

Winter Teaches Me

Winter teaches me patience:

Walk carefully on icy sidewalks.

Drive slower through snarled traffic.

Take more time to put on layers of clothes.

Wait for streets to be cleared of snow.

Be understanding about mail arriving late.

Winter strengthens my courage:

Go out into windy, freezing air.

Risk traveling on snowy roads.

Dress warmly and go for a walk.

Ski through woods, alone and free.

Be at peace in long days of darkness.

Winter brings me beauty:

Look up at the star-filled sky.

Pause to breathe the crisp air.

Vigil with steel-blue sunsets.

Marvel at frost etchings on windows.

Sink boots into soft, sensual powder.

Winter gives me silent hope:

Touch the terminal buds on branches.

Clear the snow and find green moss below.

Watch the sunlight fade, then linger longer.

Stand with the strength of evergreen trees.

Listen to birds cheeping at the feeder.

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JOYCE RUPP

## *making* MESSIAH *known*



MATTHEW 2:1-12

*January 9, 2011*

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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 at her cell (419-215-2939).

Epiphany

**SILENT REFLECTION**

To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping, bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

**GREETING**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

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

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

John MacPherson, Liturgist

We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

**Like a bright star in the night sky, the life of Christ lights up the whole world.**

The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

**The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be, where we have been and where we should go.**

Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

**\*HYMN ~ #2095**

"Star Child"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, who has pity on the weak and needy, we come before you admitting our brokenness. We confess that we have not been a source of light to those in desperate need of light, and we confess**

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

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 January 2, 2011: 64**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Patti Reiter, Linda Hoover, Betty Geniac

TODAY'S GREETER: Louise Hughes

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Ken & Nan Bennett

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS:

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER:

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Kim Jensen & Ed Wolff

**Special Announcements**

**Living the Questions Class ~** This class meets on Wednesday's from 6-7:30pm in the church lounge.

**Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~** All are welcome to join us every Thursday at noon for a potluck lunch. After lunch, (12:45pm) we will go to the lounge where Rev. Pat will share with us the Lectionary Bible Study lessons.

**Women's Retreat ~** The Fairgreen Women's Retreat will be held at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio on February 11 & 12th, 2011. The cost is \$55.00 per person. This includes your breakfast and lunch on Saturday and everyone has their own room and the bedding is provided. Registration sign-up will begin on Sunday, January 23rd and will end on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

**Annual Report & Church Directory ~** All written and financial reports are due into the church office by Friday, January 14, 2011. If you have any questions please call the church office at 419-475-4436. Please turn your information form into the church office for the church directory no later than January 16, 2011.

**New Fellowship Books ~** Welcome! Welcome! Help, help! New Fellowship books are in every pew, new insides, recycled covers. We really need you to pass and sign these books for connecting with those you share a pew with and for our church record keeping. Pause a minute to sign and maybe send a quick prayer for each person recorded. Thank you, thank you! Your Outreach Committee

Next Week Sunday ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; No 9am Bible Study; Worship 10am; Praise Band plays; Communion by Intinction. Great Banquet Board meeting 4:30pm followed by the Gathering at 6pm.  
 Texts: Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

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**Calendar for the Week of January 10—16, 2011**

**Monday, Jan. 10 ~** Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
 Deacons Meeting 7pm in the lounge  
 Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons

**Tuesday, Jan. 11 ~** Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
 Session Meeting 7pm in the lounge

**Wednesday, Jan. 12 ~** Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge  
 Living the Questions Class from 6-7:30pm in lounge

**Thursday, Jan. 13 ~** Potluck lunch at noon  
 Lectionary Bible Study at 12:45pm  
 Choir practice 6:30pm  
 Praise Band Practice 8:00pm

**Friday, Jan. 14 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm  
 Food Distribution 12-1:00pm

**Saturday, Jan. 15 ~** Karen Herren's Retirement Party in the Commons  
 from 6-8:30pm (Everyone invited, see insert)

**Sunday, Jan. 16 ~** 9am Bible Study in lounge; Worship Service 10:00am;  
 Communion by Intinction and the Praise Band will  
 provide the music. Great Banquet Board meeting at  
 4:30pm followed by the Gathering at 6pm

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:30AM**

**FOR ADULTS:**

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

**FOR CHILDREN:**

Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105  
 Preschool/Kindergarten .....Rm 104  
 Grades 1-8..... Downstairs  
 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

that we have run from your light, preferring to hide in the dark places of our own need. Have mercy on us. Lift up your eyes and look around. Shine the light of your love on us all, that we may reflect your light in the places of our lives. Amen.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

God indeed looks up and sees our need. In Jesus, God has shined the light of love on us all. In the warm glow of God's light, our path is illumined and we leave this place enabled to look up and see the need of those around us. For this great gift, we give thanks! 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**

John MacPherson

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 60: 1-6

pg.1155 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

" Venite Adoremus"

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 2: 1-12

pg.1497 (NT) in the pew Bible

**SERMON**

"Making the Messiah Known"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN ~ #65**

"Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky"

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

John MacPherson

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

Praise God whose Son was born this night.  
 Praise Christ who came to give us light.  
 Praise Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
 Let praises ring, thy will be done. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

#### THE LITANY OF GIFTS

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**But it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.**

## STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church now ordains Linda Hoover and Cindy Bosley-Smith to the office of Elder and Erika Dunn, Tammy O'Dwyer and Judy Stuart to the office of Deacon and installs them to active service.

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: Elders Fred King and Patti Nordhoff; and Deacons John MacPherson and Fred Nordhoff.

### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

#### RENUNCIATIONS AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eternal and gracious God,...By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now forever. Amen.

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, accept these people as our elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, respecting their decisions, and to follow them as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church? **We do.**

## THE ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS of the Deacons and Elders

### PRAYER BY THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Gracious God, you have chosen me. Now give me the strength, wisdom, and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER BY THE CONGREGATION

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

As the people of the Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, let us pray...

**God of grace, you called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation; give us the courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### WELCOME TO MINISTRY

\*HYMN ~ #525

"Here I Am, Lord"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Pat

\*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.**