

A Closer Look at Thanksgiving

By Joyce Rupp

Taken from "The Circle of Life" book

If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight.
If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendor of stars.
If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.
If you look beneath, you may see it as a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.
If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.
If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.
If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappointment and doubt.
If you look beneath, you may see the stuff that new dreams contain.
If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.
If you look beneath, you may see that love lives on forever in the heart.
If you look at the planet's pain and creatures' woe, you might see only despair.
If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in the compassionate care of many.
If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.
If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.
If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.
If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of divine love.

Thanksgiving is a time to look beneath our external lives for the unwavering love, the ceaseless peace, and the enduring strength that lie in the deep waters of our soul. The more we trust the "unknowable depths" of our existence, the more the power of gratitude becomes a song we daily sing. With what do you struggle today? What might lie beneath that struggle for which you can give thanks?



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10:00 AM



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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

(From Sarum Primer, 1558 as found in *The Hymnary*)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in thinking;

God be in my end, and in departing. Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn McAfee

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcia Young, Liturgist

From the depths of our being, a song of thanks arises,
and we pour out our praise for all of God's gifts:

Bread to empower our bodies,

Beauty to quicken our pulse,

Hope to enlarge our vision,

Love to link our lives,

Laughter to soften our wounds,

Passion to shape our maybes,

Community to face our fears,

And for this awesome time of worship to become filled
with you and touched with grace.

HYMN OF PRAISE #260

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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).

SCRIP CARD GIVEAWAY: For every \$50 of Scrip cards you buy during the month of November your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from your choice of P.F. Chang's or Texas Roadhouse. The winner's name will be drawn Sunday, December 14th. The more you buy in November the more chances you have to win. See Julie Murray at the Welcome Center on Sundays or Darlene Hughes in the office during the week from 8:30-2pm.

Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~ We will be gathering together for a potluck lunch on Thursday, November 20 at noon followed by the Lectionary Bible Study. There will be no Potluck and Lectionary Bible Study on Thursday November 27th.

A Toledo Campus Ministry Hymn Sing~ Do you love to sing the Lord's praises? Do you have a favorite hymn that you just don't get to sing all that often? Are you the type that just likes to "sit back and listen?" Well join us as we are offering you the chance to do all these things! The date is Thursday evening, November 20, 2008 at 6pm at Glendale Presbyterian Church; 4609 Glendale Ave., Toledo, Ohio. We will enjoy a simple supper with one another, learn a bit about the ministry of the Toledo Campus Ministry and most importantly—SING! Bring a list of your favorite hymns you'd like to sing. YOU are the program! We will have talented accompanists present with us to lead us in this inspirational evening. A free will offering and invitation to give will be part of the evening.

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 November 9, 2008: 81

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

TODAY'S GREETERS: Gayle Bell & Leta Fulkerson

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Don & Barbara Gorrell

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Kay Amendola

Special Announcements

Poinsettia Plants To Decorate Sanctuary ~ Once again you will have the opportunity to purchase poinsettia plant(s) to decorate the church sanctuary. The cost is \$6.50 ea. For a 7 1/2 inch Double stem potted poinsettia plant. All orders, checks and money need to be either placed in Darlene's mailbox (right outside pastor's office) or turned into Darlene Hughes in the church office by Sunday, November 30th. Please make your check out to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and in the Memo write: poinsettia plant and specify the color as to Red, White or Pink. You will find a sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Center. Please fill out your name, dedication, and color.

Brian Pfaltzgraff Is Performing ~ Some of you may remember Brian and Carita Pfaltzgraff. I understand from Pat Gibson that Brian will be performing at the Toledo Museum of Art on Sunday, November 16, 2008 in the Great Gallery at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

Food Pantry ~ For the month of November we are asking for donations as follows: peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruit, canned stews, macaroni & cheese, cheese slices, hot dogs, eggs, toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

CALL TO CONFESSION

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have given us so much—all that we need, your hand has provided. You have blessed us with skills and talents, intending that we use them for the sake of others, to your glory. But we have failed to give as we ought, and have guarded for ourselves that which you have called us to share with others.

Forgive our selfish ways, and by your good Spirit enable us gladly to serve you by serving others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE ~**

The Gloria Patri #579

THE TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. David Cook Young

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

Marcia Young

FIRST READING

Psalms 146: 1-10

pg. 980(OT) in the pew Bible

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus, Messiah"

Praise Band

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 pg. 1840 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"Yes, The Day Of The Lord Will Come" Rev. David Cook Young

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

***HYMN ~ #452**

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Declaration of Faith, 1977)

God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING

Marcia Young

***DOXOLOGY**

One 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN #555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***CHARGE & BENECTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “Sanctuary”**

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With Thanksgiving, I’ll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.**

Next Week ~ Thanksgiving ~ Holy Communion will be celebrated and the Choir and Praise Band will provide the music. There will be a potluck lunch right after the service in the Commons.

Texts: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 110; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

Calendar for the Week of November 17-23, 2008

Monday, Nov. 17 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons
Tuesday, Nov. 18 ~ Presbytery Meeting at Collingwood Presbyterian Church at 10am
Wednesday, Nov. 19 ~ Session Meeting 7pm in the lounge
Memorial Meeting 11am in the lounge
Building and Grounds Meeting 7pm in the lounge
Thursday, Nov. 20 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge
Noon Potluck lunch
12:45pm is the Lectionary Bible Study in the lounge
4:30pm is Caring Cupboard Carry out
6:30pm is Choir practice
Friday, Nov. 21 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Sunday, Nov. 23 ~ Thanksgiving Sunday Tribute; Communion will be celebrated, the choir and Praise Band will provide the music; After the service we will have a potluck lunch in the Commons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:15AM

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study...(Bill Henning teaching in Jeremiah).....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 2-5Room 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.