

**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. This year's conference speakers are Dale Bruner and Jim Singleton. 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 November 29<sup>th</sup>: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word." *Psalms 119:9*
- ◆ **Living Nativity Practices:** This afternoon at 4:00-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the CLC. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ◆ **Parent's Night Out:** December 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-9:00 PM. Please contact Jessica at [jwood@florencefirst.org](mailto:jwood@florencefirst.org) if your kids will be attending. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping!
- ◆ **Children's Christmas Art Gallery:** December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:30 PM, location tba. Children are welcome to paint, draw, color and/or design their version of the Nativity Scene to be included in the gallery. Please have artwork to Miss Jessica no later than noon on Christmas Eve!
- ◆ **Christmas Heifer:** The Children's department is working to raise money to buy a Christmas Heifer for an overseas village in need. Look for our Christmas Heifer this December near the Preschool area!

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

- ◆ **2010 Ski Trip:** Come hit the slopes with us! January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, Snowshoe, WV. Registration is \$325 if paid by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and \$350 from Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 'til the December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Progressive Dinner Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9 PM. Join us for an evening of good food, fun, gifts, and fellowship. Dress is semi-formal. Bring a gift for the "White Elephant" game!

**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.

**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.

**Hearing Assisted Devices** are available in the sanctuary. Please see an usher to receive one. The devices are wireless so you may sit anywhere you wish and adjust the volume.

**Visitors Welcome:** If you are a guest with us today, we want to give you a special "welcome" gift. Make sure, as you leave today, to pick up a bag from our hospitality area in the back of the sanctuary.

**Babies' Crying Room** is available for parents that need to leave the worship service with their child. This special room is equipped with a live video feed of the service and is located adjacent to the women's restroom, in the hall behind the pulpit.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 29, 2009 First Sunday of Advent**

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

**Monday, November 30, 2009**

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

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast: GS Rm
- 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
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Above Scout Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble

**Wednesday, December 2, 2009**

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 9:00 AM Women's Beth Moore Bible Study: GS
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Concert
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 3, 2009**

- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:00 PM *JFWM* Holiday Banquet: FH & CLC

**Friday, December 4, 2009**

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

November 29, 2009



**Growing UPWARD**  
worshipping and praising

**Growing INWARD**  
becoming more like Christ

**Growing OUTWARD**  
sharing the good news

*First Sunday  
of Advent*

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*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**PRELUDE**

*Sleepers Awake, A Voice Is Calling*  
from Cantata No. 140

Johann Sebastian Bach

**GREETINGS**

Rev. Handley

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

No. 154  
VENI EMMANUEL

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

Mr. and Mrs. David and Meredith Banner, Jack and Morgan

**\*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**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, today we begin a season of the year intended to remind us of Your great love. We know in our hearts the significance of this season, but how easily we forget. Instead of this being a time to reflect on Your great love for us in Jesus Christ, we become exhausted with shopping, decorating, baking and parties. Forgive us for commercializing this most spiritual time of the year. Turn our eyes upon You, O God, so that we might know the peace and joy that comes only from our faith in Your Son. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

**ANTHEM**

*Christus Paradox*

PICARDY  
French carol  
arr. Fedak

Chancel Choir

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave. You the ever lasting instant. You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might up on the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. You, the everlasting instant. You, who are our death and our life. Alleluia.

Sylvia Dunstan

**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**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

No. 156  
PUER NOBIS

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

SCHMÜCKE DICH  
Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
arr. Burkhardt

Ladies' Ensemble

Kathy Crawford, Lee Nunn, Elizabeth Scheeler, Chrissy Welch, Mary Lynn van Witzenburg  
Amanda Grubb, violin  
Terris Roberts, violin

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly. Hasten as a bride to meet him, Eagerly and gladly greet him. There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, Open wide the fast closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal: "Come, and leave your loved one never; Dwell within my heart forever."  
Johann Franck, 1618-77

**\*The Doxology**

No. 34  
OLD HUNDREDDTH

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**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

*Ave Maria*

Terris Roberts, violin

Charles Gounod

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

**SERMON**

**"Who's In Your Family Tree?"**

*Matt. 1:1-17*

Dr. Jenkins

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

No. 248  
HOUSTON

**\*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
Swedish folk tune, 14th c.  
setting Ferguson

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

Frans. Mikael Franzen

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
setting by Manz

\*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 arrangement** for the services today is given in loving memory of Dan and Edith McEachern, parents of Edith and Myers Hicks.

**Elder Greeters** for this morning's service are Glenn Bell and Ken Lowry.

**Ushers Volunteers:** If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of December, please contact the church office at 662-2583.

**Hanging of the Greens:** Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to participate! To volunteer, please contact Joyce Dalsbo, 662-4145 or Carol Banner, 665-1337.

**Handbell Concert:** The Chancel Handbell Choir will ring in the Advent Season with a sacred Concert on Wednesday Night, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy this holiday tradition at First Presbyterian.

**Advent Prayer Vigil:** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM. This Advent season we reflect on the two advents, or arrivals of Christ. Let us use this time of prayer & preparation for the celebration of His First Coming to especially prepare our hearts and lives for His Second Coming.

**Messiah Performance:** Our Chancel Choir and combined choirs will join the Florence Symphony in presenting Handel's *Messiah* on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Florence Civic Center. Come be a part of this spiritual masterpiece.

**Living Nativity:** In keeping with tradition at First Presbyterian, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will present the Living Nativity on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The Presbyterian Playhouse Choirs (3K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) will serve as choir angels. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite friends and family to enjoy this Children's Ministry Presentation!

**Food Box Ministry:** Experience the joy of Christmas giving! A team is beginning to coordinate our Food Box Ministry. We are in need of volunteers to help deliver the boxes as well as financial donations to help cover the cost of the food. For donations, please mail your check to the church office marked "Food Boxes". We will prepare and deliver the boxes on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer, 662-2583.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:** This Christmas Eve, we will hold our traditional Candlelight/Communion Services at 5:00 & 7:00 PM. Our 5:00 Service will include an extended children's message.

**Church Office Volunteer Opportunity:** If you have some free time Monday afternoons and find yourself twiddling your thumbs, twiddle them here! We are looking for a phone volunteer from noon-5:00 pm on Mondays. If this sparks your interest, please call Shelby at 662-2583.

**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!