

frazzled (Matthew 3:1-12)

so frayed, so frazzled,
so harried, so hassled . . .

it's so hard to get prepared:
just when we think every present is bought,
and unexpected one arrives and,
of course, we have to go out
to buy one for that person;
as we gaze at the outside lights
that have been hung and arranged
(so lovingly, so carefully),
a strand goes out,
and so another trip to the store;

we know the way to the malls so well
we could drive there with our eyes closed
(and probably do sometimes!);
the path to the post office is well worn
from all the trips to mail parcels,
to get more stamps.

Christmas Day draws nearer and nearer
and the activity level increases
(as does our stress);
the days grow shorter and shorter
(since we obviously don't have
enough hours in each one
to get everything done!).

so frayed, so frazzled,
so harried, so hassled,
we might not hear the voice
calling to us:
'prepare the way, the Lord is coming!
his path will lead you straight
to the kingdom.'

open our ears, Lord, open our ears.
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Second Sunday of Advent



December 5, 2010

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10:00 AM



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



Welcome
Visitors!

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 home (419-534-3739) or her cell (419-215-2939).

Second Sunday of Advent

SILENT REFLECTION

Tender Christ, in this sacred meantime, guard our hearts and prepare our minds, so that we may wait creatively, not distracted by the obligations of the season, nor unready by sloth. Prepare us, that at your coming we may recognize you and rejoice in your appearing. Grant us the courage to pray as people who believe in your appearing.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

GREETINGS

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tammy O'Dwyer, Liturgist

Come let us worship the God who invites us to enter this space we call Advent—a space of mindfulness where the life of the Spirit touches us at the point of deepest meaning and mystery.

God surrounds all our endeavors and embraces our longings. May we catch the vision: God is coming; truth, justice and compassion are coming into our world. The God of peace is with us now.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING ~

Tammy O'Dwyer & Marilyn McAfee

First Reader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

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 Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or Woody Cole at 419-833-1394 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.

Number who worshiped with us on November 28, 2010: 81

TODAY'S USHERS: Dick Schroeder, Capt./ Marilyn McAfee, Jackie Campbell, Richard Redd

TODAY'S GREETER: Maud Pearson

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Tammy O'Dwyer & Marilyn McAfee

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Tim & Toby Eichenauer

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Pat Gibson, Capt./ Linda Hoover, Jean Burtch, Bev King

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck

NEXT SUNDAY'S ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Gardy & Kelly Bandfield & Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Marilyn McAfee & Judy Stuart

Special Announcements

Combined Elder/Deacon Meeting ~ Attention Elders and Deacons we will be having a combined meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 7pm in the Commons.

Scrip Cards ~ The Deacons will hold a Scrip Card Contest from November 14—December 12th, 2010. For each \$20 spent in Scrip cards, your name will be entered in a drawing for choice from several free Scrip cards. The drawing will be held on December 19, 2010. A large variety of cards are in stock. Orders take just a few days and can be picked up from the office or delivered to you at church.

Mid-Week Advent Worship ~ Join us for our Mid-Week Advent Worship service followed by Cookies and Conversation. We will meet on the following Wednesdays at 7pm: December 8, 15, and 22. We will explore "Christmas Gift that won't break."

Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~ There will be No Potluck or Lectionary Bible Study on the following Thursdays: December 16, 23 and 30. But join us on Thursday, December 9 at noon for a potluck lunch and Lectionary Study.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ This will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, December 12th. If you would like to be baptized or if you would like to present a child to receive the sacrament, please speak to Rev. Pat as soon as possible.

Calendar for the Week of December 6—12, 2010

Monday, Dec. 6 ~ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons
Tuesday, Dec. 7 ~ Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm
 Mega Meetings at 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 8 ~ Staff Meeting at 10:30am in lounge
 Mid-Week Advent service & Cookie Conversations
 7pm
Thursday, Dec. 9 ~ Potluck lunch 12:00pm
 Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm
 Choir practice at 6:30pm
Friday, Dec. 10 ~ No Food Pantry
 Deacons Basket Packing at noon with pickup from 5-7pm
Saturday, Dec. 11 ~ Deacons Basket pickup from 10am-noon
Sunday, Dec. 12 ~ Adult Sunday School at 9am; 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Worship Service 10:00am; Praise Band, Communion
 by Intinction and Sacrament of Baptism

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:30pm

FOR ADULTS:

Early Bible Study—9 amIn Lounge
 Bible Study—11:30.....In Lounge
 Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

OR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – Preschool).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105
 Kindergarten (4yrs. Old).....Rm 104
 Grades 1-8..... Downstairs
 9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, December 19, 2010.

Second Reader: Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope.

***HYMN OF THE SEASON ~** (verses 1, 2) (see screen) “Come, Lord Jesus, We are Waiting”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

We, who have stood in the refreshing waters of baptism, often forget our need to be cleansed. We, who have heard the voice of love, often speak with anger and meanness to others. God calls us to be wise enough to change our ways, so let us answer with our confessions, as we pray together saying,

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We long for you to come to us, Creator of Goodness. But too often, we do not seem to share your vision of how the world should be, or we are to live. You dream of resentful enemies sitting down together, but we feast on bitterness. You would have us sing with one voice, but we prefer to be soloists. You would have us serve others, but we sit quietly, expecting you to come and fill our every need.

Forgive us, Approaching God, and help us to turn to welcome you with open arms. May we prepare for your coming by opening our hearts to that healing hope and surprising mercy which is ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is God’s word of acceptance and affirmation: we are forgiven, we are loved, we are called to be servants to all creation.

Forgiveness falls like a gentle shower upon us, sinking deep into our hearts and souls, so we might be nourished and nurtured as God’s children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

“The Gloria Patri” (#579)

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 blue room #104.

THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Tammy O'Dwyer
pg. 908(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"The King Shall Come"

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING
SERMON**

**Isaiah 11: 1-10
"The Peaceable Kingdom"**

pg. 1076(OT) in the pew Bible
Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN ~ #386**

"O For a World"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Litany of Peace**

Wonder of Wonders—the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Wonder of wonders—the calf and lion together shall be led by a little child.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—cow and bear, lion and ox shall share their dinner in peace.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Wonder of wonders—the nursing baby will play with the serpent, and a child will sit unharmed by the venomous snake.

No one shall hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.

Wonder of wonders—the Messiah shall judge for the world's poor, for the meek, the lowly, and the little ones of the earth.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

This is how you shall know the Messiah—by the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and fear of God.

**Wonder beyond wonders, grace upon grace, joy at the heart of joy!
Peace for one, peace for all!**

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

Tammy O'Dwyer

***DOXOLOGY**

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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

We Go Forth into the World

***HYMN OF ANTICIPATION ~ #9**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me:
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

**Next Week ~ Adult Sunday School at 9am; 3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service
10:00am; Praise Band, Communion by Intinction and Sacrament of Baptism.
Texts: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11**