

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 4, 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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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Greeting

Mary Gause

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 Hymn No. 177(vs. 5) *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 glorious one, for whom we are waiting? We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bruce, Laurel, and Katherine Whisler

God of Abraham and God of Ruth, we thank you for your love when you sent Jesus to be born among us at Bethlehem. Help us to welcome the stranger among us, and to be your servants, doing your will.

And all God's people say... Amen

+Hymn No. 2

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession

God of fierce compassion, you call us to make our ways straight, yet we get lost down crooked roads of selfish concern. We are to prepare the way for your reign of justice, but we choose easier paths of comfort. Have mercy on us. Forgive us and set us back to work, clearing paths of justice, building highways of peace, and preparing the world for your return. *(followed by silent individual confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness (followed by)

Leader: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*+A Faithful Response Hymn No. 40

Joy to the World! (vs 3)

ANTIOCH

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 (X3)

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Story for All Children

Laura Conrad

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

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

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:1-11

(The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**)

Anthem

O Thou, That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

Handel

Chancel Choir; Terri Bruce, Soloist

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion arise, shine, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

New Testament
Sermon

Mark 1:1-8
So Cuddly, But Still Omnipotent

(The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**)
Bill Gause

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn No. 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

+Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

Ashley Rube

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship

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

Offertory

From Heaven Above

J. Pachelbel

+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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving followed by "The Lord's Prayer"

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer (unison)

We thank you, O God, that by these ordinary gifts of bread and wine, we are reminded of your extraordinary gifts of grace and steadfast love. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn No. 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

+Benediction

+Postlude

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Genevan Psalter

+ indicates that all who are able please stand

*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshipers

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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. **Bill Gause** will be at the Edgewood Avenue Door, **Laura Conrad** will be at the Porte-cochere Door and **Ashley Rube** will be at the Courtyard Door.
- Elders and Deacons serving Communion today: Reel Adams, Terri Bruce, Tim Burg, Henry Melton, Randy Moore, Dusty Oates, Nancy Oates Edmee Reel, Terri Smith, Joanne Trenholm, and Helen Wooten.
- 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 flowers in the sanctuary are given today by **Ken and Tina Sitton** in honor of Colonel Chuck Klein.
- The Elder on duty today is **Elizabeth Bost**. 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. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126, 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

SUNDAY’S SERVANTS

Pastor on Call (12/04 – 12/10)

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

Karen and Tim Burg

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Barbara Westall & Evelyn Rabey

Nursery Workers for Today

Jacque McFall, Ellen Torrence, Myra Cato, Jen Griffis, and Anita, Mic, & Erik Fredman.

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Nancy Oates, Stephanie Scott, Ann, Tim, & Alyssa Howard, Finley Wiles, Ally & Josh Young, Donna Crader, Katherine Mostertz, and Becky DeWitt.

Attendance from 11/27/11:

10:30 Worship: 192

Sunday School: 55

8:30 Worship: 61

Attendance from last year 11/28/10:

10:30 Worship: 242

Sunday School: 55

8:30 Worship: N/A

Head Ushers for November: Kristen McInnis and Randy Moore

Head Ushers for December: Tom Shealy and Cal Sawyer

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 12/04	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School – Various Locations
	10:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	2:30 PM	Gift Day – Tartan Hall, Club Room, Education Building
	2:00 PM	Middle School Group
	4:30 PM	JAM (Jesus and Me) 3 rd -5 th grade – Choir Room
	5:00 PM	Jesus Jammers K-2 nd grade – Choir Room

	6:00 PM	Senior High Group – Youth Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building, Room 205
Mon. 12/05	9:00 AM	OLLI – Club Room
	12:15 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle 1- Club Room
	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle 5- Club Room
	5:30 PM	Christian Action - Library
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts – Tartan Hall, Sanctuary
Tues. 12/06	7:00 AM	Men of the Church Breakfast – Tartan Hall
	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds – Club Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dancing – Tartan Hall
	7:00 PM	Personnel & Program Support – Conference Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 12/07	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	6:00 PM	Chancel Bells – Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Keepers of the Fort - Youth Choir – Youth Room
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
Thurs. 12/08	9:00 AM	Transformation Team – Conference Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building, Room 205
Fri. 12/09	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building, Room 205
	5:00 PM	Ross-Knapp Wedding Rehearsal – CR, TH, Sanctuary
Sat. 12/10	6:30 PM	Ross-Knapp Wedding

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of church member Marjorie Lovelace. A memorial service will be held today, Sunday 12/4 at 2:00pm at Clemson Downs Corley Center.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Steve Lefevre in the recent passing of Steve's Aunt, Helen Lindell.

Known to have been in the hospital: Katherine Mostertz – Recovering at home, Buc Buchanan – AnMed Rehab Hospital

FINANCE MINISTRY UPDATE. Year to date giving is **\$816,157** with total expenses of **\$879,734**. In order to close this **\$63,583** gap before year end, we encourage each member to revisit their financial situation and consider increased giving to the General Fund.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers.

Middle School News – Last week we had our hayride (or at least it was still planned when I wrote this). We would like to thank Barry and Aleta Robinson for being such wonderful hosts! Today we will meet at a different time. We will help with Gift Day. We will help the elementary kids make Christmas presents for their families. Be at church at 2:00 and it will be over at 4:30. **Important Dates** – **December 4** – Help with Gift Day. Be at the church at 2:00. **December 10** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **January 28** – Snow Tubing. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fhpcyouthgroup.

Sr. High News – Last week we had our hayride (or at least it was still planned when I wrote this). We would like to thank Barry and Aleta Robinson for being such wonderful hosts! Tonight we will meet at our regular time of 6:00 for dinner and then have our program from 6:30-8:00. Tonight's program "What do you really

know about Christmas". **Important Dates** – **December 11** – Christmas Progressive Dinner. **December 28** – Lock-In. **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.

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!

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 December includes "Mary Had a Baby," "Away in a Manger" and other Bible song favorites. The children will be singing these two songs during Angel Vespers on Wednesday, December 14th. If your child is interested in singing with Musical Explorers during Angel Vespers, please contact Kristy MacRae at krmacrae@hotmail.com by December 9th so that their name may be printed in the program.

JAM & Jesus Jammers!!! Children will be singing and playing chimes during Angel Vespers on Wednesday, December 14th. After dinner at 5:30 pm, children should meet in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm to warm up quickly. Parents, please contact Kristy at krmacrae@hotmail.com by December 9th if your child will be singing/playing chimes so that their name may be printed in the program. Children in JAM and Jesus Jammers will also share their love of music with the congregation during the Lessons & Carols service on December 18th.

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.

The Chancel Choir members would like to invite all to attend "Christmas Garlands", the annual program of Christmas music presented by the Foothills Chorale on Sunday, December 4, at 3PM in the auditorium at Southern Wesleyan University.

Youth Choir is back -Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the Youth Room for grades 6 - 12. Come and be a "Keeper of the Fort" as we ring and sing together.

Poinsettias & Wreaths - You can help us decorate our beautiful church by making contributions for the purchase of wreaths and poinsettias. Order forms are **located in the narthex or FHOG office**. Your contributions will be recognized in the bulletin and the *Window*, our newsletter. The deadline to get this information in is **Sunday, December 11th**.

Discover the Light of Christmas! We still need at least 2 to 3 people (related or unrelated) to lead the Advent wreath lesson for our **Christmas Eve Service at 9pm**. If you would be able to assist or need more information please contact Evanne Thies.

OUTREACH

THE FEED THE 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 11/27/2011 was \$163.92. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank, and Safe Harbor II to buy only food.

We would like to thank the first and second grade advanced children's church program students from 2010-2011 for their donation of 92.00. As part of their learning about stewardship the students collected the funds to be given to the Feed the 5000 collection.

Clemson Community Care food needs for this month are: dried beans, rice, dried milk, peanut butter, canned foods and any other non-perishable food items. These items can be left in the donation room (old FHOG office) and will be transported to Clemson Community Care.



Preparing our Hearts and Homes for Jesus' Birth Upcoming Events



Angel Vespers- Wednesday, December 14 – Join us for an “impromptu” Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, December 14th. Those who wish may join us for a *Chick fil a* catered dinner at 5:30pm. The cost is \$5 per person and reservations (communications@forthillchurch.org or 654.2061) are due no later than **Wednesday, December 7th**. Please specify numbers for adult meal (chicken sandwich and salad) and child’s meal (chicken nuggets and fruit salad). Those wishing to may also bring some Christmas cookies to share! JAM/Jesus Jammers are to report to the sanctuary at 6pm while other children join them at 6:15pm. And the actual program kicks off at 6:30pm. We hope you will join us!

December 18 – A Service of Lessons & Carols led by our choirs and church members will be held at both services.

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 give 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.

No Sunday School December 25 & January 1



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); James T. Richardson, Pastor Emeritus.

SESSION: George Dunkelberg, Clerk; Mike Blackwell, Treasurer

Class of 2012: Reel Adams, Elizabeth Bost, Terri Bruce, Will Gregory, Sally Martin, Kristen McInnis, Randy Moore, Tom Shealy, Finley Wiles

Class of 2013: George Dunkelberg, Linda Gahan, Meri Kate Marcum, Laura Shick, Hack Trammell, Joanne Trenholm, Helen Wooten

Class of 2014: Tim Burg, Melanie Job, Henry Melton, Jeral Shelton, Art Williams

DEACONS: Bryan Young, Moderator; Gail Williams, Vice Moderator

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, Joy Van Daele, Jane Van Senus, Gail Williams

Class of 2014: Mary Barron, Robin Denny, Kathy McGee, John McRoberts, Helen Mohr, Nancy Oates, Carol Pollock, Allison Young

TRUSTEES: Robin Weeks (2012), Wes Koch (2013) Steve Lefevre (2014)

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

PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER: Jane Barker, LISW

MISSIONARIES: Mark Hare – Haiti

Inge Sthresley - Congo

Mark Adams – Agua Prieta, Mexico

Miriam Maldonado – Agua Prieta, 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)

Sound Technicians: David Hendrix, Tim Howard, Bruce Whisler

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: Michelle Blackwell, Sarah Kolacki, Amanda Towery

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Blair Bolen, Jenifer Griffis, Emily Martin, Colin Pettigrew

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP: Advisors: Cyndi Davis, Amy Elrod, Jackie Martin

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT ASSOC. (PSA): Bill Gause, AP for University Ministry: bill.gause@forthillchurch.org (654-3705)

Ashley Rube, University Ministry Intern: ashley.rube@forthillchurch.org (654-9207)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Anna Tollison, Moderator; Beth Wilkinson, Moderator-Elect; Cheryl Trammell, Secretary; Nancy Stone, Treasurer

Circle 1: Donna Crader & Eva Henry, Co-Leaders

Circle 2: Janet Bean & Cathy McInnis, Co-Leaders

Circle 3: Gail Williams, Leader

Circle 5: Claudette Bennett & Lois Bro, Co-Leaders

Circle 6: LeAnne Greene

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Garland Gravely & Randy Moore, Co - Presidents; Gus Gustafson, Treasurer

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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