

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

Family Christmas Eve Service

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Prelude: "I Wonder as I Wander"

John Jacob Niles

Words of Welcome

Laura Conrad

+Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Response: Those who lived in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

Response: Let the heavens be glad, let all the earth rejoice!

+Singing a Carol #41: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

The Lighting of the Christmas Candle

David, Terri, Sam and Maddie Bruce

+Singing Carols (using the first stanza only from each carol)

#22: "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

#23: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

#25: "Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

#24: "Away in a Manger" (singing the 2nd stanza to this tune)

CRADLE SONG

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

A Christmas Story

Laura Conrad

+Singing Carols (using the first and last stanzas)

#29: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

#31: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

#49: "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

Evening Prayers ending with "The Lord's Prayer" (Page 16)

Mary Gause

The Receiving of the Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory: "In Dulci Jubilo"

Hermann Schroeder

+Singing a Carol #40: "Joy to the World!"

ANTIOCH

(During the singing of this carol, the ushers will bring forward the offering.)

+The Lighting of Individual Christmas Candles

+Singing a Carol #60: "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

+A Christmas Benediction

+Postlude: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" Sussex Carol
(As the Sanctuary lights come up please extinguish your candles.)

+ Indicates that all who are able may stand.

Service Notes

Join us tonight at 11:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Communion Service here in our Sanctuary. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbors for the service which will last about one hour.

Thanks to all who have helped to make our Advent Season so memorable this year. Too many folks helped to mention by name, but we certainly have many willing helpers among our congregation and we are grateful for their assistance. We have angels right here at Fort Hill it seems!

At this 5:00 pm service we will receive our 2009 "Joy Gift" Offering. This PCUSA offering gives 50% to the Board of Pensions to support retired and active church workers. The other 50% provides scholarships for students to our Presbyterian related Racial Ethnic Colleges. Please make checks payable to Fort Hill Church marked for "Joy Gift Fund."

To Our Guests and Visitors: We are so glad you have chosen to celebrate this holy night with us. If you are new to the area or do not have a church home, we invite you to return again to worship here. We would love to share with you our mission and ministry. We are called as a community of disciples who seek to share God's love in this community and in God's world. Join us on the journey!

Joy Gift Offering

We receive this offering at Christmas. 50% of the Joy Gift offering assists church workers, missionaries, pastors, and their families in times of crisis through the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. The other 50% of the offering also supports our Presbyterian Racial/Ethnic colleges.

Worship- The Stories of the Christmas Carols, Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 am

This Sunday we will gather for worship at one service in the Sanctuary at 10:30. Come celebrate the birth of Christ as we sing carols and hear the stories behind the songs.

Worship Leaders: Laura Conrad, Pastor, Mary Gause, Associate Pastor

Organist: Judy Bonham

