



*Hope shone forth from an infant child.  
In the manger that cold dark night  
In humility, God himself appeared mild.  
Yet His plan moved forth in all its might.*

*Salvation to humanity was born  
The angels could not help but sing  
This Infant Child would bear our scorn  
This newborn Sovereign King.*

*Helpless was mankind in sin  
Until the star shone forth its light  
Our salvation to begin  
Bringing hope to the contrite*

*The sin we bear has shown us guilty  
Under the righteousness of God  
Our defense is proven faulty  
As He sees through our facade*

*But this Child would fulfill  
The law that we could not  
And by our sin, His blood we'd spill  
to pay our debt and take our lot*

*There is no guilt, which can't be cleansed  
The darkest stains can be removed  
When His Grace has been dispensed  
By Jesus Christ, in Him approved*

*Let us worship the infant child  
Born, a life, to set us free  
By His grace we are beguiled  
Infant born of sovereign decree*

*-Doug Eaton-*



# Epiphany

January 4, 2009

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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 of the Lord**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**PRELUDE**

"Joy to the World"

The Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Julie Murray, Liturgist

There's the star in the sky.

**We follow the light.**

There's the light of the world.

**We follow the light.**

We are called to light the world ourselves.

**We shine in the darkness, and live with the consequences of illumination.**

The dayspring from on high breaks upon us.

**Joy comes with the morning. Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN #22**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**Special Announcements**

**MEMORIES** of loved ones can be expressed ANYTIME with a memorial contribution to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church.

**Communion Table Flowers ~** If anyone would be interested in having flowers placed on the Communion table on Sunday's to celebrate an occasion or maybe in loving memory of a loved one who has passed away, please feel free to contact Darlene in the church office and she will be more than glad to order the floral arrangement through our Florist at a cost of \$25.

**Scrip Cards ~** Just a reminder that we have scrip gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays with Julie Murray and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm. When you purchase these gift cards our church benefits from it financially. Not only are you receiving the card to use it, but the church is receiving a percentage back from each gift card that is purchased. Plan ahead and look at the month to see what cards you will need in making your purchases, eating out, buying gas etc. Missions and the Food Pantry benefit by your taking the time to buy scrip cards. Let's all do our part.

**Per Capita Apportionment ~** The year 2009 per capita apportionment is \$26.80 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.

**Installation and Ordination of Officers ~** All newly elected or re-elected officers will be installed or ordained on Sunday, January 11th, 2009 during the 10:00am Worship service.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast ~** All men are encouraged to come out and join us on Saturday, January 17th from 8-9am for a Continental Breakfast, fellowship and sharing in God's Word.

**Women's Retreat ~** The Fairgreen Women's Retreat will be held at the Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on February 6 & 7, 2009. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Registration sign-up will begin on Sunday, January 18th and will end on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:15AM**

**FOR ADULTS:**

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

**FOR CHILDREN:**

**Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old) available from 9:45-12:15pm.....Rm.105**  
**Beginners (3, 4, 5 yrs.old and 1st grade).....Rm.104**  
**Grades 2-5 .....Room behind the front of the sanctuary**  
**Junior High (Grades 6-8).....Junior High Room-downstairs**  
**Senior High (Grades 9-12)... Meet at the Sr. High Round table in the Commons**

**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 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 28, 2008: 48**

TODAY'S USHERS: Marilyn McAfee, Capt./ Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell, Dan Yeager, Jesse Murray, Emma Bosley-Smith, Jodi Swartz

TODAY'S GREETER: Judy Stuart

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Ed Wolff, Capt./ Derek Nordhoff, Kevin Campbell, AJ Skinner

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Gina Beauregard

NEXT SUNDAY'S LUTURGIST: Cindy Kerr

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**  
**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Rev. Pat  
"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**  
**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14**

Julie Murray  
pg. 908 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

**"Hope Has Hands"**

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**  
**GOSPEL READING**  
**SERMON**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6**  
**Matthew 2: 1-12**  
**"Do You Get It?"**

pg. 1155 (OT) in the pew Bible  
pg. 1497 (NT) in the pew Bible  
Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN #66**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with the tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

**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.

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

It is right and a joyous thing to lift our hearts and hands to you, God of Light and Love, in thanksgiving for your gift of grace. Before we knew the unsearchable riches of your child Jesus, we walked in shadows and cloud. But now as you reveal radiance to the world, we join the hymn sung in glory without end:

**Holy God, Grace Revealed, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Creator God, and blessed is your child Jesus. While wise ones brought him gold, incense and myrrh, he grew to reveal to us countless treasures, radiant with life and grace, revealing the Shining Mystery which is You. Jesus broke bread and broke open your love for us. He blessed the cup and you poured out mercy for the world.

**Christ was promised; Christ is born; Christ will dwell among us.**

Come, Spirit, dwell among us, your sons and daughters, gathered here together to feast at this table. Use us to reveal your gifts of love and light for the world.

**God of the ages, shining among us, we are yours! Amen!**

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have called by name and reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father...**

**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD**

**THE BLESSING OF THE CUP**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**UNSION PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

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.**

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**Next Week ~ Baptism of the Lord; Elders and Deacons will be installed and ordained during the worship; the Geneva Choir will sing**

**Texts:** Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11

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**Calendar for the Week of January 5-11, 2009**

- Monday, Jan. 5 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons**
- Tuesday, Jan. 6 ~ Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
Mega Meetings in the lounge at 7pm**
- Thursday, Jan. 8 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge  
Potluck lunch at noon  
Lectionary Bible Study at 12:45pm**
- Friday, Jan. 9 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm  
Food Distribution 12:30-1:30pm  
Elder/Deacon Retreat at the Lial Center arrive 7pm  
Elder/Deacon Retreat at the Lial Center ends**
- Saturday, Jan. 10 ~ Worship Service 10:00am; Elders and Deacons will be installed and ordained during the worship; the Geneva Choir will sing**
- Sunday, Jan. 11 ~**