

A Service of Lessons and Carols

The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2011



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.*

Our Mission

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet human needs.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2011, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

The Holly and the Ivy
Chancel Bells

arr. Valerie Stephenson

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

Processional Music Hymn No. 177(vs. 7) *Lift Up the Gates Eternal* PROMISED ONE

Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices; The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing? Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.

Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices; The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Hudak Family; Jesse, Jacquie, Ann and Brook

God of Abraham, Ruth, David and Isaiah, grant us your vision for the world. Help us to move away from the manger of Bethlehem to our streets and villages; to move away from the Christmas tree to a Christless world, to share the Good News that a child is born, that God is with us and among us! And all God's people say...Amen

Musical Response

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

JAM and Jesus Jammers

+Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strive, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

Harold Cheatham

God Promises to Abraham that in His Seed Shall All the Nations of the Earth be Blessed

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

MUSICAL RESPONSE *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in Heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Hallie Conrad

Christ's Birth and Kingdom are Foretold by Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

(3 year olds - Kindergarten may leave THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR for extended care. Visitors: please accompany your child to the nursery for registration purposes.)

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. by Moglebust
The Chancel Bells

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 Cal Sawyer

The Peace that Christ will Bring is Foreshown

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

MUSICAL RESPONSE *There Shall A Star* Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter from Israel rise up. And dash in pieces princes and nations, there shall a star from Jacob come forth. How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Karen Lindenmeyer

The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb

and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

+CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

F. MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
(Refrain) Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel, (Refrain)**

**Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. (Refrain)**

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Colin Pettigrew

The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

He is Born

Sherman

Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir

He is born, the holy child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild! Through long ages of the past prophets have foretold his coming; through long Ages of the past, now the time has come at last! Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace.

+CAROL

Once In Royal David's City

IRBY

**Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.**

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Susan Beckwith

The Shepherds go to the Manger

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all people on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Gloria Deo

Althouse

*Gloria Deo! Et in terra pax. Gratus agimus tibi, Domine Deus. Gloria!
(Glory to God and on earth peace. Thanks be to God, Gloria!)*

SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Jack Stevenson

The Wise Men are Led by a Star to Jesus

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search

diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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

Offertory

The Donkey's Gift

Mclver

Chancel Bell, Chancel Choir, JAM & Jesus Jammers

What should we bring to that stable so bare? What would we bring to show Him we care? Others bring gifts, so fine and so rare. Please let us know, Lord, what is our fair share? What would a donkey, so lowly and poor, bring to this Christ Child, our Prince evermore? Surely no gift from a donkey's in store, what could he lay at our dear Savior's door? Ah, what this animal brought was so good. He gave for Jesus the best that he could, carrying Mary and baby so fair, knowing that Jesus was trust to his care, having so little, yet eager to give, God's precious donkey showed us how to live. Now to the manger, for I must appear What shall I bring Him, it's not always clear? Thanks to our Savior, I've nothing to fear, For this is the season of love and good cheer.

Congregational Response

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee our heavenly King.**

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels.**

**Refrain - O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)**

+BENEDICTION

Laura Conrad

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

SPIRITUAL

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

+ indicates that all who are able please stand

*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshipers

‡License One A-718471

Acknowledgments

We thank and recognize those who have assisted with today's service.

Chancel Choir

| Soprano | Alto | Tenor | Bass |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Diane Egan | Barbara Escher | Chip Egan | George Dunkelberg |
| Charlotte Gruosso | Barbara Fox | Garland Gravely | Bob Folsom |
| Sarah Morrison | Kathy Hughes | John Sherman | Raymond MacKay |
| Marlene Nicholas | Laura LeFevre | | Jim Roberts |
| Rameth Owens | Monica McGregor | | Frank Van Lenten |
| Vernie Roberts | Shirley Muzii | | |
| Ette Ruppert | Evelyn Rabey | | |
| Cathy Spragins | Beth Wilkinson | | |
| Carol Todd | Jacque Worley | | |
| Rita Van Lenten | | | |

Chancel Bells

Bob Folsom, Linda Davis, Ron Hughes, Jacque Worley, Marlene Nicholas, Shirley Muzii, Cathy Spragins, Carol Todd, Raenota Merrill, Evelyn Rabey, Rosemary Ross, Ette Ruppert, Beth Weber

JAM and Jesus Jammers – Kristy MacRae, Director

JAM (3rd – 5th grade) Bennett Bost, Sam Bruce, Elyse Hollingsworth, Catherine Jones, Mac Martin, Cody Satzger, Kristen Smith, Katherine Whisler, Ally Wilson

Jesus Jammers (K – 2nd grade) Walton Bost, Will Grey Gause, Billy Gregory, Kate Hollingsworth, Mary Limber, Emma MacRae, Catherine Norris, Reid Smith, Mary Kate Turner, Caila Worley

Readers

Susan Beckwith, Harold Cheatham, Hallie Conrad, Karen Lindenmeyer, Colin Pettigrew, Cal Sawyer, Jack Stevenson

Worship Leaders

Judy Bonham, Organist, Chancel Bell Director; Laura Conrad, Pastor; Bill Gause, Associate Pastor; Margaret MacKay, Music Director.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Service of Lessons and Carols is a fairly recent development in church history. It originated in the Anglican church around the turn of the century, and was adapted in 1918 for use at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. This service was designed to be used in schools and colleges where it is not possible to celebrate Christmas during terms. Its popularity has seen enormous growth and it is now done annually in many educational and religious institutions around the world. The service is simplicity itself. Choir and congregational carols are interspersed with scripture readings relating the story of Christmas: beginning with the Advent prophecy, through the birth, and ending with the light. For a morning service, a selection of Advent readings is customarily done on the third Sunday in Advent, which is also known as 'Gaudete', or 'rejoicing' Sunday. Christmas readings are customarily reserved for an evening service, or Christmas Eve. We are breaking with tradition today in presenting the full Christmas service of seven lessons, as done annually at Kings College, Cambridge, and around the world. For the benefit of the congregation, the texts of all the lessons and carols are included in the bulletin. The music and words of those carols sung with the congregation are also printed in the worship order. We hope and pray that you find this service to be a meaningful addition to your personal and corporate celebration of Advent and Christmas.

SERVICE NOTES FOR 10:30 AM SERVICE

- Following worship please introduce yourself to those around you. Don't take it for granted they know who you are; tell them your name. **Laura Conrad** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door, **Rodney Norris** will be at the Porte-cochere Door and **Bill Gause** will be at the Courtyard Door.
- We welcome guests to worship today and pray the service will be a blessing to *you*. Please print your name, phone, and address 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 **Tim Burg**. 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 silencing cell phones and refraining from photography during the service.
- **Nursery Care** – is provided for a complete 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. **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. Please see an 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: Isa. 52:7-10; Ps. 98; Heb. 1:1-4(5-12); John 1:1-14

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

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| Pastor on Call (12/18 – 12/24) | Mary Gause (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.

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| Offering Counters for Today Pam & Jerry Waddle <i>Offering Counters for Next Sunday</i> <i>Cathy & John Spragins</i> | Nursery Workers for Today Tootie Poteet, Tommi and Catherine Jones, Meri Kate and Philip Marcum, and Kelly and John McRoberts. <i>Nursery Workers for Next Sunday</i> NEXT SUNDAY CHRISTMAS SERVICE – NO NURSERY PROVIDED |
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| Attendance from 12/11/11: | 10:30 Worship: 343 | Sunday School: 177 | 8:30 Worship: 113 |
| Attendance from last year 12/12/10: | 10:30 Worship: 299 | Sunday School: 111 | 8:30 Worship: 71 |

Head Ushers for December: Tom Shealy and Cal Sawyer
Head Ushers for January: Art and Gail Williams and Lisa Britt

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| Sun. 12/18 | 8:30 AM | Worship – Tartan Hall |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School – Various Locations |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship – Sanctuary |
| | 4:30 PM | Middle School Group – Youth Room |

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| | 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building, Room 205 |
| Mon. 12/19 | 6:00 PM | CAPS – Tartan Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts – Tartan Hall, Sanctuary |
| Tues. 12/20 | 6:00 PM | Folk Dancing – Tartan Hall |
| | 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building |
| Wed. 12/21 | | No Sermon Starters – Sermon Starters will resume Jan 4 |
| Thurs. 12/22 | 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building, Room 205 |
| Fri. 12/23 | | Church Office Closed |
| | 12:30 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building, Room 205 |
| Sat. 12/24 | 5:00 PM | Family Friendly Christmas Worship |
| | 9:00 PM | Candlelight Communion Service |

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Known to have been in the hospital: Jerry Lesley – Moved to Hospice Care at Home

Stewardship Pledge Update: To date we have received a total of 206 pledges totaling \$765,769 towards which leaves us \$159,231 away from our goal of \$925,000. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, there is still time to do so. You can fill in a pledge card and turn it in to the office (or offering plate) or you can submit your pledge online at <http://www.forthillchurch.org/pledge-card-2012.php>. Pledge cards are in the Narthex and Friendship Registers in the pews.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - All are welcome to come for fellowship, prayers, knitting, sewing, and sharing new projects at the December Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting. We will be meeting at Hazel Sparks' home on Monday, December 19th, at 10am. Please call Stephanie Scott 654-7407 or Hazel 654-3617 for more information.

James Nampushi, our member from Kenya, is receiving his masters degree at Clemson University on Thursday, December 22nd, Graduation ceremonies are at 11 a.m. in Littlejohn Coliseum, with free admission. Our congregation is welcome to attend. James will continue at CU to earn his doctoral degree. Congratulations, James!

Middle School News – Last week we had a great time at our Christmas Progressive Dinner. We would like to thank the Sawyer's, Bandy's and the Smith's (Pete & Beth) for hosting a stop. We will meet at our regular time tonight of 4:30-6:00 for our program and then have dinner at 6:00. Tonight we will be going to Walmart to shop for a family we have adopted for Christmas. If you would like to help please bring \$10 tonight.

Important Dates – January 28 – Snow Tubing. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fhpcyouthgroup.

Sr. High News – Last week we had a great time at our Christmas Progressive Dinner. We would like to thank the Hicklin's and Bailey's for hosting a stop. We will not meet tonight. Stay home and catch up from not sleeping this past Friday night while at our lock-in. **Important Dates – February 3-5** – Snow Skiing Trip to Winterplace WV. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fhpcyouthgroup

2011 Contributions need to be postmarked by December 31st or submitted to the church office no later than December 29th, 4pm to be included in the 2011 tax deductible contributions.

IRA Charitable Giving - Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) has been extended through December 31, 2011. Qualified Charitable Distributions can be used to satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an IRA without having the distribution included as income. If you have any questions, you can either speak with your financial advisor or you can call Lori Houck, 654-2061.

Holiday Time Out – All 1st – 5th graders mark your calendars for an afternoon of movie fun on Wednesday, December 28th. We will come together for some fun before heading out to Anderson to see “Chipwrecked”. Cost and times will come closer to the day but **SAVE THE DATE** to join us in this fun endeavor!

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD: Each year at the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon in the spring, Fort Hill Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team presents an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) to a deserving individual in our congregation for his/her giving of themselves to benefit the life of Fort Hill Church, Presbyterian Women, and/or the greater community. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 HLM Award. The deadline for 2012 nominations is January 9, 2012. Nomination forms are located on the window ledge outside the FHO office, or you may also get a form from a current HLM Committee member (listed below). A listing of past recipients of this award is displayed on two wooden plaques hanging in the Covered Arcade beside the sanctuary. Please give serious consideration to nominating someone for this award, and do so by January 9! Thank you! Your 2011 HLM Committee Members (Donna Crader, Janet Johnson, Lisa Street, Beth Wilkinson)

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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!

FLOWERS - The 2012 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. The arrangements are provided by Tiger Lily at the cost of \$40. For further questions, please call Chryssa Rutland at 653-3489.

OUTREACH

THE FEED THE 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 12/11/2011 was \$93.47. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank, and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

Gifts that Give - enables you and your family to contribute to any of the listed charities by writing a check to Fort Hill and designating the charity or charities you choose to support. We provide cards to give to the person(s) you wish to honor with your gift(s). Charities include; Clemson Community Care, Clemson Child Development Center, Camp Buc, Clemson Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity of Pickens County, Helping Hands of Clemson, Heifer International, InDwellings, Presbyterian Communities of SC, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Safe Harbor II, and Water Missions International.



Preparing our Hearts and Homes for Jesus' Birth Upcoming Events



Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed: Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Friday, December 30th.

December 24- Christmas Eve Services- Our Family Friendly Service is held at **5:00 pm** and our Candlelight Communion Service will be at **9:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Children are welcome to attend. **No nursery provided.**

“The Best Gift Ever” Christmas Sunday, December 25- Worship altogether at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Please come as you are. Children are welcome to attend. No nursery provided. Some special people will share about the best gift they have given or received. **No 8:30 worship service or Sunday School.**

New Year's Sunday, January 1 – one worship service at 10:30am. **No 8:30 worship service or Sunday School.**



2011 Advent Decorations

Poinsettias are given by:

Blair Bolen in memory of his aunt, Mary Lou Walker
George and Joan Booth in memory of Family Members, and in honor of Mabel Joan Merreighn
Doug and Lynn Carlson in memory of Bev Carlson and Dick Hendon
Hap and Jeannette Carr in memory of Chalmers and Willie Carr, Gary and Ada Dewitt, and Slick and Katherine Ellison
Chuck and Laura Conrad to the glory of God and in memory of Joyce and Carroll Smith, Laura's parents
Alice Dorn in memory of Helen Stacy
Derrick and Beth Durham in memory of Richard Sherer and Otis and Pat Durham
Barbara Fox in memory of Dr. Rudolf Elling and Dave McGregor
Will, Beth, Billy, Rees, and Miller Gregory in memory of Maggi McCrorey
Larry and Jayne Horne in memory of Don and Phyllis Seymour, and Gene and Loretta Horne
The Howard Family; Tim Ann, Seth, Finley, and AJ in memory of Rowland Howard and Barbara Templeton
Jack and Billie Jackson in honor of their children and grandchildren
Paul and Sherry Kantzler in memory of Mildred Kantzler and in honor of Dorthea Lowman
Betty Long in memory of Jim Long, and in honor of her Fort Hill Family
Jim, Donna and Corey McCubbin in honor of Chuck and Betty Cruickshank
Don and Janna McKale in memory of our parents; Don and Mildred McKale and Willard and Ruth Fredregill
The Mostertz Family in memory of Alton Lavern Fogle, Sr. and William Carl Mostertz, Sr.
Stephen, Ethel, Colin and Patrick Pettigrew in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cayce, Mr. Lucian Bloodworth, Mr. & Mrs. Gaines Pettigrew and Mr. Plowden
Tom and Carol Pollock in memory of Carol's parents George and Rosa Roberts and Murnice Pollock and in honor of Anna Pollock
The Poteet Family in memory of Libby Crowther, Billy, Juju, Bubba, Amanda, and in honor of Juliana Poteet's 2nd birthday
Phil Prince in memory of Celeste
Jeral and Libba Shelton in memory of Ernest V. Shelton and in honor of Geraldine W. Shelton
Frank and Rita Van Lenten in memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren
Mike and Joy Vassallo in memory of Ginny Snider and Elaine and Dom Vassallo



Wreaths Are Given By:

John and Claudette Bennet in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary
Jim and Marchita Culpepper in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Williams and J.W. Culpepper
Lin and Kay Dearing in memory of William Ashley Dearing and in honor of Tripp, Lucinda, Dearing and Banks Eaves
Bob and Becky Fant in honor of their children Chris, Emily and David
Gaston and Lib Gage in memory of Libby Crowther and Larry and Grace Massey
Will, Beth, Billy, Rees, and Miller Gregory in honor of Bill and Caye Gregory and George and Margaret Ann Rodgers
Ron and Kathy Hughes in memory of Jeffrey Craig Ellers
Tom and Sue Hunter in memory of Jimmy and Tompy Hunter
Karen Lindenmeyer in memory of Carl Lindenmeyer and in honor of Vincent, Victor, and Brian
Bob and Lou Mixon in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Mixon
Stephen, Ethel, Colin, and Patrick Pettigrew in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Whiteside
Jerry and Edmee Reel in memory of their parents J.V. and Ruby Reel, and Bob and Helen Franklin
George and Margaret Ann Rodgers in honor of their grandchildren Keller, Billy, Rees and Miller
Clarence and Elaine Rogers in memory of their loved ones.
Jere and Rosemary Ross in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ross, Jr. and in honor of Mary Frances Ross and Lauren Rose Ross
The Ruoff Family, Irene, Ellen, and Owen in memory of Frederick Ruoff
Jeral and Libba Shelton in memory of Libba's parents Allie Wilson and Leonard Orr Huff
Bill and Alice Thalheimer in honor of our church family
Dorothy Vedder in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Robbins and Edwin Vedder

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