

*Thought for the Week*

*Later*

*Later*

*after the angels,  
after the stable,  
after the Child,  
they went back...  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't understand  
our talk of angels and stars  
and especially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!*

*Taken from "Kneeling in Bethlehem" by Ann Weems*



*Anna and Simeon*

*January 3, 2010*

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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 home (419-534-3739) or her cell (419-215-2939).



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



Second Sunday after Christmas

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**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**

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Fred King, Liturgist

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.**

Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

**Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as women and men claimed by the Light. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us that his ministry is always and ever actively reaching out toward us. And in this hour of worship, help us to be open to the challenges of his words, the power of his healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside him as both Savior and friend. In his holy name. Amen.**

**Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, January 17, 2010.**

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 27, 2009: 74**

TODAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ John MacPherson, Jesse & Joe Murray

TODAY'S GREETERS: Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Jackie Campbell, Richard Redd

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Marilyn McAfee

NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Dick Schroeder

**Special Announcements**

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

**Installation and Ordination of Officers ~** Ordination and Installation of Officers, will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

**Kroger Rewards ~** To register your Kroger Plus Card to benefit Fairgreen Deacons, please do one of the following: Go to the Customer Service Desk at the Kroger store, register on-line, or speak to Jan Anderson if you would like her assistance with on-line registration. Kroger will send a percentage of your grocery sales to the church on a quarterly basis.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast ~** All men join us on Saturday, January 9th from 8-9am in the lounge for a time fellowship, prayer and studying God's Word. We will be serving a Continental Breakfast consisting of donuts, pastries, coffee and juice.

**February Fellowship Feast ~** This dinner will feature rib-eye steak accompanied by other "fabulous fixings". So reserve the date on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 5:30pm.

**\*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.

Next Week ~ Baptism of the Lord ~ Ordination & Installation of Officers and the Geneva Choir will sing.

Texts: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Calendar for the Week of January 4-10, 2009**

- Monday, Jan. 4 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 5 ~ Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
Mega Meetings at 7pm
- Thursday, Jan. 7 ~ Staff Mtg. 10:30am in the lounge  
Potluck lunch at noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm  
Choir practice at 6:30pm
- Friday, Jan. 8 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm  
Food Distribution from 12-1:30pm  
Elder/Deacon Retreat at the Lial Center arrive 7pm
- Saturday, Jan. 9 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am  
Elder/Deacon Retreat ends at 3 pm
- Sunday, Jan. 10 ~ Baptism of the Lord Service; Ordination & Installation of Officers; 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 1-8..... Downstairs  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us.

Searcher of hearts, shine your forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of your love. Let it be so. Amen.

**\*HYMN ~ "What A World of Sound"** (see words below or on screen)  
(Tune– Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

What a world of sound it must have been for Jesus, newly-born  
Mother Mary singing songs of praise to God that Christmas morn;  
Joseph, reaching for the child, whispering when the baby fussed;  
Songs and whispers bear the promise: You are truly God-with-us.

Surely there were sounds of women from that small community,  
Stopping by to see the baby, offering hospitality;  
Lambs were bleating, donkeys braying, children playing in the street.  
Jesus, close against his mother, felt her heart's rejoicing beat.

In that town were shepherds calling; workers there were cutting wood;  
In the distance, angry shouts and people begging for their food;  
In the doorway, someone weeping, saddened by some inner pain-  
Jesus, in your incarnation, unto each of these you came.

What a world of sound we live in; many words we daily hear.  
'Mid this world's conflicting voices, be for us God's Word so clear.  
Help us listen to your story; help us hear you when we pray.  
In you, Jesus, is our hope: God came to us on Christmas Day.

**\*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**

Fred King

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6**

pg.1155 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

**"Venite Adoremus"**

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**

**Luke 2: 22-40**

pg.1591 (NT) in the pew Bible

**SERMON**

**"Two More Unfamiliar Faces From the Christmas Story"**

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN #66**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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

Fred King

**OFFERING**

**\*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**

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 our God.

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

God of shining glory, you poured your light upon us that the whole world might come to you and live in joy. Yet we choose the shadows, hiding your Good News and hoarding it. With the rising of Christ's star you call us, like the Magi, to seek you anew and worship you. And so we join the company of heaven and earth singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Glory be to you, O God most high!**

Holy are you and blessed is your Child, Jesus Christ. In Jesus you took on human form. Today we celebrate the revealing of your Incarnation: to visitors from afar, seeking a king; to those beyond the community of Israel, even to the whole world; and to your church, down through the ages. Throughout life on earth, Jesus continue to reveal your presence. The glory of your presence and its power to transform our lives was given from and substance in the meal that Jesus gave us: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this my body." Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for you." For your love, which is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and offer ourselves to you as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup that they may reveal your presence to us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here that we may reveal your presence in the world.

**Through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN #40 (verses 1 & 2)**

"Joy to the World!"