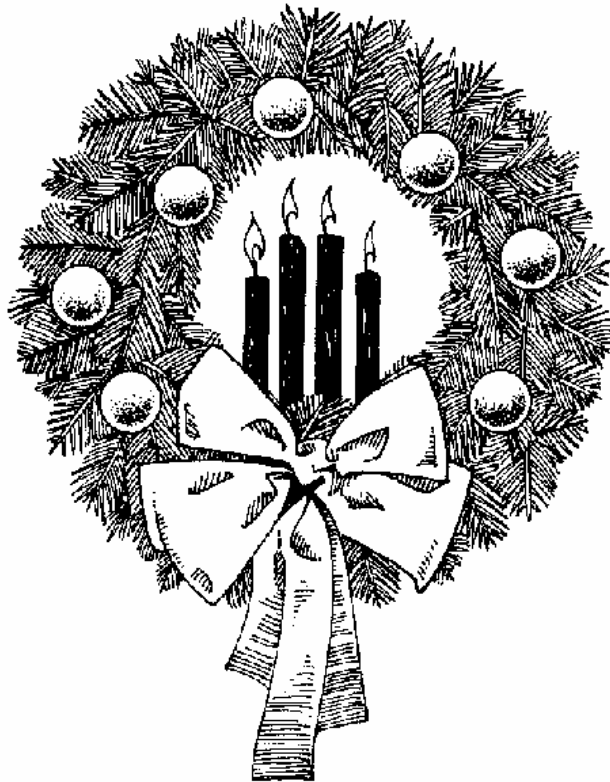


Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 28, 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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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: Toccata on "O Come, Emmanuel"

John Barr

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Processional Music: "Advent Song"

Sing the Faith # 2090

(Choir will sing first, Congregation joins in after)

Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;

We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Kwist Family

+Hymn #11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Bill Gause

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambition rooted in selfish desires they command our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. *(followed by silent individual confession)* Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness: (followed by)

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*+A Faithful Response: Hymn #40 Joy to the World! *(Verse 3)*

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

A Story for All Children

Kerin Watts

(Following the presentation, 3 year olds - Kindergarten may leave THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR for extended care.

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

The Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**)

Anthem: "Beautiful Savior"

Arr. By Moore

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man, truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man, Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

The New Testament: Matthew 24:36-44 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**)

Sermon: In the Meantime.

Laura Conrad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

+ Affirmation of Faith: *from a Declaration of Faith 10.2 "All things will be renewed in Christ."*

Mary Gause

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected. Thanks be to God for the good news of our Promise-Making God!

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

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

Invitation to Discipleship

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

Offertory: Two settings of "From Heaven on High"

Max Reger, Ernst Pepping

+Doxology (#592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, we give you thanks that you are with us. We thank you for the provisions you have faithfully given to us, and for the opportunity to share these gifts. Accept these, our offerings, as a means of bringing you glory and praise in the name of Christ Jesus, AMEN

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #12 "People, Look East" (vs. 1-4)

BESANCON

(Choir sings verse 1, Congregation sings verses 2-4)

+Benediction

+Congregational Hymn #576: "Gloria, Gloria" (Please sing through twice)

Berthier

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

+Postlude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

The Swenska Psalmboken, 1697

+ indicates that all who are able please 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, **Kerin Watts** 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 **George Dunkelberg**. 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.
- 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: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor on Call (11/21 – 11/27)

Rodney Norris (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

Linda Gahan & Janet Bean

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Kitty & Jim Dunn

Nursery Workers for Today

Stephanie Scott, Nancy Oates, Ellen Torrence, Claudette Bennett, Barbara Westall, and Karen and Cal Sawyer.

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Jacquie McFall, Edmae Reel, Austin Adams, Myra Cato, Jennifer Griffis, and Kelly and John McRoberts.

Attendance from 11/21/10:	10:30 Worship	319	Sunday School	149	8:30 Worship	N/A
Attendance from last year 11/22/09	10:30 Worship	269	Sunday School	151	8:30 Worship	108

Head Ushers for November: Helen Wooten and Randy Moore

Head Ushers for December: Cal Sawyer and Elizabeth Bost

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 11/28	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Mon. 11/29		
Tues. 11/30	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Tartan Hall
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Ministry -
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts – (Bears, Webelo2) – Bethlehem Hall
	7:15 PM	Christian Education – Room 206
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 12/01		Deadline to register for Angel Vespers
	10:00 AM	Pastor Cluster – Conference Room
	1:00 PM	OLLI – Club Room
	6:00 PM	Chancel Bells
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs. 12/02	8:00 AM	Preschool Snow Houses – Club Room
	9:00 AM	Transformation Team – Conference Room
	11:30 AM	OLLI – Tartan Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Fri. 12/03	8:00 AM	Preschool Snow Houses – Club Room
	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

It's not too late to turn in your pledge. We are still short of our pledge asking amount. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, there is still time to do so! We are so excited about what God will do through our faithfulness!

Pledge Amount to Date: \$780,468

Total Pledge Asking Amount: \$880,613

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of church member Linda Mann, who recently passed on November, 20th.

Needed: A thoughtful Fort Hill church member to help in maintaining a log of weekly visitors and church goers. We have a system in place, but need some more helpers. Please contact Elizabeth Bost if you can help.

bost2243@bellsouth.net or 882-9018

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.

Church-wide Retreat; Montreat Mountain Mosaic - Join us January 28-30 for a church-wide retreat. We'll head to Montreat, NC, where we'll retreat, relax, and renew with other Fort Hill folks. Cost is \$35 per adult; \$10 per child under 12 (if staying in room with parent). Go to www.forthillchurch.org/fellowship.php for more information and for a registration form. Please register early! Space is limited and we need to be able to plan. Forms are also available in the arcade.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School at Fort Hill is BACK – mark your calendar for July 18-22 and plan for your 2 year old-3rd grader to join us for a week of summer fun at the church! Watch for more information after the New Year.

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 Robinson’s for our hay ride and cook out. The youth group would like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to Barry and Aleta Robinson for allowing us to come to their house. We will not have youth group tonight. Stay home and rest up from all the turkey you have eaten. If you are able we will meet Tuesday, November 30, from 7:00-8:00 pm to decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. **Important Dates - December 4** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 9** – Attend performance by the Resurrection Dance Theater from the St. Joseph’s Home for Boys, Port au Prince, Haiti. **January 30** – Snow tubing! Watch for info to come.

Sr. High News – Last week we had a great time at the Robinson’s for our hay ride and cook out. The youth group would like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to Barry and Aleta Robinson for allowing us to come to their house. We will not have youth group tonight. Stay home and rest up from all the turkey you have eaten. If you are able we will meet Tuesday, November 30, from 7:00-8:00 pm to decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. **Important Dates – December 5** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 9** – Attend performance by the Resurrection Dance Theater from the St. Joseph’s Home for Boys, Port au Prince, Haiti. **February 4-6** – Ski trip to Winterplace WV. **March 18-20** – Foothills Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Montreat.

Drive In Movie Night – The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team will be hosting a drive in movie night at Fort Hill Church on Friday, December 10, starting at 6:30. There will be a large movie screen set up in the parking lot behind the sanctuary. Bring a chair, a warm jacket and a blanket. We will provide the pop corn and hot chocolate. We will be watching a Christmas favorite “The Santa Clause 2”. Just as the Christmas song says this is for ages 1 to 92. If the weather is too cold or raining we will watch the movie in the youth room.

REELFOOT IS NOT A DANCE STEP – If you have an interest in nature, the outdoors, or wildlife, then you need to consider a trip in early February to Reelfoot Lake and Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge. We will see lots of wildlife, but particularly wintering Bald Eagles, and lots of them! Little walking, plenty of time to stay warm, and other wonderful Fort Hillians; sort of heaven on earth. Ben Sill will share his love of nature with us as well, as he enables us to enjoy this nature experience. Let Pansy know if you have any questions, or would like to attend.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Thornwell Offering - For 135 years, Thornwell has been offering hope and changing the lives of children all across the Synod of South Atlantic thanks to the generosity of Presbyterian Church members. This offering is a major part of the Church’s support for Thornwell’s ministry. Your financial support helps to provide Thornwell’s children with a nurturing place to call home, an opportunity to receive physical, emotional, and mental healing and a chance to experience hope for a bright and successful future. You may still contribute to the Thornwell Thanksgiving Offering.

Christian Action Ministry Christmas Food program is Dec. 17 and 18. Volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheet is on the shelf outside the FHOG office. Also need donations of \$\$ and hams. Expect to exceed families assisted last year!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord with Musical Explorers!!! 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.

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 11/21/10 was \$33.92. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

The ABC's and D's of Medicare – Lee Churchfield is a certified SHIP (state health insurance program) Counselor, and she has volunteered to help our members on Friday December 3rd. Look for more information to come in the window.

Mark your calendar NOW for a family-friendly, high energy dance/drumming performance by the Resurrection Dance Theater from Port au Prince, Haiti! The dance troupe will be performing at Fort Hill on Sunday, January 9th at 6:30 PM. You won't want to miss it! Watch for more information in December's Window. If you would be willing to host 2 or more of the dancers the nights of January 8th and 9th, please contact Meri Kate Marcum (pwmkm@bellsouth.net or 654-6310).

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The 2011 FLOWER CALENDAR is in the Narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary next year, please sign on the appropriate date of the calendar. For questions, please call Chryssa Rutland at 653-3489.



Preparing our Hearts and Homes for Christ's Birth



December 8- Come and experience the joy and energy of the Christmas story told through Angel Vespers on Wednesday, Dec. 8! Dinner 5:30-6:15, Costumes @ 6:15, Program @ 6:30. Dinner reservations (\$5 per meal) need to be made to the church office by **Dec. 1**. Choice 1 Chick-Fil-A sandwich with salad; Choice 2 Chick-Fil-A nuggets and fruit cup.

December 12- Gift Day is a long standing tradition for the children of Fort Hill to make gifts for their family members. The date is Sunday, December 12 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. There's a sign up board today in the covered arcade along with samples of gifts that were made in past years. There's also an idea book for anyone who would like to sign up to be a class leader. First priority sign up for Fort Hill members is now through **November 28. Cost is \$10.00**

December 24- Christmas Eve Services NOTE SERVICE TIMES: Our Family Friendly Service is held at **5:00 pm** and our Candlelight Communion Service will be at **9:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. You are invited to bring a goody to share in the covered arcade for fellowship following the 9:00 worship service.

December 26- Christmas Sunday Worship altogether at 10:30! No 8:30 service to be held in Tartan Hall.

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, Clinta 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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