrad, Pastor (laura.conrad@forthillchurch.org); Bill Gause, AP for University Ministry (bill.gause@forthillchurch.org); Mary Cunningham Gause, AP for Christian Education (mary.gause@forthillchurch.org); Rodney Norris, AP for Youth and Young Adult Ministry (rodney.norris@forthillchurch.org); Pansy Duke, Parish Visitor (pansy.duke@forthillchurch.org); Jack Lovett Stevenson, Pastoral Counselor (jps28@bellsouth.net)

SESSION: George Dunkelberg – Clerk; Mike Blackwell – Treasurer

Class of 2011: Chris Bandy, Charles Barron, Ross Davis, Becky DeWitt, Amy Elrod, Leslie Hicklin, Ethel Pettigrew, Cal Sawyer, Samantha Young

Class of 2012: Elizabeth Bost, Terri Bruce, Will Gregory, Sally Martin, Kristen McInnis, Randy Moore, Tom Shealy

Class of 2013: George Dunkelberg, Linda Gahan, Meri Kate Marcum, Laura Shick, Hack Trammell, Joanne Trenholm, Helen Wooten

DEACONS: Bryan Young – Moderator; Gail Williams – Vice Moderator

Class of 2011: Michael Bailey, Susan Brown, Larry Goodwin, Karen Lindenmeyer, Betty Long, Stephanie Scott, Audrey Thompson, Eva Williamson

Class of 2012: Janet Bean, Debbie Collins, Robert Key, John McGregor, Cathy McInnis, Alison Reynolds, Suzan Simmons, Bryan Young

Class of 2013: Donna Crader, Nan Jones, Edmee Reel, Terri Smith, Harvey Springer, Joy Van Daele, Jane Van Senus, Gail Williams

TRUSTEES: Joe Dickey (2011), Robin Weeks (2012), Wes Koch (2013)

Endowment Committee: The Three Elected Trustees, Member At Large, Jim Phillips

CHURCH STAFF: Office Administrator: Lori Houck (lori.houck@forthillchurch.org)

Administrative Assistant: Melissa Shook (melissa.shook@forthillchurch.org)

Sexton: Milton Benson; Assistant Sexton: Doris Clark

PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER: The Rev. Dr. Jack Lovett Stevenson (653-4025 or 442-9003)

MISSIONARIES: Rodney and Sharyn Babe – Haiti

David and Susan Thomas – Cuernavaca, Mexico

MUSIC: Music Director – Margaret MacKay (margaret.mackay@forthillchurch.org)

Organist – Judy Bonham (judy.bonham@forthillchurch.org)

Pianist – Becky Bowman

Children's Choir Director – Kristy MacRae (krmacrae@hotmail.com)

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Classes for Children and Adults at 9:15 am Nursery and preschool extended session at 10:30 am

Superintendent: Tom Wooten Nursery workers: Andrea Aderhold, Michelle Blackwell Sarah Kolacki, Amanda Towery

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Jackie Martin, Colin Pettigrew, Dick and Laura Shick

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Cyndi Davis, LeAnne Greene, Mark McInnis

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT ASSOC. (PSA): Bill Gause, AP for University Ministry: bill.gause@forthillchurch.org (654-3705)

Kerin Watts, University Ministry Intern: kerin.watts@forthillchurch.org (654-9207)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Linda Gahan, Moderator; Anna Tollison, Moderator-Elect; Cheryl Trammell, Secretary; Nancy Stone, Treasurer

Circle 1 – meets first Monday at 12:15 pm, Donna Crader & Eva Henry, Co-Leaders

Circle 2 – meets second Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Clint Moore & Elaine Prock, Co-Leaders

Circle 3 – meets second Monday at 9:30 am, Lisa Street, Leader

Circle 5 – meets first Monday at 3:00 pm, Jan Beckwith & Lois Bro, Co-Leaders

Circle 7 – meets fourth Monday at 9:15 am; Rotating leadership; Moms with younger children

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Bob Littleton, President; Gus Gustafson, Treasurer – Meets monthly – first Tuesday at 7:00 am

FORT HILL PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL: Shelley Burchfield, Director; Donna McCubbin, Treasurer; Marcia Barker, Chairperson

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Pack 235: Tim Howard, Cubmaster; Jay Jones, Committee Chairperson; Helen Adams, Institution Representative

Troop 235: Vic Shelburne, Scoutmaster; Bill Foster, Committee Chairperson; Helen Adams, Institution Representative

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