

December 14th, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent



The Federated Church of Paxton
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



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Sunday, December 14th, 2014 - 10:00am
Federated Church • Paxton, IL

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Unison Prayer

Bring us the good news we need, O Father of Holiness, for our spirits are faint within us. In our weariness we seek comfort, salvation, and liberation, for ourselves and for all your creation. Be among us, revealing again more than we are ready to hear or see. Attune us to that which we avoid, and help us to view aright your saving activity. In Jesus name. AMEN.

Silent Prayers

Prelude *“Lo, How a Rose”* arr. Cassler

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* PH, #464

***Psalm 126**

Investment of Our Time, Talent & Treasures

Offertory *“Angels We Have Heard”* Gehrke

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (1st verse)** PH, #9

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

Anthem *"On that Far-off Night"* Robert Graham
from *"Dawn of Redeeming Grace"*

***Gospel** John 1:6-8, 19-28

Message

***Hymn** *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"* PH, #28

***Commission and Blessing**

ONE: Go out into the world, and God will give you voice. Proclaim God's good news in word and deed.

ALL: Because God has changed us inside, we are not afraid of changes around us.

ONE: Comfort and dispirited and those who mourn. Abstain from evil; hold fast to what is good.

ALL: In the face of injustice, robbery, and wrong, we would build UP rather than destroy.

ONE: The God of peace sanctify you wholly and keep you blameless in body and spirit.

ALL: We celebrate the faithfulness of God. AMEN.

***Postlude** *"Lift Up Your Heads"* arr. Cassler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Wednesday, December 17th

Office Hours, 2pm-6pm

Bible Study, 6:00pm at

Maxine's Home

Choir Practice, 7:00pm at Church

January Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, December 18th

Office Hours, 8am-Noon

Prayer Shawl Group Gathering at

Pastor Colleen's Home, 6:30pm

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Live Nativity, 4:30-6:30pm

December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Nancy Taylor

15th - Storm Smith

22nd - Ivan & Priscilla Andreae Ann.

28th - Brock Johnson



Poinsettia Memorial/Honorariums

Would you like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one for the Christmas season? Poinsettias will be \$12.00 per plant. Please fill out form below, making checks payable to the Federated Church and indicate on the check memo that it is for a poinsettia and drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Your name: _____

In Memory/Honor (circle your preference) of:

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

Angie Smith-Ellis, Mike Johnsen, Pastor Colleen,

Matthew Swearingen, Maxine Anderson, Jani Fraim, Gayle Dunahee,

Ann Cofel, Barb Legener, Marcella Woodworth

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of December, please bring sugar, flour, cake mixes
and peanut butter for the Food Pantry.**

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

Pastor Colleen Lawrence, Minister

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