

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012  
Ash Wednesday

*“Worship  
the Lord  
your God,  
and serve  
only him.”  
Then the devil  
left him...*

MATTHEW 4:10-11



The TRIALS of JESUS

# The Voice OF Satan



The Federated Church of Paxton  
7:00 p.m. Worship Service



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## The Voice of Satan

*A Service for Ash Wednesday*

### Invocation And Opening Sentences

#### \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*One: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**All: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."**

One: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

**All: But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *"A Mighty Fortress"*

PH #260

### Confession and Absolution

One: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in love.

**All: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

One: Confident that our God is gracious and forgiving, let us confess our sins.

**All: O Lord, I have worried about your provision for me. I have been greedy for material things. I have sought power and glory at the expense of others. I have ignored your Word, though I know what it says. I have avoided the hard road of righteousness and taken the easy road of sin.**

### Imposition of Ashes

One: These ashes are an outward symbol of true repentance, calling you to faith in Jesus Christ, whose death, burial and resurrection take away all your sins and give you eternal life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

## Psalm Responsory

*Psalm 132*

One: The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

**All: “One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.**

One: If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne.”

**All: For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

One: “This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

**All: I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

One: Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.

**All: There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine.”**

## Prayer Of The Day

**Lectionary Scripture** Exodus 16:1-8; Ephesians 6:10-20

**Gospel** Matthew 4:1-11

**Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn** “*Fight The Good Fight*”

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**Message**

**Offering**

**Prayers** (*Each petition ends with this response*)

One: Innocent Lord, who suffered for us,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** “*Lord, Who Throughout These 40 days*”

PH, #81

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, February 22nd**

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm

**Sunday, February 26th**

First Sunday of Lent

Knights Templar Service at 1:30pm

**Wednesday, February 29th**

Soup Supper & Devotion at 6:00pm

Youth Group at 7:00pm

Choir Practice at 7:00pm

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**February**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Russ & Nancy Taylor Ann.

6<sup>th</sup> - Eric Funk

9<sup>th</sup> - Laura Adkins

25<sup>th</sup> - Robin Niewold

26<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Swan

**Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders**

**February**

Alan & Georgia Turner

Red & Laura Adkins

Kelly Williams

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing  
and faith for these friends and family members***

Carol Thilmony-broken wrist; Helene Ellis-dislocated shoulder blade;

Marcella Woodworth-wrenched wrist; Wayne Niewold;

Jeff Legener; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

***Homebound or in Nursing Homes***

Wayne Niewold - Heartland Healthcare, Paxton

Sue Moore - 1115 Harbers Lane, Apt 132, Metamora, Il 61548

Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

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**For the month of February, please bring *canned vegetables, noodles,  
peanut butter, & cereal* for the Food Pantry.**

***As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.***

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