

**Thought for the Week**

**Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me**

*Open unto me—light for  
my darkness*

*Open unto me—courage for  
my fear*

*Open unto me—hope for  
my despair*

*Open unto me—peace for  
my turmoil*

*Open unto me—joy for  
my sorrow*

*Open unto me—strength for  
my weakness*

*Open unto me—wisdom for  
my confusion*

*Open unto me—forgiveness for  
my sins*

*Open unto me—tenderness for  
my toughness*

*Open unto me—love for  
my hates*

*Open unto me—Thy Self for  
my self*

**Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me**

**The Moods of Christmas by Howard Thurman**

*Second Sunday In Advent*



*He shall  
be great  
and shall be  
called the  
Son of the  
Highest.*

*Luke 1:32*

*December 6, 2009*

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10:00 AM



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



**Second Sunday in Advent**

**SILENT REFLECTION ~** from Knelling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems

Each year the Child is born again.  
Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees,  
finally knows love.  
And in heaven there is great rejoicing!  
There is a festival of stars!  
There is a celebration among the angels!  
For in the finding one lost sheep, the heart of the  
Shepherd is glad, and Christmas has happened once  
more.  
The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed!

**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**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barb Roadruck, Liturgist

Make ready a pathway for our God.  
**Clean out the debris in our hearts and our closets.**  
Clear out a space in our calendars.  
**Put aside any sense of unworthiness.**  
And focus on the One who comes to love us.  
**Prepare a place in our homes and hearts.**  
Set the table and light the candles,  
**For Christ is coming.**

**\*HYMN #9**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**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).

**Number who worshiped with us on November 29, 2009: 84**

TODAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ John MacPherson, Fred King, Sharon Durrant

TODAY'S GREETER: Mary Maeder

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred Nordhoff, Capt./ Patti Nordhoff, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Ken & Nan Bennett

NEXT SUNDAY'S ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTER'S ~ Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck

**Special Announcements**

**Church Directory Update ~**

Linda Martz 1138 Four Seasons Dr. Apt. 8 Toledo, Ohio 43615 ph.419-382-1012

**Mid-Week Advent Worship ~** Join us on Wednesday's on December 9, 16, and 23 at

6:30pm for service. After the service we will share in some refreshments and fellowship.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program ~** Fairgreen Church is now participating in the

Kroger Community Rewards Program. The Deacons will receive funds from Kroger's when members and friends of our congregation register their Kroger Plus cards. Once your card is registered, a percentage of your grocery purchases will be sent by Kroger's to the Deacons. It does not cost you any additional funds. Kroger's is making the donation on your behalf. You can pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center. See Jan Anderson for more information.

**Combined Elder/Deacon Meeting ~** Attention Elders and Deacons we will be having a

combined meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm in the Commons.

**Congregational Meeting ~** There will be a Congregational Meeting today right after the

service to elect officers for the Class of 2010 and to approve Rev. Pat's Compensation package for 2010.

**Calendar for the Week of December 7-13, 2009**

**Monday, Dec. 7 ~ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 8 ~ Combined Elder & Deacon Meeting 7pm**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 9 ~ TAC Luncheon at 11:30am**  
**Mid-Week Advent Worship Service 6:30pm**  
**Thursday, Dec. 10 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am**  
**Potluck lunch noon**  
**Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm**  
**Choir practice 6:30pm**  
**Friday, Dec. 11 ~ No Food Pantry or Food Distribution**  
**Deacons Christmas Basket Packing 9am with**  
**Pick up from 5:30-7:30pm**  
**Saturday, Dec. 12 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am**  
**Deacons Christmas Basket Pick up 10am-12pm**  
**Sunday, Dec. 13 ~ Third Sunday in Advent; The Geneva Choir will sing.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:20-12:30AM**

**FOR ADULTS:**

**Bible Study.....In Lounge**  
**Faith Sharing Class.....In Library**

**FOR CHILDREN:**

**Nursery Room (birth – Preschool).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105**  
**Grades 1-5..... Downstairs Computer Room**  
**Grades 6-8.....Downstairs Junior High Room**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20, 2009.***

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.

**ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY ~ The Water Candle**

Mike & Barb Roadruck

The second candle honors water, in which we all are brought to life.

*It honors the water that cradled the Child in Mary's womb and the water of the river Jordan in which Jesus was baptized.*

It honors the Seas of Galilee that filled fishing nets for him and the Sea of Tiberius that will let him walk upon its waves.

*It honors the well of Jacob, where Jesus gave himself as living water to a woman in need.*

**May this candle waken in us our longing for Christmas and our thirst for the birth of the Christ Child in our heart once again.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2090**

"The Advent Song" (vs. 2)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in the furnace of your love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look with mercy on us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that will return us to a way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

**\*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 room 110.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Barb Roadruck

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 145**

pg. 979(OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

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Geneva Choir

**GOSPEL READING  
SERMON**

**Luke 1: Assorted Verses** pg.1587 (NT) in the pew Bible  
**"The Unfamiliar Faces of Christmas ~  
Elizabeth and Her Son"** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN #602**

"Song of Zechariah"

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

Barb Roadruck

**\*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.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**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 THE CUP  
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 "Let Us Be Bread"**

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

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**Next Week ~ Third Sunday in Advent.** The Geneva Choir will sing. We will continue our sermon series on the Unfamiliar Faces of Christmas looking this time at the Court Clerk and his decree.

**Our Texts for the Day: Isaiah 12: 2-6 and Luke 2**