

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 8, 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.*

399 College Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631
864-654-2061; fax 864-654-8934; www.forthillchurch.org

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2009, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Choral Prelude: "Hava Nageela"
"Beach Spring Stomp"
"Carillon"

arr. D. Smith
Jeffrey Honoré
Vierne/Gramann

PC Ringers

Time of Greeting and Fellowship and Life of the Church

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

People: **And also with you.**

Centering Music: "I Was Glad" (Psalm 122:1-3, 6, 7)

C. Hubert H. Parry

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

Mary Gause

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: **Unless the Lord watches over the city, the sentries keep their vigil in vain.**

Leader: Children are a heritage from the Lord, the coming generation is a gift.

People: **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children entrusted to us.**

Leader: Happy is the warrior with a quiver full of them!

People: **The people who nurture a new generation shall not be put to shame in times of trouble.**

+Hymn #145: "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, you have put many valuable things into our hands, but we have so many times shown ourselves to be ungrateful and selfish with your gifts, either hoarding them or wasting them. The good land you have given us, the gift of freedom, food in abundance, our time of life and the plentiful ministry of your Word have all been too carelessly received and treated by us. Teach us to value these things and to care for them as stewards, that we may also distribute them to others according to your will and pass them along with interest to those who come after us. Amen.

(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: "God So Loved the World" (John 3:16)

Bob Chilcott

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Baptism of Katelyn Elizabeth MacRae, daughter of Ryan and Kristy MacRae
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.)

Anthem: "Gloria"

Randall Bass

New Testament: Mark 12:38-44 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: Tradition without Love; Keep your Eye on Her

Laura Conrad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Mack Wilberg

(Congregation to join in singing verse 4.)

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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

Spotlight on Stewardship – University Ministry

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

Offertory: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Lowrey/Shermann

PC Ringers

+Doxology (#592)

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, you open your hand to us and fill us with good things. We, in turn, respond to your grace by opening our hands and returning to you what belongs to you. Use our gifts in order to share your good news and use us to live it! Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #264: "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

ENGELBERG

+Benediction and Choral Response: "Go Forth into the World in Peace"

John Rutter

+Postlude: "Danza Festivo"

Arnold Shermann

PC Ringers

+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. **Laura Conrad** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door and **Bill 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 **Alice Thalheimer**. 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 Presbyterian College Choir has been a continuing part of the artistic community at PC since 1947. Choir members represent all disciplines at the college, several athletic teams, the Honor Council, and Student Government. About one-half of the choir are pursuing either a major or minor in music. The PC Ringers, founded in 2001, are quickly gaining a reputation as one of the finest collegiate bell choirs in the Southeast. The brass players and percussionists with the choir today are members of the PC Wind Ensemble. Dr. Porter Stokes, Dr. Ron Davis, and Dr. Tim Kintzinger all serve on the faculty in the Department of Music at PC. Presbyterian College is a Carnegie BA1 institution and has a covenant relationship with the PC(USA) Synod of the South Atlantic.
- Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Katelyn Elizabeth MacRae, daughter of Ryan and Kristy MacRae. Big sister is Emma. The elder with the family is Elizabeth Bost.
- The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Shane, Mary Stuart, Will, Mary Kate and Luke Turner in honor of Joe Dobbins and in honor of Kathy Greenstein.
- 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 nurseries.
- Restrooms are located at the front (handicapped-accessible) and rear of 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: Mark 13:1-8.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (11/9 - 11/15)

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

Betty and Jimmy Dean

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Bill and Jan Kahle

Nursery Workers for Today

Nina Norris, Lisa Britt and Mimi Borick, Mary and Bill Gause, LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Eva Williamson, Jackie and Joanna Martin, Meri Kate and Philip Marcum, Chryssa Rutland and Barbara Madison

Attendance from 11/1/09:	10:30 Worship	353	Sunday School	171	8:30 Worship	59
Attendance from last year 11/2/08:	10:30 Worship	241	Sunday School	143	8:30 Worship	77

Head Ushers for November: Terri Bruce / Leslie Hicklin; Head Ushers for December: Kristen McInnis / Randy Moore

Staff Notes - Kerin Watts is at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, Nov. 6-8 for their Conference on Ministry as a prospective student.

Rodney Norris' Sabbatical - Last year Session approved a three month Sabbatical for Rodney Norris, our Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults. He will be away from November 2, 2009 - February 1, 2010.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 11/8	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	PC Choir and Senior High Youth Group lunch – Tartan Hall
	1:00 PM	CAPS – Bethlehem Hall
	2:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Club Room
	4:30 PM	Playground Committee Meeting - Library
	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	2 nd Sunday Supper – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Mon. 11/9	9:30 AM	Circle 3 – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts – Tartan Hall, Club Room and dungeon
Tues. 11/10	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry Meeting - Library
	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 – Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall
	7:30 PM	Circle 2 - Library
Wed. 11/11	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
	10:30 AM	Bible Study - Library
	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	5:30 PM	Worship Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
	6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal – Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Circles of Care dinner (Key, McGregor, Reynolds, Williamson) - Club Room
Thur. 11/12	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
	12:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Bible Study – Conference Room
	2:15 PM	OLLI class – Club Room
	5:00 PM	Gamma Phi Beta – Tartan Hall
	5:30 PM	Ministers' Cook-Off – Daniel High School
	6:30 PM	Old Stone Church Commission Meeting - Library
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Friday 11/13	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
	5:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Known to have been in the hospital: Cynthia Gravely – Greenville

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Fort Hill member Warren Wagner upon his death on Oct. 31. Service will be held today at 2:00 pm at Clemson Downs in the Ernie Corley Center; reception to follow.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Bob and Lou Mixon and family upon the death of Bob's brother, David Mixon, on November 2.

Stewardship Update: The 2010 Stewardship Campaign continues with a total of 123 pledge cards returned for a total of \$385,418. If you have not returned your pledge, please continue to prayerfully consider your support for 2010 and return it to the church office.

2nd Sunday Supper and dancing, hosted by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team, is **tonight, November 8 at 5:30 pm in Tartan Hall**. After dinner we will clear the floor and do some dancing. Our very own Laura Conrad will lead us first in some line dancing and square dancing. Then our Senior highs will teach us all the dances they have been learning in CAPS. Ette Ruppert and some of the Folk Dance Group will also show us some dances that they do each week at FHPC. Bring a covered dish to share; 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.

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 a Service Stewardship Team member before or after worship service in the Covered Arcade.

Spotlight on Stewardship, Ashley Rube – Ashley is a PSA student who is now the PSA Moderator. She is a junior from Chapin, SC. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 John 4: 19, "We love because he first loved us." Ashley says, "I found PSA as a college freshman seeking an organization that would help me connect to my university and promised plenty of free food. I stayed at PSA because it gave me a place to call home. I hardly knew then that it could feed me in far more ways than with hot meals on Sunday evenings, and that it would uplift me with more than fellowship and Bible study. I now know that when I joined PSA I joined a community that understands the value of laughter, that comes together in communion each week, and that is hungry for the Word and all of its challenges. What a blessing it is to actually feel fed and to have found the place that my family gathers!"

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, please email ebritt@alumni.clemson.edu. **Up-Coming Events – Nov 15** - Lunch at Zaxbys after church - Make sure to bring your bulletin for a 10% discount. **Nov 30** – Theology on Tap with Laura Conrad – we will meet at Mellow Mushroom from 6:30-8:00 pm. **December 5** – Christmas Progressive Dinner - 5:30pm - First stop is the Chavis' house (862 Louis Lane/Seneca), then go to the Kwist's house for the main course and end up at the Conrad's house for dessert and gift exchange. Make sure to wear your Tacky Sweater.

Middle School News - Last week we had a great time at the Scottish Games Day. Tonight we will meet at a different time. Tonight is the 2nd Sunday Supper at 5:30 in Tartan Hall. **Up-Coming Events - December 12** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **December 20** – We will go to Wal-Mart to buy Christmas presents for the family we adopted for Christmas. **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 we had a great time at the Scottish Games Day. Tonight we will meet at a different time. Tonight is the 2nd Sunday Supper at 5:30 in Tartan Hall. **Up-Coming Events – December 13** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **December 20** – We will go to Wal-Mart to buy Christmas presents for the family we adopted for Christmas. **February 5-7** – Ski Trip to WinterPlace, WV. **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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

JAM & Jesus Jammers Members!!! All children in JAM and Jesus Jammers are invited to a fall Harvest Party at Sydney Weeks' house on Sunday, November 15th from 4-5:30 pm. Enjoy hanging out with your fellow music group friends while having a fun afternoon complete with hayrides, games, crafts, and food!!

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 November includes "Thank You, God," "Give Thanks to the Lord" and other Bible song favorites. This month we will also sing "Mary Had a Baby" and "Away in a Manger" in preparation for Angel Vespers on December 13th. 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 11/01/09 was \$71.00. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy food.

Tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 9, is last day to bring filled boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Bring to Outreach Room.

Fort Hill's Habitat for Humanity House - The walls are up, the roof and siding are on, doors and windows have been installed and the CU Homecoming Habitat House that FORT HILL will complete for the Kerswell family has been moved to Central. Unfortunately, due to the recent rains, the house can't be placed over the foundation yet, and will not be ready for our workers on Nov. 14th as expected. As soon as a start-up date is available, we'll let you know. Meanwhile, take advantage of this delay to sign up as a volunteer. Hours will be from 8:30am-12:30pm on most Saturdays through the end of May. Sign up sheets and more information are located in the covered arcade and at the entry to Tartan Hall. You can also contact Wes Worley at 654-9449 or wes.worley@att.net. If you'd like to volunteer, please put your name down even if you don't know yet which Saturdays you might be available. Wes will call you if you're needed. No one is expected to work every Saturday!

Tickets for the November 12th Ministers' Cook-off are available today after the service. They are \$10 for ten tastes, and buying ahead will save you time at the door, where you turn in the ticket for a strip of "taste tickets". (It will be possible to buy tickets at the door.) There will be delicious foods to sample, drawings for certificates for area restaurants (\$1), John Cessarich and crew televising on the spot, and Laura Conrad serving her "Sinful Salad". Plan to be part of this multi-congregation "church supper". Doors open at 5:30 and we end at 7:00. You are encouraged to come early for best selection. If you are unable to attend, consider buying a ticket as a contribution.

Christmas "Gifts That Give" - Can you believe it's already November?! For many of us that means we've already started our Christmas shopping! If you're one of those early shoppers, we'd like to remind you about Fort Hill's "Gifts That Give" program. You may recall that last year Christian Action Ministry broadened its Christmas "Gifts That Give" program to include not only the Heifer Project but also many other deserving charities, Presbyterian, local, and international, as well. This newly expanded program offered church members more opportunity to honor friends and family with a Christmas outreach gift. Due to the positive response to the program last year, we will offer it again this year, and we will add a few additional options such as Camp Buc and the Ghana Partnership. More information will be in bulletins and Window, and on displays outside the sanctuary, after Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day - Each year, American Legion Post 52 in Easley, along with Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, honors all Veterans on November 11 (Veterans Day). The names are read of all Veterans served by Duckett-Robinson who died since Veterans Day 2008. This memorial will be held at the amphitheater at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, 1425 Powdersville Road in Easley on November 11 at 11:30 am. Fort Hill Church member, Phil Prince, will be the speaker. Everyone is cordially invited.

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: 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

CHURCH STAFF: Administrative Assistant: Fran Solesbee (fran.solesbee@forthillchurch.org)
Office Administrator: Lori Houck (lori.houck@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
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

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church is a member of Foothills Presbytery, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (USA).
