

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 29, 2009

9:00 & 11:00 Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.*

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Liturgist

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*As the prelude begins we honor the offerings of our musicians as we
prepare our hearts and minds for worship with our prayerful silence*

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“HOPE”

Randy & Ruth Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: O send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me.

Leader: Why are you cast down, and why are you anxious?

People: I will hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Loving God, we praise You, for through Your Son Jesus Christ You are making all things new.
As we worship You this morning draw us out of the darkness we find in the world. Through
music and prayers and the promises in Your word, fill us with the light of Your presence.
Empower us to carry that light back into the world and share our HOPE with others. AMEN.**

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lay Liturgist

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE SMARTER THAN A STAFF MEMBER?

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(Please Pass Pew Registration Booklets)

Offertory Anthem

“Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord”

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him
above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

“You Are My Hiding Place”

I still remember three feet tall You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of my Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-14 & 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

SERMON

“Episode IV - A New Hope”

Dr. R. Allen Stewart

HYMN OF INVITATION

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** 11:00am Service*

Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in honor of the 73rd Wedding Anniversary of Joseph & Doris Gibson. They are given by Debbie Gibson, Wayne & Mattie Gibson, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Our Prayer Ministry

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. John 1:1*

Extended Prayer Needs: Terry Johnson, Mary Carpenter, Jody DiMarco, Dick Heimerich

Other Prayer Needs: Jane Hamby—Mother of Kathy Carter; Bobby Grizzard—Brother of Carolyn Martin; Michael Gale (Iraq)—Son of Charlie Gale; Kevin Lauriault—Uncle of Zachary Tellano; Olivia Allgood—Daughter of Harriett Hodgkin; Samantha Willis—Daughter of Laura Carter Willis; Billy Nunnally—Brother of Ronnie Nunnally; Evelyn Gresham—Mother of Sandra Story; Burchell Martin—Father of David Martin; Mike & Sharon Teasley; Laura Hill—Sister of Joe Sorrells; Wayne Hudson—Friend of Kay Peppers; Shirley Vickery—Relative of Phyllis Burns; Riley & Becky Lane—Friends of Eddie & Donna Cheek; Angela Cooper—Niece of Peggy Matthews; David Bar-ruth—Brother-in-law of Tracy Evans

Brown Convalescent Ctr—Helen Thornton

Hart Care - Henrietta Roper, Elinor Bond, Sara Nell Bannister

Hartwell Health Care Ctr—Gladys Woody

Lake Point - Willie Burns, Joe Seawright, Randolph Daniel, Hazel Newberry, Alma Brown, Elizabeth Vickery

Gables - Helen Leonard

Brighton Gardens - Kathryn Frye

Homebound- Randy Scott, Charlotte Teasley, Jim Condict, Eva Stamey, Mary Hyland, Maryleene Basinger, Mary Cunningham

Church Family in Military - James Hicks (Iraq); Ben Dewitt—Son of Lynne Adams; Kyle Bucksot; Keith David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Chris David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Jimmy Condict—Grandson of Jean & Jim Condict; Karl Lindquist—Son of Bob & Norma Lindquist; Trav George—Grandson of Travis George; Josh Black—Brother of Joel Black; Caitlin Whittington—Granddaughter of Dottie & Earl Sisson; Tom Eberhardt (Iraq)—Grandson of Mary Chapman

Volunteers for the Week

USHERS: Bill Beasley, Allen Lesseur,
Sara Lesseur, Charles Rice
NURSERY: Kathleen Teel, Ana Gordy

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Marcie Garringer,
Jim Robinson
ACOLYTES: Gabrielle Garringer, Addie Robison

Attendance Last Sunday

9:00 Worship Service 76 Sunday School
10:45 Contemporary Service 128 11:00 Worship Service 139

Opportunities for Worship and Service

Sunday, November 29

9:00am. Early Worship—Sanctuary **10:00am. Sunday School**
10:45am. Contemporary Service—Worship Center **11:00am. Traditional Worship—Sanctuary**
Nursery provided for all services

Monday, November 30

5:00pm Bible Study-Library

Tuesday, December 1

10am/6pm Bible Study-Library
5:00pm Evangelism Comm.-Annex
7:00pm May Lily McCurry Dinner-FH

Wednesday, December 2

9:30am Pre School Chapel - Jeremy
10:00am Staff Meeting-Library
11:30am Sojourners Christmas-FH
1:00pm Prayer Group-Library
4:30pm Kid's Bible Study
5:30pm FNS
5:45pm Children's Party-Jumpy Jumps
6:00pm Second Advent Study-FH
Youth Activities
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 3

7:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean
8:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean
9:00am Disciple Bible Study-Library
6:30pm YAM-Gym

Basketball Schedule for This week

<u>Monday, November 30th</u>				<u>Cedar Creek @ HFUMC</u>			
6:00pm B1	6:45pm B2	7:30pm B3	8:15pm B4				
<u>Tuesday, December 1st</u>				<u>HFUMC @ Flat Shoals</u>			
6:00pm G1	6:45pm G2B	7:30pm B2	8:15pm G3				
<u>HFUMC @ Sardis 6:45pm G2A</u>							
<u>Thursday, December 3rd</u>				<u>HFUMC @ Providence</u>			
6:00pm G1 vs Cornerstone	6:45pm G2A vs Cornerstone						
7:30pm G3 vs Cornerstone	8:15pm B3 vs Providence						



Please remember those that are away from home in your prayers. If you can drop them a card, we know they would appreciate it. **Samantha Kelley** **RCT Whittington, Caitlin**
Box 8105 Point Park Univ. **STC-FRP Box 15210**
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*How do we do all we are called to do?
Each one is only a part
Of the puzzle that makes up God's Church -
Stewardship is a good start!*



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2010 ESTIMATE OF FAITH COMMITMENT

"I will be faithful to Hartwell First United Methodist Church with my **PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, and SERVICE.**" - Public pledge taken when one joins our church.

PRAYER: I/We will commit to pray for our church, its staff and our members and guests,
 _____ Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly

PRESENCE: I/We will commit to attend worship _____ times a month when able.

GIFTS: (Please fill in on the other side of the card)

SERVICE: I/We will commit to serve others _____ hours a week or _____ hours a month.

Name: _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2010 ESTIMATE OF FAITH COMMITMENT

GIFTS: As an expression of my / our Christian stewardship and desire to be faithful to God, it is my / our intention to give the amount indicated to the **General Budget** of our church. It is an estimate only and does not include my / our commitment to the Windows of Opportunity.

\$ _____ per Week \$ _____ per Month \$ _____ per Year

The **TOTAL** amount of my / our **2010** Commitment is: \$ _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

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RON LEVERETTE Custodian

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE SMARTER THAN A STAFF MEMBER?

Haven't we had a good time playing our game the last two Sundays? We hope that you have learned some important information about our church, the programs and the work that we are all doing together, but more importantly we have contributed to the Bowers Fund in a very big way. Thank you from the Church Staff for your contributions to the fund through our game. The first Sunday, we collected \$349.00 and the second Sunday, we collected \$695.00 for a total of \$1044.00. Thank you for your love and generosity to our church and our community.

May Lily McCurry Christmas Dinner
 Tuesday, December 1st
 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall



Sojourners Christmas Dinner
 Wednesday, December 2nd
 11:30am Fellowship Hall



Missions Instead of Poinsettias

This Advent/Christmas Season, instead of Poinsettias honor and remember our loved ones by investing in life and service through sacrifice. Please consider making a donation that will help our youth and young adults. Make a tax deductible donation of \$5.00 (or more) for each person you wish to honor or remember. On December 13th, a special bulletin insert will include these names. **The deadline will be next Sunday, December 6th.** Forms are available on the tables in the back of the worship areas or in the church.

The Hartwell First UMC Chancel Choir & Orchestra Presents:

Let All Heaven & Nature

Sing!

Sunday,
December 6th
7:30pm
Sanctuary

*Before Bethlehem
 no melodies rang,
 no shepherds rejoiced,
 and no angels sang.
 Before Hope was born
 the night seemed so long.
 Before Bethlehem's morn,
 We were singers with no Song.*



Go and tell it on the mountains, let the rocks and hills proclaim. Shout it in the valleys, all creation praise His name! Repeat the sounding joy...let all heaven and nature sing!




A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*A Ministry of Christ caring for people through people.
 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
 Galatians 6:2*

2nd Helping Dinner

What a wonderful opportunity to serve God and our community! Volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back, so you may still sign up with donations and to help out.




UMW CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, December 14th 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Mayor Matt Beasley
Special Music: Sally & Melanie Kearns


\$11.00 per person Reservations due by DECEMBER 8th
Call Judy Cannady or the church office. Nursery Available
EVERYONE INVITED INCLUDING HUSBANDS!






UMW Chrismons for Missions

A new Chrismon tree is being placed in the gathering area of our new building this Christmas season. The UMW are making Chrismons for this tree and all proceeds will go to missions. Please help us by purchasing a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. Next year you will have the opportunity to place the ornament on the tree with a gift to missions. This will be an ongoing way to support missions. Ornaments can be purchased from any UMW member or the church office.



GOD'S CREATIONS 2010 CALENDERS ARE AVAILABLE


The Missions Committee has a very limited number of beautiful wall calendars for sale. Each calendar is full of pictures of God's wonderful creation and scripture verses. This is an excellent way to share God's word with your friends, family members, and your co-workers as Christmas gifts. Each calendar is still only \$6.00. Calendars can be purchased in the church office.



Become Part of Our Wednesday Nights


Family Night Supper will begin at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Menu this week will be:
Meat Loaf

Please sign up on the Orange FNS Reservation Cards available in the pews in the Sanctuary or on the tables in the back of the Fellowship Hall. You may call the church office or email us using the form on the HFUMC website. Dr. Allen Stewart will continue the Advent Series on "The Best Songs Come At Night". This will be a time of reflection, discussion and prayer. Make Christmas a little more meaningful this year by joining in this wonderful study.



Stuff for Kids

We hope you will support the children as they collect money in their stockings to help others this holiday season.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY


December 2nd from 5:45 - 7:00
(drop off & pick up at Jumpy Jumps)

Cost is \$5 per child

IMPORTANT: Release forms **MUST** be turned in by Dec. 1st. Forms can be picked up in the Blastoff room or church office.

SUPPER: Supper will follow at McD's but is optional. Children must have a parent with them - \$5 fee is for Jumpy Jumps.

AT JUMPY JUMPS




Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser...

Sun., Dec. 6th from 9:00 — 10:30
in the Fellowship Hall

Breakfast with Santa

Give Santa your wish list, play a Christmas game, & do a fun Christmas craft.



HOPE



New Series

Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser

Dec 6th 9:00-10:30

We will need help making pancakes and sausage. This year we are requesting breakfast casseroles. Please sign up to volunteer or bring a casserole.



Wednesday Night Schedule

MS 5:30-7:00 HS 7:15-8:30

Youth December Newsletter is on the web

www.standministries.org


Young Adult Ministries

YAM

Thursday, December 3rd 6:30 pm in the Gym.
Come and bring a friend!

YAMS Unites With Habitat on Project

HFUMC is excited to announce that Habitat for Humanity was awarded a grant as a result of the Young Adult Ministry being involved with the Bike and Build group last summer. The Hartwell First Young Adult Day will be announced soon and on the Habitat project all the materials for that day will be supplied by a special grant that was secured. Any young adult interested in helping, please contact Troy Ayers or Dale David at 376-3164.



4 **Unity in the Spirit: Service**
Advent 1 – Episode IV - A New Hope



Budget is one piece of the _____!
 The 2010 proposed Hartwell First UMC budget is:
 \$ _____
 Five work or ministry areas of our budget are:
 1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____
 5. _____

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The passage, announces God’s intention to provide leaders who bring _____ and _____ to the land. Restoration comes through leadership that will not only render the _____ of the people but will also lead them in their _____. A human community that goes by the name “the Lord is our righteousness” understands itself to be _____, _____, and _____ by the Lord. The divine promises of Jeremiah keep us from translating the _____ into a purely otherworldly system that has no concrete connections with our _____.

I Corinthians 4:1-2

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy.

Believers’ _____ and _____ should be placed on their being _____ and _____ trustworthy servants.

PISTOS - _____ or _____ . It is the bottom-line test of a steward. It is one doing _____ ! Paul’s basic and _____ throughout his letters.

PISTIS – _____ or _____ . It is having the right relationship with God. They share the same Greek root.

PISTOS is faith _____ God and PISTIS is Faith _____ God!

Apostles who could, with some worldly legitimacy, claim greatness are properly considered “ _____ / _____ of Christ” and “ _____ of God’s mysteries.”

We are a community of believers functioning together.

1. Pray for one another.
2. Hold ourselves accountable to one another.
3. Be faithful to and minister to one another.
4. Hold each other up in prayer
- 5 Be caring community reaching out to those who are hurting with Love – Peace – Grace

_____ can be counted on!
 That is bedrock.
 _____ is depicted as rightly trusting God to do what God has promised (Rom 4:20).
 _____ ,
 _____ is derivative and reflective of God’s trustworthiness.

