

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, February 24th

Confirmation, 8:30am
Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am
Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am
Knight's Templar Home Service, 1:30pm
(Elder, Jackie Roy)

Monday, February 25th

March Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 26th

Church Office Hours, 2pm-6:30pm
Bible Study, 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 27th

Soup, Relish & Cookies, 6:00pm
Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm
Youth Group, 7:00pm
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, February 28th

Presbytery Meeting in Effingham, 10am-4pm
(No Office Hours)

Sunday, March 3rd

Confirmation, 8:30am
Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am
Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am

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

Robin Niewold, Ivan Andreae, 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, Marcella Woodworth

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

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

## February

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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

4<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Henrikson

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

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

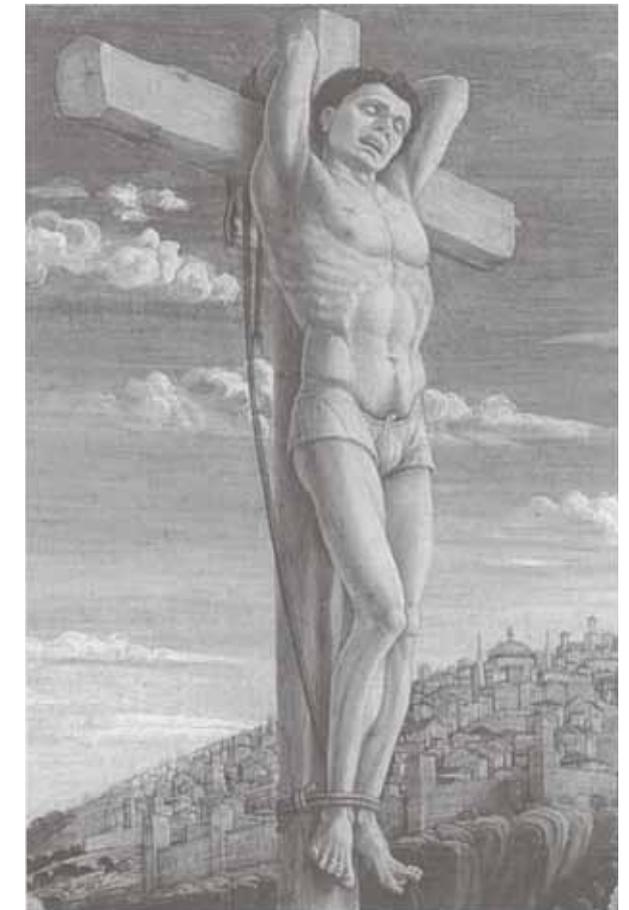
25<sup>th</sup> - Robin Niewold

26<sup>th</sup> - Katheryn Laube

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February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Second Sunday of Lent

*“Truly I tell you,  
today you will be with  
me in Paradise.”*



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

### Silent Prayers

#### \*Prelude

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

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen*

With words that last forever you speak in richest grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon your cross disgraced.

With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,  
With open heart embrace you: I, Lord, your words receive.

“Forgiveness” granted sinners, and “Paradise, today!”  
“Behold your son, your mother!” to family you say.  
The air is split with anguish in your “Forsaken” cry,  
As “Thirsty,” work “Accomplished,” in “Father’s hands” you die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,  
Till at the tomb I waken to your new word for me:  
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

#### \*Approaching the Word *(responsively)*

**One:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**All: “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

One: The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but  
to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**All: “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

One: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**All: “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

One: The Lord sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them  
from destruction.

**All: “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

One: “The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me  
empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and  
succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

**All: “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

**First Lesson**     Genesis 2:4-17

#### Responsive Psalmody

Psalm 16

One: Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.

**All: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; all the good things I have  
come from you.”**

One: I praise the Lord, because he guides me, and in the night my  
conscience warns me.

**All: I am always aware of the Lord’s presence; he is near, and nothing  
can shake me.**

One: And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure,

**All: because you protect me from the power of death.**

One: I have served you faithfully,

**All: and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.**

One: You will show me the path that leads to life.

**All: Your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.**

**Second Lesson**     1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks in love,  
To sinners in their need.  
Oh, hear the message from above;  
His gracious promise heed.

**\*Holy Gospel**     John 14:1-6

#### Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

His wondrous pity see!  
Unto the thief he cries:  
“Today, I tell you, you will be  
With me in Paradise.”

**Message**     “Paradise”

#### A Hymn

*“Jesus, Pitying the Sighs”*

Jesus, pitying the sighs  
Of the thief, who near you dies,  
Promising him paradise:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in our guilt and shame  
Still your love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on your name:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our hearts to you incline  
And their thoughts your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### Offering

**Anthem**     *“I Come to the Cross”*

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

**One:** Let us join in fervent prayer.

**All: Lord, remember us in your kingdom.**

#### Lord’s Prayer

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Closing Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks; may we  
Give heed to ev’ry word,  
And grace be given faithfully  
To trust what we have heard.