

# A New Year Prayer

As we cross the threshold into yet another new year...

God of the threshold this we pray:

that what comes in enters by consent,

by invitation;

that what passes through crosses over with grace,

with mercy;

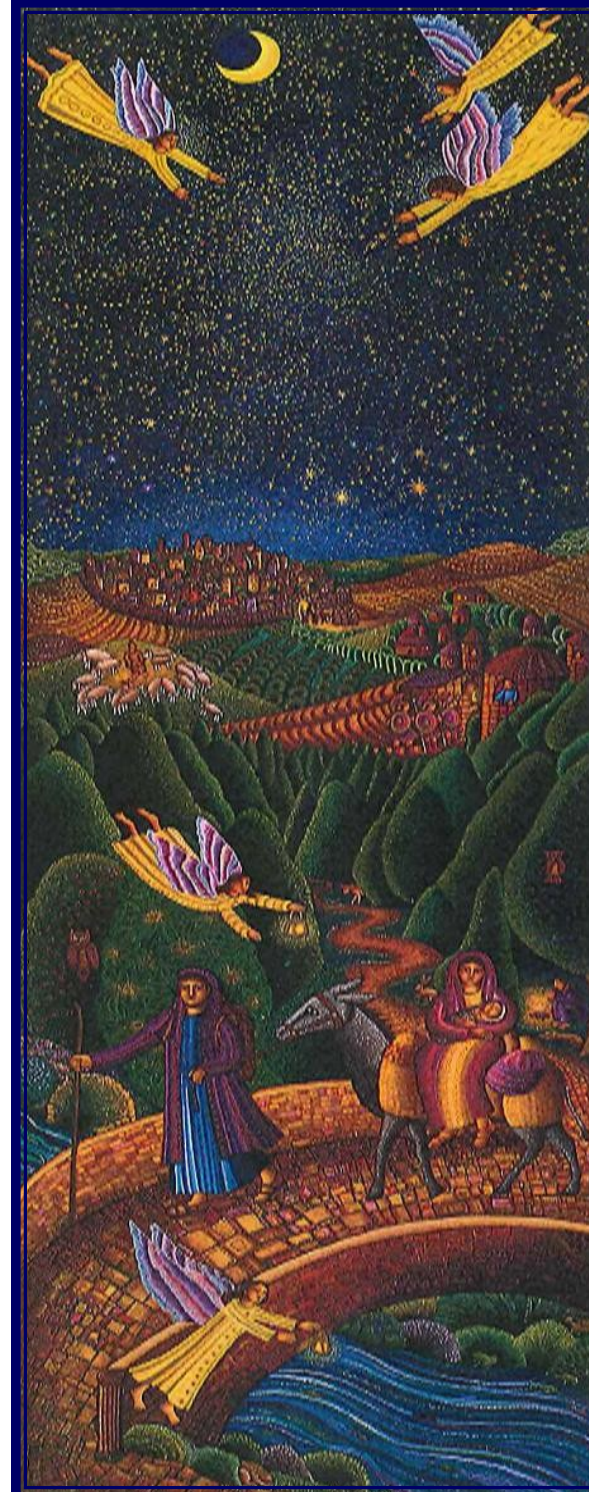
that what dwells within resides in delight,

in integrity;

that what goes forth emerges for peace,

for blessing.

Night Visions, week seven: thresholds by Jan L. Richardson



## FAIRGREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NEW YEARS DAY  
JANUARY 1, 2012



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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).

**New Years Day**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**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!**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord in the heavens; praise God with the hosts on high!

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!**

Praise the Lord from earth to sky, for God commanded, and all was created.

**The name of the Lord alone is exalted, and God's splendor covers heaven and earth!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Holy One, you gave us the gift of life, you put us in a stunning world, and you made us free to choose. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, you gave us new life and new hope for knowing you. May that Light shine though our choices, our words, and our acts, so that others will praise you, source of Light and Love. Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE ~**

**Number who worshiped with us on December 25, 2011: 40**

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Fred & Patti Nordhoff, Fred & Bev King

TODAY'S GREETER: Bonnie Buehrer

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Ken Bennett & Dan Yeager

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Christina Roebuck & Agnes McKinstry,  
Linda Hoover, Kim Jensen

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Dolores Tippin

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Aggie & Denise Burtch

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Tim Eichenauer

**Special Announcements**

**Church Office Closed ~** The church office will be closed for New Years on Monday, January 2nd.

**2012 Offering Envelopes ~** Don't forget to stop by the table in the narthex in front of the name tags board to pick up your giving envelopes for 2012.

**Per Capita Apportionment ~** The year 2012 per capita apportionment is \$27.71 per person. There will be a per capita giving envelope in the offering envelope packet that you will receive. We ask that you wait until after the first of the year to pay your per capita. Thank you.

**Ordination and Installation of Officers ~** This will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2012 in the morning worship service.

**Annual Report ~** All written and financial reports are due into the church office by Thursday, January 12, 2012. If you have any questions regarding the written reports please contact Darlene in the church office and for the financial reports please contact Tim Eichenauer. Thank you.

**Church Directory ~** Please turn your information form into the church office for the church directory no later than Sunday, January 8, 2012. A 2012 church directory will be available on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at our Annual Business Meeting. We ask that you only take one per family. Thank you.

**Calendar for the Week of January 2—8, 2012**

**Monday, Jan. 2 ~** No Adult Volleyball  
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, Jan. 3 ~** Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
Mega Meetings at 7pm

**Wednesday, Jan. 4 ~** Staff Meeting 10:30am in lounge

**Thursday, Jan. 5 ~** No Potluck lunch or Lectionary Bible Study  
Choir practice 2:30pm

**Friday, Jan. 6 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm  
Elder/Deacon Retreat at the Lial Renewal Center in  
Whitehouse Ohio arrival time 7pm

**Saturday, Jan. 7 ~** Elder/Deacon Retreat at the Lial Renewal Center  
ending at 4pm

**Sunday, Jan. 8 ~** Baptism of the Lord; Worship Service 10:00am;  
Geneva Choir to sing; Ordination and Installation of  
Officers

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30am-12:30pm**

**FOR ADULTS:**  
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

**FOR CHILDREN:**  
Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old).....(available 9:45am-11:30am).....Rm.105

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Narthex.

*The January/February Newsletter will be published on Tuesday January 10th.  
If you have an article(s) that you would like included in this addition of the  
Leaves please have it in the office no later than Sunday, January 8, 2012.*

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.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubts. Renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*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 the blue room #104.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**FIRST READING**

**CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM** ~ “Dona Nobis Pacem”

**SECOND READING**

**SERMON**

“The Presentation”

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN ~**

**THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS  
THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION  
INVITATION**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

**According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (prayer based on Rev. 21:1-6a)

The home of God is among mortals.

**We are glad God is here.**

Let us give God thanks and praise.

**We are thankful for our lives, and praise God for blessings, toward us.**

We are grateful to you, O God, Creator of the new heaven and new earth, and of gifts yet to come, more than we can even imagine.

**You, O God, make all things new.**

You dwell among us and call us to be your people.

You dry the tears from our eyes.

You take away the power of death.

You bring us through mourning and crying and pain to be with you.

**You, O God, make all things new.**

In a surprising gesture, you came in human form to dwell among us. Through Jesus Christ, you turned the world upside down—healing our diseases, teaching us new ways of thinking, living with us into new ways of community, overcoming sin and death to rise again in newness of life. We remember his life, death and resurrection with thanksgiving.

**You, O God, make all things new.**

Come now, with your Holy Spirit, and make us anew. Release us from our old burdens of hate and sorrow. Free us from our doubts and fears. Transform us into your people, full of love and joy, ready to do justice and dwell with you.

**You, O God, make all things new.**

By your Spirit, bless these elements and use them in your transformation of us, that Christ may indeed dwell in us and we in You, Great God, Three-in-One.

**Amen.**

**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

*(As you come forward using the center aisle to receive the gifts from God, please place your gifts to God in the offering plate and then receive first the bread and then dip it into the cup to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please stay in the pew and we will come to you.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Doxology for Christmas**

**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.**

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

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.**

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**Next Week ~ Baptism of the Lord ~ Worship Service 10am; Geneva Choir to sing; Ordination and Installation of Officers  
Texts: Genesis: 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11**