ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 16th

Sunday School - 8:45am (All Ages) Third Sunday of Advent Worship - 10:00am Shepherds - Jim Niewold & Eric Funk

Tuesday, December 18th

Bible Study - 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 19th

Youth Group - 7:00pm Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Thursday, December 20th

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm at Priscilla Andreae's Home

Sunday, December 23rd

Sunday School (All Ages), 8:45am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship - 10:00am Shepherds - Tyler Ellis & Russ Taylor K.T. Service, 1:30pm - Elder, Jim Niewold Live Nativity at Federated Church, 5-7:00pm

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service, 11:00pm - Elder, Kammy Johnson

Looking Ahead

- Youth will be leading Worship on Dec. 30th.
- Epiphany Party after Worship at the Lawrence Home on Jan.6th.

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

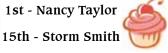
For the month of December, please bring pickles, syrup, flour, white/brown sugar & peanut butter for the Food Pantry. As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

December

Birthdays & Anniversaries



15th - Storm Smith



22nd - Ivan & Priscilla Andreae

28th - Brock Johnson

Dec. 23rd- Knights Templar Service (1:30pm)

Communion Elder - Jim Niewold

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December 16th, 2012 Third Sunday of Advent





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



Welcome to our guests!

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

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Gathering

He whom shepherds came beholding,
In the arms of faith enfolding,
He, the universe upholding,
Our Good Shepherd, Christ draws near.

Lift your eyes, God's mercy knowing; Like the stars in heaven glowing, Count God's blessings overflowing. Look, O shepherds, God is here!

* Call to Worship (responsively)

Isaiah 25. Psalm 24

One: O Shepherd of Israel, you lead your people like a flock.

All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: We are the people you care for, the flock for which you provide.

All: You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters; you restore our souls.

One: All of us were like sheep who had gone astray, turning to our own ways.

All: You lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. One: From death you raised our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the

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All: Even in the valley of darkest shadows, your rod and staff provide comfort.

One: "Have no fear, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."

All: At your table we are secure; our heads are anointed, our cups overflow.

One: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our Shepherd, to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

All: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Hymn

Where the sheep are safely grazing, Shepherds, sing, your Shepherd praising, Grateful hearts and voices raising To the Lord who cares for all.

See, in answer to our yearning,
God's great love so brightly burning.
To our need the Lord is turning,
For God hears our plaintive call.

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Christians, come; the blessing ponder: Though like sheep we all did wander, Still our Shepherd seeks us yonder, For we have been sought and found.

Gracious Shepherd, stand beside us; To green pastures gently guide us; With your rod and staff provide us; Let your blessings still abound.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:9-11

Hymn

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Hymn

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*Gospel

Matthew 21:6-9

The Shepherd David & Solomon

While David watched his flocks, he learned God's praise to sing; He grew in wisdom, courage, strength, the Lord's anointed king. Our God in love provides a wonderful surprise:
God calls forth his anointed one—O shepherd, lift your eyes!

The fortress of the king, a gracious God's reward.
With faithful David, come, behold the mountain of the Lord!

To pastures rich and green, through valleys dark and deep, The kingdom of the Lord draws near; the Shepherd leads his sheep.

Message

Offering

Prayers

*Hymn "Watchman Tell Us of the Night"

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Prayers

*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

One: From death God has raised our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

All: His sacrificial death guarantees the eternal covenant.

One: May the God of peace provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will.

All: And may God, through Jesus Christ, do in us what pleases him.

One: And to Christ be the glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Closing Stanza

God's dear flock, rich blessing reaping, Guided waking, guarded sleeping, Safe within the Shepherd's keeping, David's heir is now your king!

Jim Niewold as David and Eric Funk as Solomon

Brian Funk will be providing the Voice of God