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

Laura Adkins, Mike-Active 101st Airborne, Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Bill Cofel, Jeff & Barb Legener, and Marcella Woodworth

Homebound or in Nursing Homes
Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes
Jani Fraim, Wanda Larson, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of December, please bring *pickles*, *syrup*, *flour*, white/brown sugar & peanut butter for the Food Pantry.

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



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Poinsettia Memorial/Honorariums

Jim and Robin Niewold
In Memory of Grandparents

Kammy, Victor, Brock Johnson and Wil & Kara Kinzinger In Memory of Palph Keller, Dale Johnson, Shirley Johnson

> Kitty & Greg Anderson In Memory of Bud Larson

Wayne & Janet Niewold
In Memory of Cora Niewold, Maurice Weaver,
Lena Weaver, Maurice Weaver, Jr.

Don, Linda, Stan, and Judy Rhodes In Memory of Dorothy Rhodes

> Cayle Dunahee In Memory of Her Parents

Joyce Clampitt In Memory of her Mother, Edna Hantz

Larry Clampitt
In Memory of his Mother, Pearl Clampitt

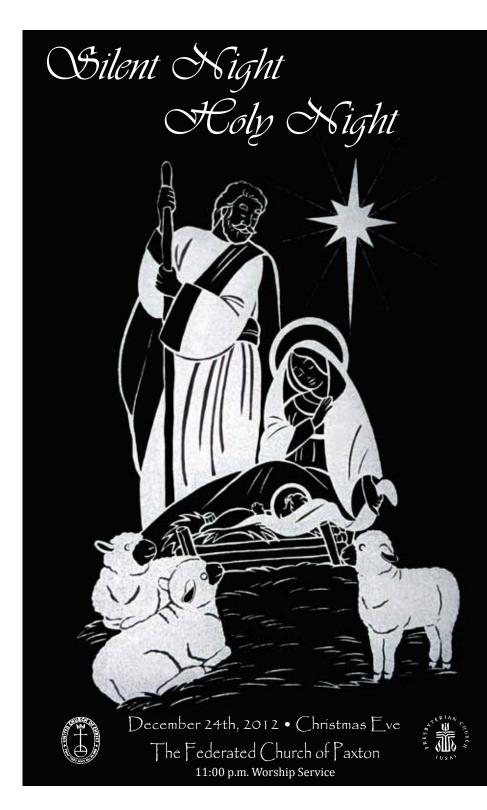
Funk Family
In Memory of Family Members in God's Heaven

Don and Pastor Colleen Lawrence In Memory of Don & Leola Lawrence, Lee & Elaine Lampe

Mike, Alex, and Kalli Goudy In Memory of Sam & Colena Matthews, Ray & Eva Jackson, Vernon Wilson, Mildred Laxton, Bill & Ann Goudy, Paula Attebury

> Larry and Jo Ellen Campbell In Memory of their Parents

Robert Woodworth, Jr.
In Memory of Vera & Robert Woodworth



Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

Words of Christmas Greetings

Prelude

*Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Hymn "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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*One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Anthem "O How Beautiful the Sky"

Anthem *"A Child is Born in Bethlehem"*

*Psalm 96 (Read responsively)

* **Hymn** *"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"*

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Soprano

Traditional Swedish Melody



*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

***Gospel** John 1:1-14

Anthem *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Christmas Message

Anthem "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Anthem "You Green and Glittering Tree"

Christmas Prayer

(As you come forward for communion, could you drop your Christmas offering in the plate, receive Communion, receive your candle and then proceed to the outer circles of the sanctuary in wait of the candlelighting service and the singing of "Silent Night")

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

All: Almighty Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse our thoughts and deeds by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,

Rond yon virgin mother and child!

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heavn afar,

Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend Thy light; With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*Candlelighting Service

*Christmas Blessing

*Taking Out the Light of Christ

*Postlude

May you all have a
Merry & Blessed
Christmas