

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 25, 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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2009, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: Partita on "Darwall's 148th" Variations 1-3 (text at Hymn #430)

Charles Callahan

Time of Greeting and Fellowship and Life of the Church

Rodney Norris

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.

BEACH SPRING

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."

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

Kerin Watts

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord O my soul!

People: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all of our lives.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no hope.

People: Happy are those whose help is in the Lord God Almighty!

Leader: For God set prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

+Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, while we mean well and have good intentions, we still often turn from your ways and try to hide our sins from you. We confess that we have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. But scripture tells us "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and the Lord will forgive the guilt of my sin." Today we confess our sins and pray for your great mercy and forgiveness. Free us from our selfishness that we may be the people you have called us to be. *(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

Baptism of Duncan McMillan Bartels, son of Rich and Emily Bartels

Presentation

Profession of Faith

+Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" (A Baptismal Creed)

+Questions to the Congregation and Children

The Baptism

Hymn #498: "Child of Blessing" (remain seated)

(Following the baptism, 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.)

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Mary Gause

Anthem: "Ye Followers Of The Lamb"

Ferguson

New Testament: Mark 10:46-52 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: Throwing Off Your Cloak

Rodney Norris

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #379: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

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

Bill Gause

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

Invitation to Discipleship

Commissioning of Medical Mission Rwanda Trip

FHPC team members: Bob & Susan Brown, Raenota & Jack Merrill, Marlene Nicholas and Nancy Oates

Other team members: Dr. William & Pat Stevens and Dr. Walt Donnelly

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

Offertory: "Darwall's 148th" Variation 6: Improvisation

Callahan

+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 #430: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

DARWALL'S 148th

+Benediction and Choral Response

+Postlude: "Darwall's 148th" Variation 7: Postlude

Callahan

+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. **Rodney Norris** and **Bill Gause** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door, **Mary Gause** will be at the Porte-cochere Door and **Kerin Watts** 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 **Bill Cato**. 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 celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Duncan McMillan "Mac" Bartels, son of Rich and Emily Bartels. Big brother is Trey. Grandparents in our congregation are Henry and Judy Melton. Uncle, aunt and cousins in our congregation are Philip, Meri Kate, Henry and Lydia Marcum. The elder with the family is Sally Martin.
- The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Michael and Nikki Wald.
- 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 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: Isaiah 25:1-10; Revelation 2:1-6a.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (10/26 - 11/1)

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

Joan and Paul Borick

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Kitty and Jim Dunn

Nursery Workers for Today

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

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Stephanie Scott and Nancy Oates, Joan Dixon, Anita, Mik and Erik Fredman, Pete and Jake Crowther

Attendance from 10/18/09:	10:30 Worship 301	Sunday School 145	8:30 Worship 70
Attendance from last year 10/19/08:	10:30 Worship 246	Sunday School 123	8:30 Worship 53

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

Staff Notes - Jack Stevenson is preaching today at Pickens Presbyterian Church.

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 1, so don't forget to fall back! Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed next Saturday night (October 31).

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 10/25	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School– Various locations
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Circles of Care Lunch (Dean, Goodwin, Gravely, Scott) – Club Room
	1:00 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall
	2:30 PM	NAMI Family to Family class – Club Room
	4:30 PM	Children’s Choirs – Room 205
	5:30 PM	Fall Festival – Tartan Hall and Bethlehem Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Mon. 10/26	9:15 AM	Circle 7 - Library
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts – Tartan Hall, Club Room and dungeon
Tues. 10/27	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Conference Room
	10:00 AM	OLLI class – Club Room
	1:00 PM	OLLI class – Club Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Library
	7:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 10/28	10:30 AM	Bible Study - Library
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	5:00 PM	Webelos – Club Room
	6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal – Choir Room
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur. 10/29	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
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Friday 10/30	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Next Sunday, November 1, we will have our Kirkin’ of the Tartan service at 10:30 am.

Service Stewardship – You should have received your Pledge Packets with Service and Financial Stewardship information for 2010. Included in your Pledge Packet is a Service Opportunities Booklet and forms listing the various opportunities to serve. Those in the youth group have a Youth Service form to complete. Please review the information, complete the forms and return in the envelope provided. 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 or David Bruce before or after worship service in the Covered Arcade.

Spotlight on Stewardship, Marlene Nicholas - One of my favorite Bible verses is Matthew 25:40. “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” This verse is particularly meaningful to me as I prepare to go to Rwanda with the eye team to represent our church in medical missions. Medical missions have always been dear to my heart, especially being able to help restore sight to the blind. Fort Hill Presbyterian Church has supported this ministry by making it possible for our eye team to travel to third world countries and help bring sight to the blind. What a blessing it is to hear a patient say, “I can see!” All of this is made possible by our Stewardship giving to Fort Hill.

Circles of Care for Deacons Betty Dean, Larry Goodwin, Cynthia Gravely, and Stephanie Scott will be having lunch for those in their circles of care in the Club Room after the 10:30 worship service today.

New members were received by Session last week. We welcome Greg Bearden, Harles Carter, Eddie Payne, Mark Sublette and Nathan Weaver. Please introduce yourself to these folks and make them feel welcome at Fort Hill.

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.

Children of ALL AGES ...come join in the Halloween Fun! Join us today, October 25th at 5:30pm for pizza, and at 6:15 (or so) for crafts, games, and fun in Bethlehem Hall. (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!

2nd Annual Scottish Games – Please join us as we celebrate our Scottish heritage next Sunday, **November 1**. The Youth & Young Adult Ministry invites everyone to Nettles Park from 2:00-4:00 to compete in Fort Hill's version of the Scottish Games. If you don't want to compete just come and watch, but the games we will be playing are suitable for ages 2-102. Come to the Scottish Games and don't forget to bring a dessert to share (drinks provided).

2nd Sunday Supper – Get your dancing shoes on, we are going to have a good old fashion night of dancing and fun. The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team will host the 2nd Sunday Supper on November 8 at 5:30 pm in Tartan Hall. After dinner we will clear the floor in Tartan Hall and do some dancing. Our very own Laura Conrad will lead us first in some line dancing and squaring dancing. Then our sr. highs will teach us all the dances they have been learning in CAPS. Bring a covered dish to share; desserts and drinks provided. Dust off your boots and join us for a night of fun. If you have younger children who do not want to dance we will have plenty of people there to watch them for you so you will not miss any of the fun on the dance floor.

The Presbyterian College Choir will bless our congregation with their musical ministry during the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 8th. A special offering will be collected during the service. Senior High Youth are invited to dine with the choir in Tartan Hall following the service. For more information, contact Cathy Olker: olker@innova.net.

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** – **October 26** – Theology on Tap – we will meet at Wingin It from 6:30-8:00 pm. **December 5** – Christmas Progressive Dinner.

Middle School News - Last week we had a great Bible study on worry. Tonight we will meet at 4:30 as usual for Bible study and games. Then at 5:30 will join everyone else for the Halloween Carnival. We will eat and then go down the Bethlehem Hall and help with the games for the younger children. We will be finished at 7:00. Come join us tonight for all the fun. **Up-Coming Events** – **November 1** – Family Fun Day at Nettles Park. We will have our second annual Scottish Games Day from 2:00-4:00. **December 12** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 31** - Snow tubing at Sapphire Valley, NC. **Summer Dates** – **July 5-10** - mission trip to Ronceverte, WV. You must sign up by this Thursday, October 29. A \$50 deposit is due. **July 21-25** - Montreat Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College. You must sign up by this Thursday, October 29. A \$50 deposit is due.

Sr. High News - Last week we talked about our upcoming trips and then finished it off with some dodge ball. Tonight we will meet at a different time and will be helping with the Halloween Carnival. Dinner is at 5:30; then at 6:00 we will go to Bethlehem Hall to help with the games for the children. The carnival will be over at 7:00. We will stay down in the youth room after it is over and watch a movie. We should be done by 9:00. **Up-Coming Events** – **November 1** – Family Fun Day at Nettles Park. We will have our second annual Scottish Games Day from 2:00-4:00. **December 13** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **February 5-7** – Ski Trip to WinterPlace, WV. Deadline to sign up is this Tuesday, October 27. A \$50 deposit is due. **March 19-21** – Foothills Presbytery Sr. High Retreat in Montreat. **Summer Dates** **June 18-27** mission trip to Camp Kintail in Canada. Deadline to sign up is this Tuesday, October 27. A \$50 deposit is due. **July 11-17** Montreat Conference. Deadline to sign up is this Tuesday, October 27. A \$50 deposit is due.

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The Advent season will be here soon. Our first Sunday in Advent is November 29th. If you and your family would enjoy participating in our Advent services please email Nikki Wald at ngibbs789@msn.com. Your participation would involve lighting the Advent wreath and sharing the readings and prayer. Please don't be nervous about sharing the readings and prayer. They are prepared and ready for you if that makes you more comfortable with participation. Thanks in advance and be in touch soon to choose your date!

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. 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 10/18/09 was \$67.72. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy food.

Today during our 10:30 worship service, we are commissioning our Medical Mission Team traveling to Rwanda October 30 – November 16. FHPC team members are Bob and Susan, Raenota and Jack Merrill, Nancy Oates, and Marlene Nicholas. Non-Fort Hill team members are Dr. William and Pat Stevens of Fort Collins, Colorado (and former members of Fort Hill 1976-1977) who traveled with FHPC Medical Mission Team on 4 previous trips and Dr. Walt Donnelly of Sharon, CT, who traveled with the team on 2 previous trips. The 3 doctors on this trip trained together at Mayo and, through Mayo, did 3 months of mission work prior to beginning their private practices, which kindled the mission spirit in each of them. Their work location is Kibuye Hospital, Kibuye, Rwanda (western side on Lake Kivu, across from the Congo).

Fort Hill's Habitat for Humanity House - The Habitat House Fort Hill is sponsoring is under construction on Bowman Field and will be moved to its permanent location after Clemson University's Homecoming on 10/30. Stop by and take a look at the house we are going to finish for the Kerswell family. Volunteers, no experience necessary, are needed on Saturday mornings, 8:30am-12:30pm. The volunteer sign up sheets are available at the entrance to Tartan Hall and in the covered arcade or contact Wes Worley, the volunteer coordinator, at 654-9449 or wes.worley@att.net or John Sherman at johnmsherman@bellsouth.net or 654-1957 for more information.

Safe Harbor II: Bloom Grocery Stores have introduced a new happy points promotion that offers Cuisinart small kitchen appliances. If you shop at Bloom and are not interested in saving points for yourself, please help Safe Harbor II by collecting the points and putting them in the "Bloom coupons" envelope located in the FHOG Office.

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.

Today is Pink Sunday. The Upstate South Carolina Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has designated today "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. 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, pass along these life saving messages to a friend or family member. Together we can help eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease. Early detection saves lives.

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SESSION: Sally Martin – Assistant Clerk, Mike Blackwell - Treasurer

Class of 2010: Caleb Bailey, Bill Cato, Bob Folsom, Bobby Skelton, William Spitler, John Spragins, Alice Thalheimer, Linda Wofford

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

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

DEACONS: Lee Churchfield – Moderator, Larry Goodwin – Vice-Moderator

Class of 2010: Myra Cato, Lee Churchfield, Betty Dean, Joan Dixon, Cynthia Gravely, Edmee Reel, Cathy Spragins, Tom Wooten

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

TRUSTEES: Danny Gregg (2010), Joe Dickey (2011), Robin Weeks (2012)
Endowment Committee: The Three Elected Trustees, Member At Large, Jim Phillips

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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
Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger –Democratic Republic of Congo

MUSIC: Chancel Choir Director – Bill Diekhoff (billyd4@charter.net)
Organist – Judy Bonham (bonhamj_44@yahoo.com)
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: Sarah Kolacki, Amanda Towery, Michelle Blackwell

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Jackie Martin, Colin Pettigrew, Dick and Laura Shick
SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Andy and Reagan Blondeau, Cyndi Davis, LeAnne Greene, Nick Greene, Mark McInnis

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PSA): University Ministry Intern: Kerin Watts (kerin.watts@forthillchurch.org)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Carol Stout, Moderator; Linda Gahan, Moderator-Elect; Janette Hamilton, Secretary; Anna Tollison, Treasurer
Circle 1 – meets first Monday at 12:15pm, Donna Crader & Eva Henry, Co-Leaders
Circle 2 – meets second Tuesday at 7:30pm, Clint Moore & Elaine Prock, Co-Leaders
Circle 3 – meets second Monday at 9:30am, Gayle McGregor & Lisa Street, Co-Leaders
Circle 5 – meets first Monday at 3:30pm, Laura Lefevre & Hazel Sparks, Co-Leaders
Circle 7 – meets third Monday at 10:15am; Rotating leadership; Moms with younger children

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

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

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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