

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 22, 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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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2009, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: "Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee"

W. F. Bach

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.

Life of the Church

Centering Music

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

Bill Gause

Leader: Behold the King comes!

People: O come, let us worship.

Leader: Rejoice greatly, for Christ is our King!

People: Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin.

People: You have brought your people into your kingdom.

Leader: Therefore God has highly exalted him;

People And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;

Leader: That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

People: And every tongue confess him the King of glory.

Leader: Behold, the King comes.

People: O come, let us worship .

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

DIADEMATA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus of Nazareth as Christ and Lord of all. Yet we confess we are slow to acknowledge his sovereign rule. We have shown allegiance to the powers of this world, and have failed to be governed by our Lord's justice and love. In your mercy forgive us. By your spirit help us to acknowledge in word and deed the rightful reign of Jesus, that we may abundantly display the life-changing wonder of his love and justice, declaring with joyous wonder the dazzling glory of his majesty, and the liberating freedom of his truth.

(followed by silent individual confession)

*+ 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 Kerin Watts
*(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.)*

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Anthem: "Unto the Hills" (words from Psalm 121) Marshall

New Testament: John 18:33-37 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: "King of Kings" Mary Gause

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #142: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

+Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" (front of Hymnal, page 14) Laura Conrad

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
Spotlight on Stewardship: Sam Burchfield for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Offering of Oneself and One's Gifts to God and to God's Church
Offertory: "We Gather Together" arr. Zabel

+Doxology (#592)

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

+Benediction and Choral Response

+Postlude: "The World Abounds With God's Free Grace" G. F. Handel

+indicates that all who are able may 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. **Mary Gause** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door; **Kerin Watts** will be at the Courtyard Door and **Laura Conrad** will be at the Porte-cochere 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 **Leslie Hicklin**. 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 Bud and Leslie Hicklin in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.
- 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: Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:5-25.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (11/23 - 11/29)

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
Evelyn Rabey and Diane Sherrick

Offering Counters for Next Sunday
Fred Burgett and Jerry Lesley

Nursery Workers for Today
Stephanie Scott, Betty Dean and Virginia Ellis, Debbie and David Collins and Amy Worley, Linda Wofford

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday
Jeannie Bailey, Ellen Torrence, Audrey Thompson and Janet Johnson, Karen and Cal Sawyer

Attendance from 11/15/09:	10:30 Worship	312	Sunday School	175	8:30 Worship	94
Attendance from last year 11/16/08:	10:30 Worship	262	Sunday School	124	8:30 Worship	73

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

Staff Notes

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.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 11/22	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	Stewardship Reception – Covered Arcade	
	1:00 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall	
	2:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Bethlehem Hall	
	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	
	4:30 PM	Middle School Youth – Youth Room and Club Room	
	6:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group – Club Room and Youth Room	
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building	
	Mon. 11/23	9:15 AM	Circle 7 - Library
		7:00 PM	Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor – Sanctuary and Tartan Hall
Tues. 11/24	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Conference Room	
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room	
	7:00 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall	
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building	
Wed. 11/25	6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal – Choir Room	
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room	
Thur. 11/26		Church Office Closed	
	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Worship Service – Old Stone Church	
Friday 11/27	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building	
		Church Office Closed	
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building	

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

There will be no Sermon Starters at Clemson Downs on Wednesday, November 25.

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Service at Old Stone Church on Thanksgiving morning, November 26th at 10:00 am at Old Stone Church to worship and praise God for the abundance of gifts God has shared with us. Remember the stone building is not heated so bring a coat and/or a blanket.

The Finance Ministry and the Stewardship Committee wish to invite you to a reception following today's worship service in the Covered Arcade. We want to thank you for filling out your pledge cards and turning them in. Haven't done that? It's not too late. Please send them in. We will accept them for the next few weeks, although the drawing will take place next week. Session needs this information to formally set the budget for next year's work. To continue our Christian journey... Faith in Action.

Stewardship Update: The 2010 Stewardship Campaign continues with a total of 175 pledge cards returned for a total of \$574,178. If you have not returned your pledge, please continue to prayerfully consider your support for 2010 and return it to the church office. The Finance Ministry Team wants to remind you that the building fund and general fund pledges were combined this year so don't forget to include your building fund pledge even though it is not a separate pledge. Note: Remember the payment for our Building fund has been folded into the operating budget. It has not gone away. Please add what you give to the building fund into your pledge for our operations. If you have not done that with your pledge and it has been turned in, we would appreciate you amending your pledge to include that amount. We found that most individuals did not break out the two payments when they paid their offering. We were trying to reflect that in our Budget. We are sorry if this was not made clear.

Spotlight on Stewardship, William Spitler – The youth group of this church helped to form the bedrock of my faith; through the discussions and service projects we participated in, I learned a great deal about applying the gospel to everyday life. I also learned about the faith journeys of others, both those in the youth group here at Fort Hill and those I've met at Montreat throughout the summer conferences. I am greatly inspired by the tenacity of faith that I have seen, in and through our youth group; that is what led me to be more involved in the church. And I'm proud of the positive effect that the Fort Hill youth group has had on me and all who compose it. People always say that one is judged according to the company they keep; I can think of no company on this earth that I would rather be associated with.

Mark your calendars and sign your children up for Gift Day! This annual gift making tradition at Fort Hill happens on Dec 6th from 3:30-5:30 in various classrooms. Children from 2 years* up through 6th grade are invited to make up to 5 gifts for family members. The cost is \$10 per child and registration is necessary so leaders can make sure there are enough supplies on hand. You can register by signing up on the "Gift Day Board" in Tartan hall during 8:30am worship and by the new Book Nook at 10:30am worship...or email Jackie Ellis at jells@clermson.edu. We are also looking for persons to lead our crafts. We usually pair two people in a class - or one leader and one assistant - who determine what the five crafts will be, purchase the supplies, and help guide the children through them on Gift Day. It is two hours of crafting madness...but great fun! If you would like to help lead a class - please contact Jackie Ellis (jells@clermson.edu or 656-5048).

An Advent Study - Take a break from the craziness of the holiday season and remember the focus of Advent and Christmas. Beginning November 29 and continuing through the four Sundays of Advent, we will gather in Administration Building, room 201 (Rodney's old office) during the SS hour (9:15-10:15) to explore the themes of Advent. Helpful (but not necessary) readings will be sent ahead of time to help facilitate our time so please contact Mary Gause (mary.gause@forthillchurch.org or 654.2061) if you are interested.

Angel Vespers and 2nd Sunday Supper will be Sunday, December 13. Children participating will meet in the choir room at 4:30. Angel Vespers program will begin at 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary followed by our 2nd Sunday Supper in Tartan Hall. Dinner will be chicken strips, salad, fruit and bread. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Please call the church office at 654-2061 to make reservations by December 9.

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, email ebritt@alumni.clemson.edu.

Up-Coming Events – 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) for appetizers, then 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. **December 20** - Lunch at Moe's after church.

Middle School News - Last week we had a great study on what it means to be a giver. This week we will meet at our normal time (4:30-6:30) for Bible Study. **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 Sunday we examined how God wants us to live our lives. Tonight we will look at spirituality through the music of U2. Join us tonight at our regular time. **Up-Coming Events – Dec. 13** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **Dec. 20** – We will go to Wal-Mart to buy Christmas presents for the family we adopted for Christmas. **Feb. 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.

Good Neighbors Trip is being planned for Saturday, Dec. 5 to Madison, Georgia, to see antebellum homes and a country farm decorated for the holidays. Pansy Duke needs to know if you're interested in this trip. Please see Pansy or call her at 864-787-8627 to see if there is enough interest in this trip.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The Advent season begins next Sunday, 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. The readings are prepared and ready for you if that makes you more comfortable with participation. Thanks in advance!

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 11/08/09 was \$118. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy food.

Volunteers needed for our 2009 Christmas Basket Mission. Dates are Friday, December 18, and Saturday, December 19. If you can help, please sign up in the FHOOG office. Donations of 3 lbs. hams or frozen turkeys are needed! Monetary donations to help buy food should be sent to Fort Hill, note "Christmas Baskets" on the check.

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, the Ghana Partnership Habitat of Pickens County and InDwellings. More information will be in bulletins and Window, and on displays outside the sanctuary, after Thanksgiving.

Fort Hill's Habitat for Humanity House – Good news! Thanks to a break in the rain, the house was positioned over the footer last week and the cement block foundation walls are being built. Please remember to sign up on one of the volunteer lists. Indicate a job preference, if you have one. During the prior week, Wes Worley contacts volunteers about work for a given Saturday depending on the number of workers that are needed. Signing up to volunteer is by no means a commitment to work every Saturday. It simply means that you would be willing to have Wes call you to see if you would be available to help the following Saturday, depending on the type of work that is planned. To volunteer by phone, just give Wes a call on 654-9449 or e-mail him at wes.worley@att.net.

Plan to attend Handel's Masterpiece of music, "Messiah" presented by Foothills Chorale on Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 pm at the Brooks Center with splendid vocalists and orchestra under the direction of our own, Bill Diekhoff. Tickets are available from chorale members, Jim/Vernie Roberts, 654-3735, Marlene Nicholas, 654-9309, Randall/Millie Poole, 654-1185. Tickets are \$15 for the concert, or \$25 for season tickets (3 concerts). No box office tickets available but will be sold at the door. Welcome the Christmas season with this inspiring music.

Foothills Retirement Community invites you to Christmas in Toyland Open House on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 2-5pm. Pictures with Santa will be from 3-4pm. There will also be seasonal music, holiday refreshments and tours of patio homes and apartments. RSVP by Dec. 4th to 864-859-3367. See flyer on bulletin board.

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: Mary Dusenberry – Interim Clerk, 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

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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, Andrea Adderhold

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 ASSOC. (PSA) 654-3705: 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 12:15 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, Gayle McGregor & Lisa Street, Co-Leaders

Circle 5 – meets first Monday at 3:00 pm, Laura Lefevre & Hazel Sparks, 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

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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