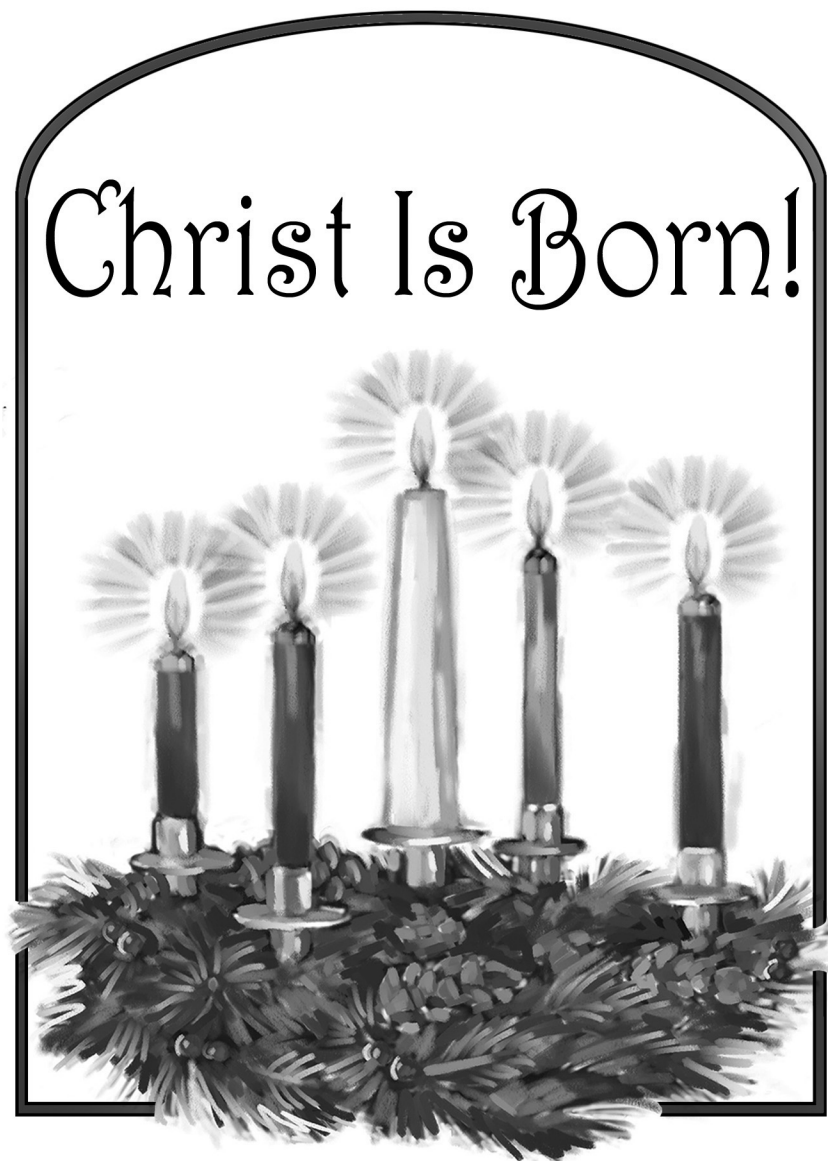


Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Clemson, South Carolina

Christmas Eve Communion Service
December 24, 2010, 9:00 pm



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Prelude: Berceuse on "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

John Barr

+Call to Worship

Leader: Come away, come away, come tonight to Bethlehem.

People: Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.

Leader: Come away, come away, from your noisy celebration, to a place of peace and joy.

People: Come with wonder, come with awe. Take your place among the sheep and cattle stall.

Leader: Come away, come to Bethlehem!

People: Come, let us join the shepherds in worshipping Jesus the Christ.

+Hymn #22: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Charles and Mary Barron

Unison Prayer

God of our mothers and fathers, of those who died waiting for the promise, and of those living in its fulfillment, we thank you for breaking into history with the gift of your son, Jesus. As the Christmas bells ring, as the choirs sing, as the lights of this festive season shine brightly, we rejoice in the coming of the One called Immanuel. May his presence, and yours, O God, fill us this day and every day. And all God's children say, Amen.

+A Joyous Response Hymn #2: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

The Old Testament Lesson in Unison: Isaiah 9:2-11

Rodney Norris

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

Anthem: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Arr. By Praetorius

The Christmas Story

The Annunciation: Luke 1:36-35

Hymn #5: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" (Stanzas 1-2)

PICARDY

The Birth: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #25: "Away in a Manger" (Stanzas 1-2)

MUELLER

The Adoration of the Shepherds: Luke 2: 8-20

Anthem: "The First Noel"

Arr. By Clawson

Communion Meditation Laura Conrad

+Hymn #53: "What Child is This?" (Stanza 1 and 3) GREENSLEEVES

The Offering of One's Self and One's Gifts to God and the Church
 (The "Joy Gift Offering" will be received at this time.)
 Offertory: Pastorale on "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" David Lasky

+Hymn #41: "O Come All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 The Words of Invitation
 A Prayer of Thanksgiving
 The Words of Institution
 The Communion
 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas" Fettke
 Prayer of Thanksgiving- Simeon Praises God for Jesus - Luke 2:29-32
 **Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen
 the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of the people: a light to reveal you to the
 nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

+Hymn #40: "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

+The Lighting of Individual Christmas Candles

+Hymn #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**

+The Benediction

+Postlude: "A Child is Born This Day" arr. Richard Warner

+ Indicates that all who are able may stand
 (For the 2010 "Joy Gift" offering, please make check payable to Fort Hill Church and mark it for "Joy Gift Fund.")

Announcements:

Tonight we celebrate the Lord's Supper by Intinction. Starting at the front, we will come forward by the center aisle to one of the two stations where you will receive the bread and cup. Please take a piece of bread large enough to dip in the cup. Then return to your seats by the outside aisle.

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!

Restrooms are available off of the Narthex towards the covered doorway.

Following Worship tonight please stay and visit in the Covered Arcade to the left of the Sanctuary. Some have brought goodies to share and celebrate!

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. Please make checks payable to Fort Hill Church marked for "Joy Gift Fund."

Christmas Sunday Worship- Sunday, December 26 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 praise God!

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!

Music Director: Margaret MacKay

Organist: Judy Bonham

Worship Leaders: Laura Conrad, Pastor; Rodney Norris, Associate Pastor