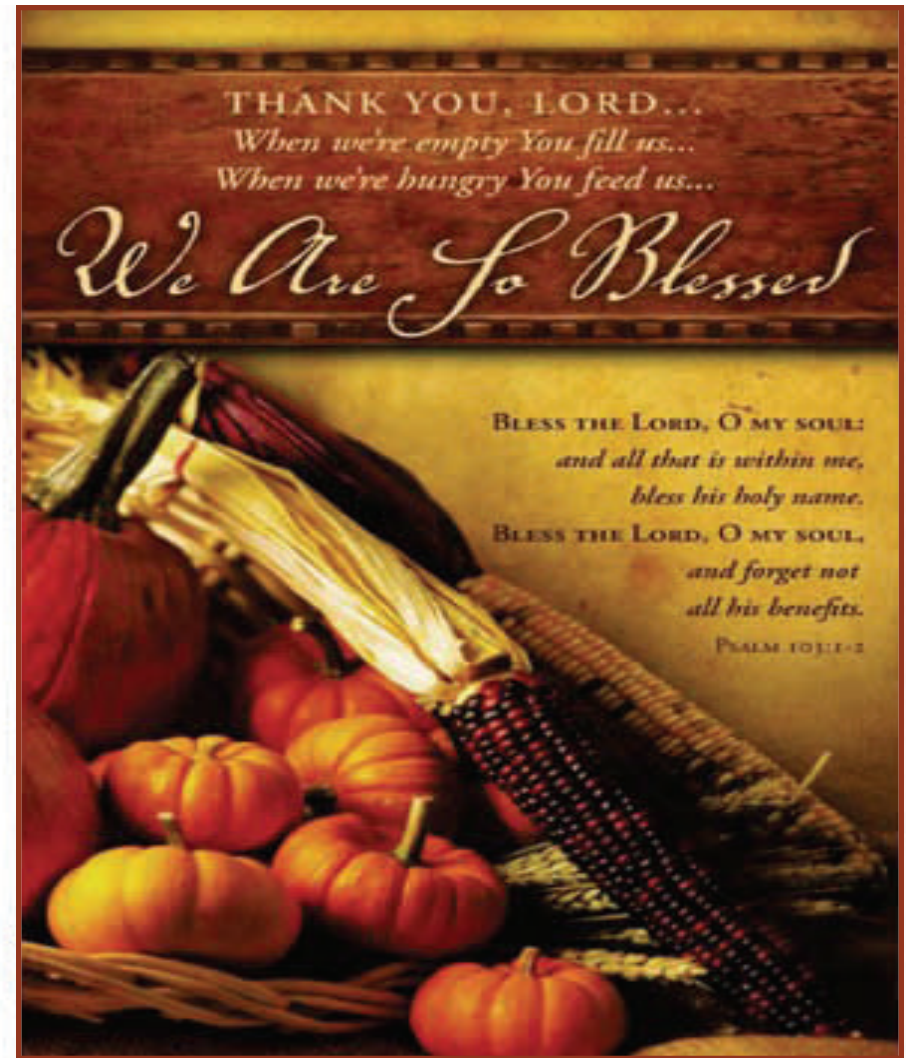


Thought For The Week

As for me...

*It was not so long ago I served other gods:
years ago, it was named 'fear':
last month, I kneeled at greed's altar;
this past week, pride seduced me;
yester (& almost every) day
I followed anger down that potholed road.
Even when I put them away in a box marked 'former life,'
they try to slip their fingers under the edges
to push the lid off — or swaddle themselves
in red and green ribbon,
so I will find them under the tree;
so for this day and (please, Lord!)
all the days to follow,
I will choose to cross faith's River,
leaving them on the shoreline behind me.*

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November 9, 2008

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10:00 AM

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

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).



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



32nd 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

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

Bill Henning, Liturgist

Long ago, our ancestors worshiped other gods. God called Abraham and Sarah to travel to a new land, to a new life. So what shall we do?

As for us, we will worship and serve our God!

God gave them many descendants, and they journeyed to Egypt, ending up as slaves. So what shall we do?

As for us, we will worship and serve our God!

God heard the cries of the people and brought them out of Egypt. So what shall we do?

As for us, we will worship and serve our God!

When they entered the promised land, Joshua challenged the people, to leave their old ways behind and to serve God. So what shall we do?

The Flowers that grace the sanctuary are given by Judy Stuart in loving memory of her husband, David.

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 2, 2008: 98

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Bonnie Buehrer, Ken & Nan Bennett

TODAY'S GREETERS: Gina Beauregard & Judy Stuart

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Gayle Bell & Leta Fulkerson

Special Announcements

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.

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.

Sunday Adult Bible Study ~ Join us in the lounge at 11:15am as 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 20 at noon followed by the Lectionary Bible Study. There will be no Potluck and Lectionary Bible Study on Thursday November 13 & 27th.

Next Week ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ The Message will be delivered by the Rev. David Young as Rev. Pat will be away on vacation. The organ will be played and there will be special music. Great Banquet Board Meeting 4:30pm followed by the Gathering at 6pm.

Texts: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Calendar for the Week of November 10-16, 2008

Monday, Nov. 10 ~ 4:00pm ~ Personnel Committee Meeting in Lounge
6:30pm ~ Prayers of Discernment in Sanctuary
7:00pm ~ Deacon’s Meeting in Lounge
7-9pm ~ Adult Volleyball in the Commons

Tuesday, Nov. 11 ~ 8am-3:30pm ~ Joyce Davis Puppet Sale in Narthex
6:30pm ~ Prayers of Discernment in Sanctuary
7:00pm ~ Session Meeting in Lounge

Wednesday, Nov. 12 ~ 8am-3:30pm ~ Joyce Davis Puppet Sale in Narthex

Thursday, Nov. 13 ~ No Potluck or Lectionary Bible Study
6:30pm ~ Choir practice

Friday, Nov. 14 ~ 10-12pm ~ Food Pantry
12:30-1:30pm ~ Food Distribution

Saturday, Nov. 15 ~ 8-9am ~ Men’s Prayer Breakfast in Lounge

Sunday, Nov. 16 ~ Worship Service 10:00am; Rev. David Cook Young will be preaching; Special Music; Great Banquet Board Meeting 4:30pm followed by a Gathering at 6pm

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

As for us, we will worship and serve our God!

When the people answered, Joshua reminded them that this would be a big commitment. And it is a big commitment to us. So what shall we do?

As for us, we will worship and serve our God!

Then let us turn from our old ways and serve God with all of our being.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ (words also on screen)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

- Verse 1** O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
- Verse 2** Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure,
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- Verse 3** Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
- Verse 4** A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
- Verse 5** Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away,
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- Verse 6** O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

***LITANY OF CONFESSION**

God loves us and wants us always to be ready to receive that love. But sometimes we’re just not ready!

Forgive us, God, for not being ready to receive your love. Help us to be better prepared.

One: Sometimes we lose our way.

Forgive us, God, and steer us in the right direction.

Two: Sometimes, we focus only on ourselves.

Forgive us, God, and help us to focus on your ways.

Three: Sometimes we try to grab all we can, and waste things.

Forgive us, God, and help us to share with others.

Four: Sometimes we wander aimlessly, ignoring your teachings.
Forgive us, God, and light a pathway for us and others to follow.
 God is patient, slow to anger, and overflowing with love for us. Be assured that we are forgiven. God invites us to share in new and everlasting life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

- *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 Bill Henning
FIRST READING Psalm 78: 1-7 (adapted)

All: (sung response)

Leader: My friends, listen as I teach. I will give instruction and explain the mystery of what happened long ago.

People: **These are things we learned from our ancestors, and we will tell them to the next generation. We won't keep secret the wonderful deeds and the mighty miracles.**

All: (sung response)

Leader: God gave the Law to the people of Israel, and told our ancestors to teach their children, so that each new generation would know God's way and tell it to the next.

People: **Then they-and we-would trust God, follow God's teachings, and never forget anything that God has done.**

All: (sung response)

ANTHEM

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING
 SERMON**

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
"Dedicated Leadership!"

pg. 368(OT) in the pew Bible
 Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

*HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ "The Apostles' Creed" on page 14 in the Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Bill Henning

OFFERING
 *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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #2216 "Christ Beside Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Pat

Are you ready to love and serve your God?
We are ready!
 Are you willing to tell the good news of what God has done?
We are willing!
 Are you able to live in God's way?
We are able!
 Then go to love and serve your God, knowing that the same God will be with you to strengthen, guide, and support you every day.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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.**