

**The Presbyterian Coffee Project:** Calling all Coffee Lovers! Warm up with Organic Coffee this winter. Drop by the Fellowship Hall after services and stock up! Remember, for each pound of coffee purchased through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund.

**The Lazarus Life In Town Retreat:** February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> we will welcome Stephen Smith, author of *The Lazarus Life*, a book about the story of Lazarus from John 11 filled with deep meaning for people today who are wanting to change but cannot; wanting to transform but feel stuck; longing for "more" in life but can't find it. Our retreat will begin Friday with a dinner, continue Saturday morning from 8:30-11:30 AM and end that Sunday with a combined worship service and lunch. More details tba!

**Christian Life Conference 2010:** Make your summer plans now for Christian Life Conference 2010! First Presbyterian Church, along with Darlington and Bishopville churches, will host the Christian Life Conference 2010 in Montreat, NC. A hosting team that consists of at least 20 adults will be needed from First Presbyterian to help plan and organize various aspects of the conference. It's a big job! Please consider joining our team, led by Martha Chastain and Joe Koenig. Please contact the church office if you want to get involved!

**Children's Ministry: Kids in A.C.T.I.O.N.**

- ◆ **Chapter Challenge** for January 3<sup>rd</sup>: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own." *1 Cor. 6:19*
- ◆ **Skating Trip:** January 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 PM. Bring \$5 for admission and snacks.
- ◆ **Confirmation Party:** January 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00-5:30 PM. Our 6th graders will meet their mentors and kick off their Confirmation Year!

**Fuel Youth Events:** [www.fuelfortherevolution.com](http://www.fuelfortherevolution.com)

- ◆ **Small Groups at the Fuel Cafe:** Resumes on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- ◆ **Bonfire and Dinner -** Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> at Jahn and Coleen Hultgren's farm (across from Triple R Farms). We will meet at church at 5:30pm and return by 9:30pm. Dress warm and bring a comfortable chair and a friend!
- ◆ **2010 Kick Off Meeting for Parents and Students:** Parents are invited to join their kids in The Garage on Sunday morning, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 am for a fun and informing meeting about what will be going on this year.
- ◆ **Youth Girls' Baby Shower for Lia:** January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Cranford's home. Robin Cranford (Scarlett's mom) is hosting a baby shower for Lia Severance. All Jr. and Sr. High girls are invited, as well as any youth girl moms who would like to attend. Please contact Robin or Stacey for more details.
- ◆ **Sunday Morning Shift:** Each Sunday morning the Youth Ministry meets upstairs in the Garage at 9:45 AM for fun through games and teaching from Scripture.
- ◆ **NEW and IMPROVED Ski Trip Plan:** We are revamping our ski trip plan! New price (\$225), new location (Winterplace, WV), same dates (January 22-24), *more* skiing (all day Saturday *and* 1/2 day Sunday). Please call Stacey at 453-8076 for more details.
- ◆ **Jr. High Summer Trip to "The Great Escape":** We are planning to take a group of Jr. High students to "The Great Escape," June 14-19 on the campus of Lee University in Cleveland, TN.
- ◆ **Sr. High Summer Mission Trip to Nicaragua:** July 17-24. We are taking a group of Sr. High students to Nicaragua in conjunction with Son Servants.
- ◆ **Don't Forget:** Coming soon!

**Special Prayer Needs:** We encourage you to note your prayer requests on the *Request for Prayer* cards in the pew racks and then place them in the offering plate. Your requests are referred to the Pastors.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**Manna House Sunday**

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

**Monday, January 4, 2010**

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out Resumes
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group in Parlor
- 9:45 AM Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators
- 11:00 AM Young Mothers' Ensemble
- 12:00 PM Keenager's Luncheon
- 12:00 PM Circle 5 GS Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice 8 & Under

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010** Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups in Fuel Café
- 6:10 PM Presbyterian Playhouse Gr 3-5
- 6:15 PM Adult Electives
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:50 PM Presbyterian Playhouse Gr. 1-2
- 6:55 PM Presbyterian Playhouse 4k-5k
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30 PM Basketball Practice 14 & U, 17 & U

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice 10 & Under
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM Basketball Practice 12 & Under

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

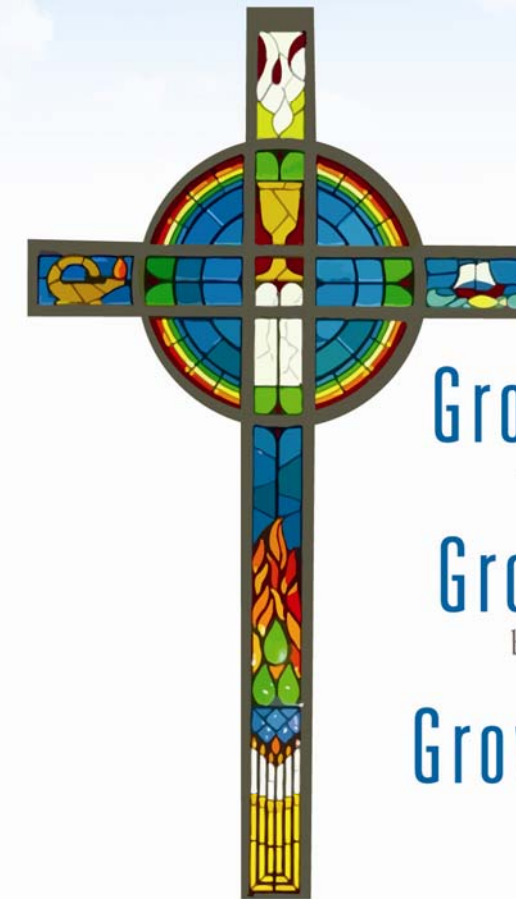
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice 8 & Under

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

January 3, 2010



**Growing UPWARD**  
worshipping and praising

**Growing INWARD**  
becoming more like Christ

**Growing OUTWARD**  
sharing the good news



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO  
14<sup>th</sup> century German melody

### GREETINGS

Rev. Handley

### INTROIT

*Down to Earth, as a Dove*

PERSONENT HODIE  
arr. Holst

Down to earth as a dove, came to light holy love: Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation meant for every nation. Let us sing, dance and spring, Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis. Christ the Lord comes to feed hungry people in need; in the house there is bread: Jesus in a stable, in the church a table. Let us sing, dance and spring, Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis.

Fred Kaan

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

No. 740

*The Lord's Prayer*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*The First Noel*

No. 229  
THE FIRST NOEL

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

located in pew rack

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

No. 734

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, today we celebrate a new beginning. As the calendar page is turned, we are reminded that with You there is new life everyday. We confess, however, that we frequently get bogged down in our past. We are at times unwilling to move ahead. Give us the faith today to learn from our past and to focus on our future. As we gather at this table, may we experience the power of Your forgiveness and the promise of new life in Christ Jesus. Fill our hearts with hope as we come in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

### ANTHEM

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Traditional English  
arr. Parker and Shaw

Chancel Choir

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay! Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name; O tidings of comfort and joy. Now to the Lord sings praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas all others doth efface, O tidings of comfort and joy.

### MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

☞ Following the Message for Young Disciples, children in 3K through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. If this is your child's first visit to Children's Church, we encourage you to walk with them. A nursery is provided for 2K children and below.

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*As With Gladness*

No. 236

DIX

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Theodore Holst  
arr. Darke

Chancel Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain. Heav'n and earth shall flee away, When He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd. The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

### \*The Doxology

No. 34  
OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### ORGAN INTERLUDE

*What is This Lovely Fragrance?*

Old French Carol

### PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD

### SERMON

#### “Communion Tokens”

*Rom. 12:1-2*

*Eph. 2:4-10*

Dr. Jenkins

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(All who have been baptized and believe in the Lord

Jesus Christ are invited to participate in this sacrament.)

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*The Lord's Prayer*

No. 740

MALOTTE

### \*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The First Noel*

Noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

English Carol

### \*POSTLUDE

*God Rest You Merry*

Traditional English Carol

\*Congregation is invited to stand.

☞ Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship care-giver.

This morning's worship is led by

Dr. Barry Jenkins, Senior Pastor,

Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor, and

Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers** for the services today are given in loving memory of James W. (Jim) Parker and James W. (Jay) Parker by Eileen Parker and her daughters, Ann Daethridge and Claudia Caldwell.

**Elder Greeters** for this morning's service are Nigel Watt and Ginger Owen.

**Usher Volunteers:** If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of January, please contact Hunter Morgan at 393-5565.

**Prodigal God:** Today, First Presbyterian kicks off an exciting 6 week study of the Parable of the Prodigal in Luke 15. Together we will study the parable through a sermon series, coupled with weekly small group gatherings. This campaign is inspired by a book and discussion guide by Dr. Tim Keller called *The Prodigal God*. If you are not a member of a weekly small group, you may sign up for one at the Prodigal God display in the Fellowship Hall. Books and study guides are also available there for a discounted price.

**Encounter with God Devotionals** January/February/March editions are available in the Fellowship Hall. *Encounter with God* takes you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in five years, reading 10-20 verses per day. \$3.00

**Basketball Games:** Come support our First Pres. Teams in the youth basketball league! We have games this Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM (12&U), & 9:00 PM (18&U), Thursday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (14&U) and Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon (8B vs. 8A), 2:00 PM (10B) and 3:00 PM (10A). All games are played at Ebenezer Baptist. You can find a complete game schedule online at [www.florencefirst.org](http://www.florencefirst.org).

**PW Women's Mid Winter Gathering:** Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM. We will begin with our White Cross Mission project in the Good Samaritan room followed by a short business meeting at noon. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone in your circle would like to volunteer to help, please let Virginia Spencer know.

**Haiti Mission 2010** is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to help stucco the school, work on drip irrigation and canals, and build bookshelves in addition to ministering to the Haitian people. Please contact Chris Handley if you are interested in going!

**Amazon Mission 2010:** June 5-13, 2010. Join us for an experience of a lifetime as we visit remote jungle villages along the Amazon River. Ask anyone who has ever been on one of these trips and they will tell you it was one of the most powerful spiritual experiences of their lives. Our teams are usually around 12-15 people and we still have some slots available. Give prayerful consideration as to whether God might be calling you to the Amazon.