

## *Second Sunday In Advent*

The Nominating Committee reports that they have a list of candidates to serve in the positions of Elders and Deacons. They are as follows:

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2011

Pat Gibson  
William Henning  
Anna Jones  
Connie Winslow

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2009

Kelly Bandfield  
Don Kerr

#### Class of 2011

Ken Bennett  
Nan Bennett  
Betty Geniac  
Joyce Koback  
Julie Murray



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10:00 AM

Welcome  
Visitors!

Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The \* symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

God of peace, come! Enter into this Advent Season with the grace of joy and laughter. Fill faces with smiles of delight and voices of pleasure. Let this gift come from deep within. Replenish all with the joyful blessings that only your peace can bring. Amen.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please sign fellowship book found in pews.**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kelly Bandfield, Liturgist

This is the season of Advent, a time to get ready!

**Just as we would prepare for a splendid feast;**

Just as we would prepare for a child joining our family;

**Just as we would prepare to give or receive a most precious gift;**

So let us prepare our hearts and our minds for the coming of Jesus!

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

The Bandfield Family

**FIRST READER:** The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

**People: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

We are delighted to have you in our service this morning! Every Sunday, we are privileged to have people attending our church for the first time and we want you to feel welcome among us.

**PLEASE SIGN THE FELLOWSHIP BOOK**

found in the pews. We would like to know of your presence this morning.

**PLEASE SHARE PRAYER JOYS/**

**CONCERNS** on the Prayer card; they will be included in the Prayers of the People during the service, and added to the Prayer Chain.

**A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR**

**CHILDREN** are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

**SUNDAY SERMON**

**TAPES** are available by contacting the church office.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** or know someone who is, please call Rev. Pat at the church (419-475-4436) or at her cell (419-215-2939).

**Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.**

**Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, December 28, 2008.**

Visit **THE CARD TABLE** in the narthex to sign or request cards to remember members of the Fairgreen family. Are you in need of prayer? The **FAIRGREEN PRAYER CHAIN** is here for you. Call Leone Sattler at 419-474-1723 or Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.

**Number who worshiped with us on November 30, 2008: 75**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Tim Eichenauer, Fred & Patti Nordhoff

TODAY'S GREETER: Maud Pearson

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Bev King, Jean Burtch, Anna Jones

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Sally Kille

NEXT SUNDAY ADVENT READERS: The Ott Family

**Special Announcements**

**Mid-Week Advent Meals & Worship** ~ Join us on Wednesday December 10 & 17th at 6:30pm for a meal, followed by a worship service in the sanctuary. We ask that you please bring your own place settings. This is a bring a friend and your children and grandchildren event.

**Deacon's Christmas Baskets** ~ The Christmas baskets will be packed on Friday, December 12th beginning at noon to 6pm with basket pickup from 6-7:30pm. Then on Saturday December 13th we will have basket pickup from 9am-12pm. Many volunteers are needed in making up these baskets. If you are able to deliver a basket or two please Contact Carol Yeager or Linda Hoover

**Adult Sunday School Class** ~ Who was the brother of Jesus? Who was not a believer until after the resurrection? Who became the head of the church in Jerusalem? What is probably the oldest letter in the New Testament? Does his epistle contradict Paul? These and other questions will be addressed in a series of Sunday School lessons lead by Bill Smith in the lounge. Bring your coffee and roll, but don't forget your Bible!

**Family Promise/IHN** ~ Fairgreen Church will host a dinner on Monday, December 15, 2008 to IHN guests at Pilgrim Church. We currently have four families in the Network; 4 adults and 9 children. Even though this is a busy season, I hope you will want to share a few hours of your time serving a dinner to the children and their parents who are less fortunate than us. Please see the sign-up board in the Narthex. Helping others...there is no better way to enjoy the Christmas season.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

“The Gloria Patri” (#579)

**THE TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

**KID’S FOR CHRIST** ~ The children that are in Preschool through second grade are dismissed to go with their teacher to their class which will be held in room 110.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13**

Kelly Bandfield, Liturgist  
pg. 923 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**

**Isaiah 40: 1-11**

pg. 1119 (OT) in the pew Bible

**THIRD READING**

**Mark 1: 1-18**

pg. 1551 (NT) in the pew Bible

**SERMON**

**“God Comforts the Repentant”**

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN # 505**

“Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread”

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

Kelly Bandfield

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY (#592)**

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**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Invitation**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, Gracious God. You created us and loved us, even when we turned away. Through your prophets you promised to send us a savior. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive your Incarnation, that we may know you through Jesus Christ and sing with all the saints in glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ. He came and lived among us, teaching and healing, showing us new ways to live and love. At his final meal with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Jesus did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.” In remembrance and thanks for this gift of Jesus Christ, we give ourselves to you, O God, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised; Christ is born; Christ will dwell among us.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, and on us your children. Form us into your body, the church, that we may be your body in the world.

**Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Blessing of the Bread and Cup  
The Communion of the People of God  
Prayer after Communion**

**\*HYMN #56**

“The First Nowell”

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— #535 “Go With Us Lord”**

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and True  
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

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**Next Week ~ Third Sunday in Advent; Praise Band will play and there is a Confirmation Class at 11:15am.**

**Texts:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1: 47-55; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28