



10:00 AM

Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



Second Sunday in Advent

SILENT REFLECTION

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming, and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. 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!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC ~ #2165 Cry of My Heart; #2212 My Life Flows On

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Pat

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE ~ #2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Jessie Murray & Chelsea Robinson

One: Today we light the second Advent candle, the candle of comfort and hope. This candle is offered as a reminder that throughout the history of the world God has reached out to us to offer us words of comfort and hope in times of loss and disappointment. As the candle glows let us remember that God who is without beginning and without end, promises to be with us always.

All: O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue to come into our lives bringing us joy as well as hope and comfort. We are watching and waiting anticipating once more the gift of your words. May we gift one another with the words of your promises just as you continue to gift us. Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Little Drummer Boy ~ On December 23rd during regular worship service, there is a particular theme planned: Little Drummer Boy Sunday, for the 4th Sunday in Advent. The focus is on gifts, giving and receiving, and God's Gift to us. Please consider taking part. Do you have a gift to offer that morning? Perhaps yours will be a silent offering-written on a piece of paper that will be available that day in your pew. Or perhaps you have a piece of artwork we could see (on the projector or on an easel). There will be other "offerings" of this kind throughout the worship service, and we're really hoping to count you in! Please RSVP if you have an interest in "giving" your gift in this way to the congregation and the Glory of God that morning. Let us know by Sunday, December 16th-call 419-893-3426, or email cinshan@sbcglobal.net. Talk with Cindy Smith if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless!

Scrip Cards ~ Are you interested in purchasing a Bob Evans gift card? How about a Speedway gas card or a Kohl's card? These cards and many others are now in stock. Please see Julie Murray or Darlene Hughes for filling your immediate needs. Several businesses have been added to the Scrip order form: Beirut, Family Christian Store, Golf Galaxy, Handel's, Menard's, and PF Changs are all on the newest Script list. Are you going to Café Maries, Classic Café or Applebee's? Do you need a gift card for Blockbuster, Family Video, National Amusement Movie Theaters, Marco's, or Bath and Body Works? These are just some of the variety of cards available on the Scrip order form and can be delivered within a week's time. Scrip card sales help to support the Deacon's charitable donations like IHN.

The Angel Tree is now up in the Narthex ~ Please choose an angel listing an item needed for Christmas gifts to accompany the food baskets. On the writing pad at the Welcome Center please sign your name next to the listing of the item you took. Please return the wrapped gift, with the angel attached, to the Narthex by Monday, December 10th. We will also be wrapping gifts on December 13th and 14th. Volunteer wrappers are welcome.

Advent Wreath Lighter's for December ~
December 16 ~ Aaron Winslow and Jody Skinner
December 23 ~ Emma Bosley-Smith and Derek Nordhoff
December 24 ~ Emma Bosley-Smith and Jody Skinner

Sunday School 11:15am – 12:00pm

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study.....In Lounge

Faith Sharing Bible Study.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105

Kindergarten – 5th grade.....Room behind Sanctuary

6th – 8th grade.....Downstairs Junior High Room

9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour at 11:00am in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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 December 2, 2007: 100

TODAY'S GREETERS & WELL WISHERS 10:00: Ken & Nan Bennett

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Sharon Durrant, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Kay Amendola,
Bob Martz

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Bonnie Buehrer

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Fred King

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Anne Rubley, Liturgist

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 1-11

pg.1119 (OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM

"You Are Mine"

Praise Band

SECOND READING

John 10: 1-18

pg.1666 (NT) in the pew bible

SERMON

"Christmas: the Gift of Comfort and Hope"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2260

"Come Share the Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Anne Rubley

OFFERING

*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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Anne Rubley

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the Lord of Advent be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your waiting hearts.

We lift them to the One whose heart longs for us.

People of God, give thanks to the One who draws near to us.

It is always good and right to stand in your house of peace with thanksgiving on our lips, Holy God. ...Finally, you sent Jesus to remind us that it was time to become your children once again.

Therefore, we come to you, our songs of thanksgiving and our prayers for peace mingling with those of every time and place as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heav'n 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, God who comes to us, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Salvation...As we remember Immanuel coming to us, let us prepare ourselves even as we live into the mystery of our faith declaring:

Christ had died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

In this time of anticipation, send your Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and of the cup, and on those who gather around the Table of Joy... Then, when that day and hour come, and we are gathered with our sisters and our brothers, our enemies and our friends, around the Feast in Heaven, we will be bound firmly together for all eternity with you, walking in your Light, as we sing forever of God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— #2260 Let Us Be Bread

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and share, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.**

Next Week ~ The Third Sunday of Advent will be celebrated with the lighting of the Candle of Life, Holy Communion by Intinction and special music by the Choir. The theme for worship will be Christmas: the Gift of Life. The texts for the day will be Haggai: 6-9 and John 6: 35-59 one of the great "I Am" texts found in that gospel.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10-16 , 2007

Monday, Dec. 10 ~	Adult Volleyball 7-9pm
Tuesday, Dec. 11 ~	TAC meeting and luncheon at noon at Fairgreen Session meeting 7pm (combined Elder/Deacon)
Wednesday, Dec. 12 ~	Staff Mtg. 11am Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 13 ~	Potluck noon; Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm Choir 6:30pm
Friday, Dec. 14 ~	Food Pantry 10-12pm
Saturday, Dec. 15 ~	Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in lounge
Sunday, Dec. 16 ~	3rd Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with the lighting of the Candle of Life; Advent wreath lighters: Aaron Winslow & Jody Skinner; Holy Communion by Intinction and special music by the Choir. Great Banquet Board meeting at 4:30pm followed by the Gathering at 6pm.