



FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Robert Lawrence - Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2010

8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The Second Sunday After Christmas

In The Presence of the Living God

PRELUDE: "Versets on 'Away in a Manger'" Mark Blatchly

CHORAL INTROIT: "He Is Born" Robert Wetzler

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 90

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Pastor: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands.**

*+HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 265 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand" Philip Doddridge

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

O God of time and eternity, we confess that daily we have done wrong.

**We have spent time without loving and years without purpose,
so that even the calendar condemns us.**

**There is in us a cowardice that fears to face new truth,
a laziness that is content with half-truth,
and an arrogance about our own wisdom.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**By your grace set us free from the burdens of the past,
that we may enter this new year of our Lord**

free to learn, free to love, and brave to do your will;

through Him who makes all things new, Christ, the Lord of time and eternity....

(silent prayers of confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 40 "Joy to the World" (stanzas 3 and 4) Isaac Watts, 1719

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

[Children four years old through kindergarten may now leave for their special program.]

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:39-52

Pew Bible (NRSV), N.T. pages 55-56

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "The First Stirring of a Call"

Dr. Allen C. McSween, Jr.

Text: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them." Luke 2:49-50

We Respond in Grateful Obedience

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

Page 15, Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem: "For All the Blessings of the Year"

Lloyd Larson

We Gather At The Table of our Lord

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

* HYMN: No. 275 "God of Our Life"

Hugh T. Kerr, 1916

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN: "The Lord's Prayer" (Congregation and Choir)

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* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE: "Praeludium in E Major"

Dieterich Buxtehude

* *Congregation is invited to stand*

+ *Ones arriving late may be seated*

WELCOME to Fourth Presbyterian Church. During the offertory anthem, please pass and sign the "Ritual of Friendship" pad. After all have signed, return the book to its original place. After the service, greet warmly those who worship with you. As we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we invite all baptized believers in Jesus Christ, as well as baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed to understand the meaning of their welcome to the Table, to share in our celebration of the sacrament.

Next Sunday we will have our annual service for the **renewal of our baptismal vows.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY 6

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church, Part II with Debbie Kyser and Hank Hinnant—*Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Ice Cream*

*Remember we always have vegetarian dishes available, as well as grilled chicken breast.
Speak with Tony for any special requests.*

JANUARY 13 “Called Fourth: Proclaiming the Gospel”

Hamburger Steak, Grilled Onions, Baked Potato Casserole, Salad and Assorted Cakes

JANUARY 20 The Magic of Sam Wyche

Chicken Pot Pie, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Assorted Desserts

JANUARY 27 “Called Fourth: Justice and Reconciliation”

Fried Boneless Pork Chops, Rice and Gravy, Cabbage & Cornbread, Peach Cobbler

JANUARY 6 set up **Jenell Vassy & Julia Odell** Clean up **Heidi & Jimmy Wright**

JANUARY 13 Set up **Edith Patterson & Margie Taylor** Clean up **Mary & Gene Krcelic**

JANUARY 20 Set up **Mary Beck & Marcie Bruce** Clean up **Lucy & Joe Pulliam**

JANUARY 27 Set up **Marty Lancaster & Dianna Schmid** Clean up **Whitney Ramseur & Joe Lee**

Nursery- Two Years

January 6 Michelle Caudell
January 13 Janelle & Robert Thomas
January 20 Cathy Taylor
January 27 Rebeckah & Jeff Macfie

Two Years – Five Years

January 6 Amie Owens & Dianna Schmid
January 13 Hall Bickmann & Tracey Heller
January 20 ATTEND PROGRAM
January 27 Amy Dishner & Andrea Murdock

Grades 1-3

January 6 Teresa Cottingham (Bible Games)
January 13 Hugh McVeety (Gym)
January 20 ATTEND PROGRAM
January 27 Whitney Ramseur (Crafts)

Grades 4th & 5th

January 6 Andrea Leland (Bible Games)
January 13 Doug Major (Gym)
January 20 ATTEND PROGRAM
January 27 Lesa Kastler (Crafts)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP is in need of people to help take money and count attendance at WNF for the month of March. If you can help, please contact Amy Dishner at 354-2717, amy.dishner@fluor.com. Thanks

GRADES 1 – 5! These grades participate in the “The Crossway. For the first Sunday of January, we will conclude our study of “**The Wise Men**” and will use the ‘**Thou Art**’, ‘**Acts**’, ‘**Temple**’ and ‘**4th.com**’ Rooms. The memory verse is from Matthew 2:11b...They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and presented them to him. “ We want to thank our teachers for December and the first Sunday in January: Merritt Ray, Michelle Caudell, Jared Davis, Katie Jones and Jimmy Wright.

For the remainder of the month of January, we will study “**Moses, the Baby**” and will use the ‘**Temple**’, ‘**Acts**’, ‘**Thou Art**’ and ‘**4th.Com**’ rooms. The memory verse is from Exodus 2:10b, “I pulled him out of the water so I will name him Moses.” The teachers for the rest of January are: Dianna Schmid, Robert Foster, Judy Robertson, Barbara McPhail and Amy Clauss **Parents, please note that the children will gather in the Acts room at 9:55. There will not be an adult in that room until then, so we ask that you keep your children with you until that time. Thank you for helping us to make this transition time go more smoothly.** To find out which room your 1st – 5th grader goes to each Sunday morning, please check the sign in the hallway across from the Resource room

WORSHIP PACKS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5! Be sure your child in these grades picks up a pack each morning as he or she enters the Sanctuary. The worship packs have been prepared by **Whitney, Walker, and Mattie Blake Ramseur** this week.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, Jan. 3rd



Proclaiming the Gospel—Ministers and seminary students from 4th Presbyterian will share with us about their calls.

Meet in the gym during your regular times:

4:45-6:45- Jr. Highs

5:30- Choir/Mission Monkeys

6:15-6:45- Dinner

6:45-8:00- Sr. Highs

Looking ahead.....Serving the Lord!

Sunday, Jan. 10th

Jr. Highs: Meet from 4:45-6:45 at **Faithpoint Presbyterian Church** in Simpsonville. Their address is 1713 West Georgis Rd, Simp., SC 29680.

Sr. Highs: Meet from 4-6:45. Parents drop off and pick-up from the **Presbyterian Community Home** in Easley. Their address is 205 Bud Nalley Dr., Easley, SC 29642

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Our church seeks to offer pastoral care to people during special needs and crises of their lives. When you know of someone who needs our attention, please contact the office (232-8123) or email robincline@4thpres-grvl.com. We depend on our members for this.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: At both entrances of the sanctuary you will find a current copy of the "Prayers of the People" of our congregation. Please join in praying for members, friends and families of the church through the use of this resource through the week and at Friday Prayers in the Sanctuary.

As an expression of their Christian love and concern for all of the members of the Fourth family, Prayer Partners have taken upon themselves the ministry of prayer for every member of Fourth Church. They invite any other members of the congregation who may wish to do so to join them in this mission. This week we are praying for:

<u>Monday</u> –	Matt Johnson Family	<u>Friday</u> -	Scott Jones Family
<u>Tuesday</u> –	Will Johnson Family	<u>Saturday</u>	Bill Kastler Family
<u>Wednesday</u> –	Ronald Johnston Family	<u>Sunday</u>	Jim Keegstra Family
<u>Thursday</u> –	Dick Jones Family		Rosa Keith

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING is called for this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Graham Fellowship Hall for the purpose of receiving the budget for 2010 adopted by the Session, hearing reports of the Endowment Committee, the Seminary Student Support Committee, and the McSween-Walker Loan Fund Committee, and voting to recommend to Foothills Presbytery changes in the terms of call for the pastors.

Women of the Church ~ **The PW Women's Retreat is February 5th and 6th** at Bonclarken. Our speaker is Debbie Foster, Minister of Fair Play Presbyterian, and our topic is "Tapestry" - *We all come into God's presence through different life situations and experiences*. The cost is \$70. More details and a sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin over the next few weeks. Please contact Mary Krcelic at 269-1104 or maryunc@yahoo.com if you have any questions. We look forward to having ALL of you attend!

SHARES OF STOCK have been donated and we cannot identify the person who donated them. Also, **PLEASE USE YOUR NEW ENVELOPES** with the blue numbers on them, you may discard any unused ones from last year. Thank you

Upcoming GOFOURTHERS Activities

"PICNIC & PLANNING" – Thursday, Jan. 21 at Noon.
Henry's Barbeque will help take the chill off January as we meet to eat and to settle on plans for 2010! In the Crymes Room. Cost of meal is \$10
Registration deadline is Monday, January 18

SUNDAY, 1/3/10
 8:45 & 11:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 NO ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL
 10:00 am ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 NO BELL CHOIR
 4:45-6:45 JR. HIGHS
 5:30 CHOIR/MISSION MONKIES
 6:15-6:45 DINNER
 6:45-8:00 SR. HIGHS

MONDAY, 1/4/10
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 10:15 am YOGA

TUESDAY, 1/5/10
 7:00 am BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 7:00 pm DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, 1/6/10
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 5:00 pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 5:45 pm WNF
 6:30 pm 8:45 ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
 7:30 pm 11:15 ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAY, 1/7/10
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH

FRIDAY, 1/8/10
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 9:30 am DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY
 11:30 am SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

SATURDAY, 1/9/10

SUNDAY, 1/10/10
 8:45 & 11:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 am CHURCH SCHOOL
 4:00 pm BELL CHOIR
 4:45-6:45 JR. HIGHS
 5:30 CHOIR/MISSION MONKIES
 6:15-6:45 DINNER
 6:45-8:00 SR. HIGHS

JANUARY PRE-SCHOOL HELPERS:

During the Worship Service our helpers will be:
 Nursery – 11:15 **Rebeckah & Jeff Macfie**

4-5 yr. Olds – 8:45 – Kari & Chris Stover
 11:15- **Karen & Jack Turpin**

Nursery Committee Floater for September– **Betsy & Ted Vick**

8:45 AM GREETERS:

Amy Dishner
 Jeff Dishner

8:45 AM USHERS:

Whitney Ramseur
 Joe Ramseur

11:15 AM GREETERS:

Hall Bickman
 Harrison Kisner

11:15 AN USHERS:

Clint Edwards
 Robert Foster
 Walt McPhail
 Barbara McPhail

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YOUTH GROUPS- SEE THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATES
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