

**Thought For The Week**

Based on Matthew 23: 1-12

Apprenticeship

If I preached what I practice

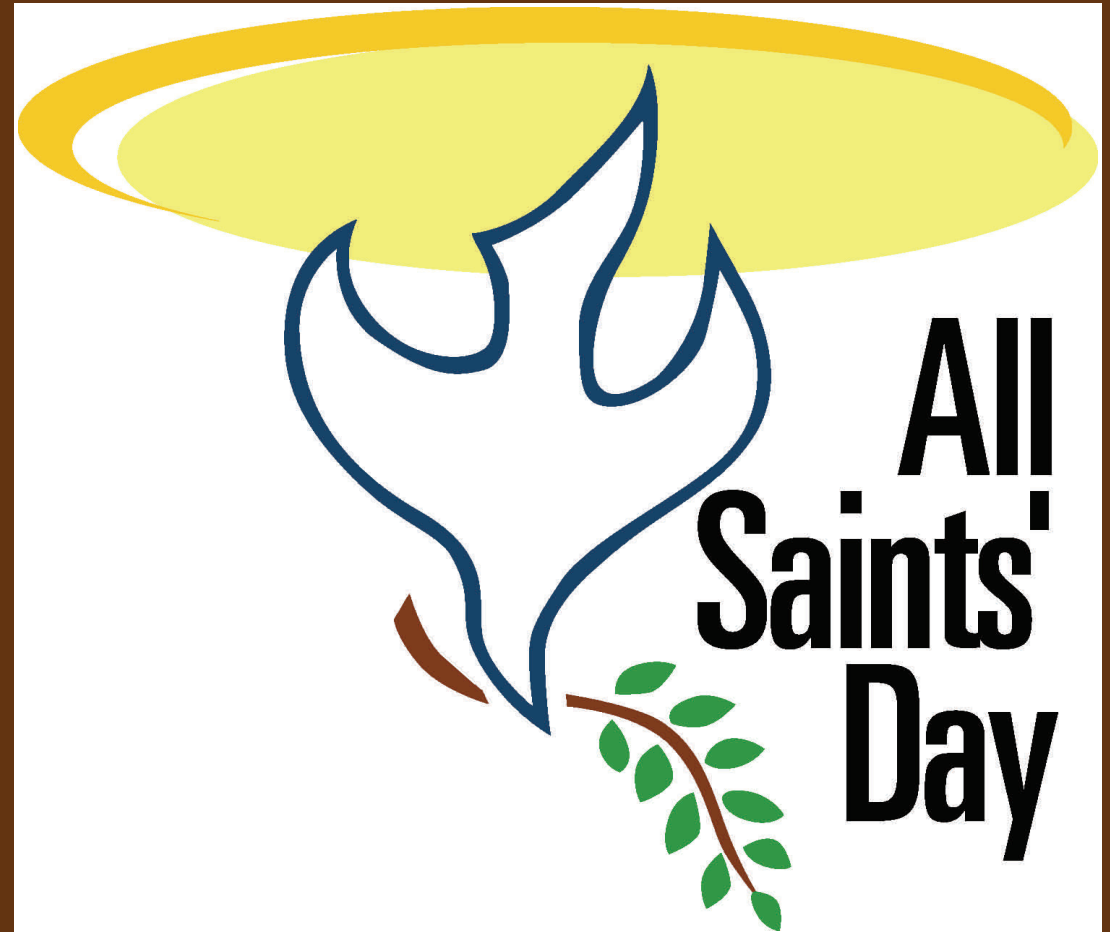
I could be a huckster with that little chopper,  
dicing my sins into such tiny pieces,  
I do not even taste them in this stew of my life;

I could manage a kiosk out a the mall,  
dispensing that canny cleanser that  
removes all the garbage I spill on myself  
throughout the day;

I could be a street peddler,  
reaching into my cart and handing out  
the burdens I picked up along the way,  
being too busy (and important!)  
to carry them myself;

So,  
draw near to me,  
that I might apprentice myself to you,  
working night and day  
to learn how to craft a worthy life.

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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).

**All Saints Day Celebration**

**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**

**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**

**OPENING SET ~ #2040 ~ "Awesome God"**

**#2025 ~ "How Majestic is Your Name"**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #2272 ~ "Holy Ground"**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**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.

**Number who worshiped with us on October 26, 2008: 96**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Kendy Edinger, Gardy & Kelly Bandfield

TODAY'S GREETERS: Marj Heaton & Mary Maeder

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Bonnie Buehrer, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Judy Stuart & Gina Beauregard

**Special Announcements**

**Articles for the November & December Newsletter ~** We are only doing one newsletter for the combined months of November and December. All articles will need to be received into the church office by Sunday, November 9th. Thank You!

**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.

**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.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast ~** Come join us on Saturday November 15, from 8-9am in the lounge.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study ~** Starting today at 11:15am Bill Henning will be teaching in Jeremiah for the month of November.

**Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~** We will be gathering together for a potluck lunch on Thursday, November 6 & 20 at noon followed by the Lectionary Bible Study. There will be no Potluck and Lectionary Bible Study on Thursday November 13 & 27th.

**Calendar for the Week of November 3-9, 2008**

**Monday, Nov. 3 ~** 5:30pm~ Election Day set-up  
No Adult Volleyball

**Tuesday, Nov. 4 ~** Election Day (FG luncheon, Craft, Bake & Book Sale)  
6:30pm~ Prayers of Discernment  
7:00pm~ Mega Meetings

**Thursday, Nov. 6 ~** Preschool pictures taken in the Narthex  
10:30am~ Staff meeting in lounge  
12:00pm~ Potluck lunch  
12:45pm~ Lectionary Bible Study in the lounge  
6:30pm~ Choir practice

**Friday, Nov. 7 ~** Preschool pictures taken in the Narthex  
10-12pm~ Food Pantry

**Saturday, Nov. 8 ~** 5:00pm~ Youth overnighter at the church

**Sunday, Nov. 9 ~** Worship Service 10:00am; the choir will sing;  
Confirmation Class 9am

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

**FOR ADULTS:**

Adult Bible Study ~Facilitator, Bill Henning (Jeremiah).....In the Lounge  
Faith Sharing Class.....In the 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.

***Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, November 9, 2008.***

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.

**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.**

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>Psalms 107: 1-7, 33-37</b>	pg. 947 (OT) in the pew Bible
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<b>"The Heart of Worship"</b>	Praise Band
<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>Joshua 3: 7-17</b>	pg. 334 (OT) in the pew Bible
<b>THIRD READING</b>	<b>Matthew 23: 1-12</b>	pg. 1536 (NT) in the pew Bible
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>"Do Not Do As They Do!?!?!"</b>	Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN #2036** "Give Thanks"

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY AND DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*Today we remember our church members who have passed away during the last twelve months:*

<i>Rose Shake</i>	<i>November 11, 2007</i>
<i>Jeanne Rex</i>	<i>December 4, 2007</i>
<i>David Stuart</i>	<i>December 27, 2007</i>
<i>Don Campbell</i>	<i>January 2, 2008</i>
<i>Lucille Lakatos</i>	<i>March 15, 2008</i>
<i>Robert Martz</i>	<i>June 20, 2008</i>

*Memorial gifts have been given in the memory of:*

<i>Sam Tippin</i>	<i>Rose Shake</i>
<i>Jeanne Rex</i>	<i>David Stuart</i>
<i>Don Campbell</i>	<i>Michael Powell</i>
<i>Charles Nordhoff</i>	<i>Robert Martz</i>

## 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.

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Standing at the edge of chaos, you cried out, Great God of Love, and all creation sprang forth from the goodness of your Word. Grace overflowed from your heart, racing through the deep valleys of hope.

**Creating us in your image, breathing life and joy into us, you drew us near to you, so we could live in joy with you.**

But we chose to wander through the deserts of death, paving over Eden's promise with our sins. Like a parent with her children, you encouraged us to change, sending the prophets to bring us back.

**But we would not listen, tying up the burdens of our lives and putting them on their backs. Then you chose to send Jesus, to be the Witness to your never-ending love for us.**

So, with wanderers and witnesses, with those who cried out to you, and those who followed your promises, we lift our songs with our sisters and brothers who forever sing your praises:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of steadfast love. All creation overflows with your grace and mercy. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who calls us to humble service. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, Creation's Guide, and Jesus Christ, your Son, our Teacher, is the One who comes to redeem us. Seeing the barren lives we lead, he came to till the soil of your hopes and dreams, that it might bear life in us.

**Watching us stumble along sin's side streets, he takes us by the hand, to lead us to your feast. When we would allow our pride to become entangled with death, he gently takes this burden from off our shoulders, carrying it to the cross, and leaving it behind in the tomb, as he strides forth into the promised land of resurrection.**

As we remember his words and witness, as we would let his teachings shape our lives, we speak of what we believe, great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ was sent to be God's Witness. Christ is our Teacher of the Way. Christ will come to welcome us home.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon those gathered from every corner of the world, and upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, as your grace fills us, may we go forth, in thanksgiving and humility, to feed the hungry around us. As the cup turns our parched souls into fountains of hope, may we overflow in service to those who

wander in our midst. Then, when all time has ended, when the truly humble find themselves seated beside you at the Table in eternity, we will join our voices in thanksgiving to God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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

*(As you come forward you are invited to place your offering to God in the offering plate and then to step to the left or to the right to receive the gifts of God. If you are unable to come forward please wait in your pew and we will come to you.)*

### UNISON 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 & BENEDICTION

Rev. Pat

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "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 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ The Choir will sing.**

**Texts: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;  
Matthew 25: 1-13**

***The Flowers that grace the sanctuary are from the Wedding Celebration of Jim Witter and Britton Eichenauer. Congratulations to you Both!***