

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 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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2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2010, 10:30 A.M.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Trinity Chimes

Prelude: "From Heaven Above"

Johann Pachelbel

*(The prelude signals the beginning of corporate worship
so bring your individual greetings and conversations to a close at that time. Thank you.)*

Time of Greeting and Fellowship and Life of the Church

Mary Gause

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

People: **And also with you.**

Centering Music: Hymn #66 (verse 1, remain seated)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to the perfect light!**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+Call to Worship

Lauren Simmons

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: **We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.**

Leader: God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.

People: **The light of Christ illumines our way. Come, let us walk in the light of God!**

+Hymn #68: "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. *(Followed by silent individual confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (followed by)

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

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

*A Faithful Response: Gloria Patri (Hymn #579)

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Story for All Children

*(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 60:1-6 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Lauren Simmons

Anthem: "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"
Garland Gravely, soloist

Native American (Huron)
French carol, 16th century

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12 (The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**)

Sermon: Home by Another Way

Lauren Simmons

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn #411: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

+Affirmation of Faith:

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

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: "The Old Year Has Passed Away"

J. S. Bach

+Doxology (Hymn #592)

+Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born king, so we also bring offerings in praise of the one you sent. Please accept these gifts of self and service. Let them be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that enrich the world with great need. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #63: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

+Benediction

+Postlude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Dietrich Buxtehude

+indicates that all who are able may stand

*indicates that Ushers will seat late worshipers

SERVICE NOTES FOR 10:30 AM SERVICE

- Following worship please introduce yourself to those around you. Don't take it for granted they know who you are; tell them your name. **Lauren Simmons** and **Mary Gause** will be at the Edgewood Avenue 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 **Amy Elrod**. 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 today are given in memory of Tompy and Jimmy Hunter by their children and grandchildren.
- The flowers on December 27th (last Sunday) were given by Ed and Nancy Hutson in memory of Earl H. Gilliam and Ed and Ruth Hutson.
- We welcome Lauren Simmons as our guest preacher today. Lauren, currently a second-year seminary student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, is a child of Fort Hill and the daughter of church member, Suzan Simmons. Welcome Home Lauren!
- Please honor the worship experience by refraining from photography during the service.
- Child care 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 (first floor). Please ask usher for directions to nurseries.
- 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 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor On Call (1/4 - 1/10)

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

Raenota and Jack Merrill

Offering Counters for Next Sunday

Betty Dean and Linda Gahan

Nursery Workers for Today

Lou Phillips, Lisa Britt and Mimi Borick, Donna and Corey McCubbin, Pete and Jake Crowther

Nursery Workers for Next Sunday

Janna and Don McKale, Ellen Torrence, Anita, Mik and Erik Fredman, Kristen McInnis and Corey Norris

Attendance from 12/27/09:	10:30 Worship	243	Sunday School	n/a	8:30 Worship	n/a
Attendance from last year 12/28/08:	10:30 Worship	189	Sunday School	n/a	8:30 Worship	44
Attendance from 12/24/09:	5:00 Worship	427	11:00 Worship	136		
Attendance from last year 12/24/08:	5:30 Worship	413	11:00 Worship	95		

Head Ushers for January: Alice Thalheimer / John Spragins; **Head Ushers** for February: Wes Worley and Leslie Hicklin

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun. 1/3	8:30 AM	Worship – Tartan Hall
	9:15 AM	Sunday School – Various Locations
	10:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group – 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. 1/4	12:15 PM	Circle 1 – Club Room
	3:00 PM	Circle 5 – Club Room
	7:00 PM	Personnel/Program Support
Tues. 1/5	7:00 AM	Men of the Church breakfast/meeting – Tartan Hall
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting – Conference Room
	6:00 PM	Folk Dance Group – Club Room
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Wed. 1/6	3:00 PM	Sermon Starters – Clemson Downs
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry Meeting - Library
	6:15 PM	Handbell rehearsal – Choir Room
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur. 1/7	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - Education Building
Friday 1/8	12:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Education Building
	5:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Tartan Hall
Sat. 1/9	7:00 PM	CAPS – Tartan Hall, Bethlehem Hall

Staff Notes

Rodney Norris will be on Sabbatical from Nov. 2, 2009 – Feb. 1, 2010.

Laura Conrad will be on vacation Monday, Dec. 28 – Wed., Dec. 30 and Sunday, Jan. 3.

Milton Benson will be on vacation Monday, Dec. 23 – Saturday, Jan. 9.

Doris Clark will be on vacation Monday, Dec. 28 – Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Monday, Jan. 4 – Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Bill Gause and **Kerin Watts** are with the college students at Collegiate Conference in Montreat through Jan. 5.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Men of the Church – MOC will meet on Tuesday, January 5th. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am. The speaker will be Greg Hamill and he will talk about mission programs.

The Building and Grounds Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

The Christian Education Ministry meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:15 pm in room 206.

There will be No 2nd Sunday Supper this month. Our next 2nd Sunday Supper will be a Valentine's Day Extravaganza on Sunday, February 14th. More info to come.

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.

Middle School News – We hope everyone had a happy and rewarding holiday season. This Sunday—Jan. 3rd—we will meet at our regular time—4:30 – 6:30. **Parents Note: There will be a parent’s meeting at 4:30 followed by a Newlywed game for parents, middle schoolers, and leaders.**
Up-Coming Events - **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.

Senior High News - Welcome to 2010! Join us tonight at our regular time for fellowship and fun.
Up-Coming Events – **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. The Clemson University students are away for Christmas/Winter Break until Jan. 6th. Bill Gause, Kerin Watts and several PSA members will be participating in the Montreat College Conference Jan. 2-5th.

The 2010 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Choose your date and sign up now to provide flowers for the sanctuary. The arrangements are made by Tiger Lily for \$40. Thanks for helping decorate the sanctuary!

Presbyterian Women Winter Retreat will be January 23, 2010, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at Keowee Key Marina; cost is \$15. Speaker/Facilitator will be Debbie Foster and her topic is *Tapestry*. Debbie is a dynamic speaker who is presently the supply pastor at Fairplay Presbyterian Church. All women in the church are invited to attend. Send your name and a check for \$15 made out to Presbyterian Women to Joan Booth, 12 Yeoman Lane, Salem SC 29676. For more info, call Joan at 944-6147.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

JAM and Jesus Jammers will not meet the next on Sunday, January 3rd. We will start back again on Sunday, January 10th!

OUTREACH

The Feed the 5000 collection (containers for donating at doors as you enter or leave) on 12/27/09 was \$37.91. The money goes to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Golden Corner Food Bank and Safe Harbor II to buy food.

You can help Safe Harbor II women's shelter without spending an additional cent. Bloom grocery stores are having a Happy Point promotion that offers Cuisinart small kitchen appliances. For each \$10 you spend at Bloom, you get a Happy Point. The points are collected on cards and exchanged for toasters, coffeemakers, etc. Please join with other area churches in this effort for Safe Harbor II. The promotion began on Wednesday, October 7 and runs until Tuesday, February 2. Put your Happy Points and/or cards in the red topped clear plastic container labeled "Bloom Happy Points for Safe Harbor II" located in the FHOG office.

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will offer a FREE 12 week course to first degree relatives of an adult with a major mental illness. Family-to-Family classes will be held in Clemson beginning in February 2010. The five major mental illnesses addressed are depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and schizoaffective disorder as well as co-occurring brain and addictive disorders. Topics covered will be brain biology, psychiatric medications, communication skills, problem-solving skills, self-care, recovery, and advocacy. Class size is limited to 20 persons, and pre-registration is required. The course will begin on February 7, 2010 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. each Sunday through May 2, 2010, except Easter Sunday, at the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church on College Avenue. For further information or to register for the course, contact: Michelle Ready- 882-5131 or michelleready@hotmail.com. www.namiaop.org

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

Class of 2011: Michael Bailey, Susan Brown, Larry Goodwin, Karen Lindenmeyer, Betty Long, Stephanie Scott, Audrey Thompson, Eva Williamson

Class of 2012: Janet Bean, Debbie Collins, Robert Key, John McGregor, Cathy McInnis, Alison Reynolds, Suzan Simmons, Bryan Young

TRUSTEES: Danny Gregg (2010), Joe Dickey (2011), Robin Weeks (2012)
Endowment Committee: The Three Elected Trustees, Member At Large, Jim Phillips

CHURCH STAFF: Administrative Assistant: Fran Solesbee (fran.solesbee@forthillchurch.org)
Office Administrator: Lori Houck (lori.houck@forthillchurch.org)
Sexton: Milton Benson, Assistant Sexton: Doris Clark

PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER: The Rev. Dr. Jack Lovett Stevenson (653-4025 or 442-9003)

MISSIONARIES: Rodney and Sharyn Babe – Haiti
David and Susan Thomas – Cuernavaca, Mexico
Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger – Democratic Republic of Congo

MUSIC: Chancel Choir Director – Bill Diekhoff (billyd4@charter.net)
Organist – Judy Bonham (bonhamj_44@yahoo.com)
Pianist – Becky Bowman
Children’s Choir Director – Kristy MacRae (krmacrae@hotmail.com)

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Classes for Children and Adults at 9:15 am Nursery and preschool extended session at 10:30 am
Superintendent: Tom Wooten Nursery workers: Sarah Kolacki, Amanda Towery, Michelle Blackwell, 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): Bill Gause, AP for University Ministry: bill.gause@forthillchurch.org (654-3705)
Kerin Watts, University Ministry Intern: kerin.watts@forthillchurch.org (654-3705)

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, Clinta 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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