

January 1st, 2012
First Sunday after Christmas



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Welcome to our guests!

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

Unison Song *“Joy to the World” (Verse 1)*

PH, #40

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Galatians 4, Luke 2

Abba, Father God,

we come as your children

trusting in your grace.

As we come into your sacred space,

may we present ourselves

as a living gift to you

and to the needs of your world.

May our growth in your grace

strengthen our ministry as your disciples.

And may we shine forth as a beacon of hope

for all the world to see.

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***Prelude**

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *“There’s a Song in the Air”*

Insert

*** Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

Psalm 148, Luke 2

One: Light and love, joy and hope, peace on earth, grace for all . . .

All: Words of Christmas stream from the heavens.

One: Light and love, joy and hope, peace on earth, grace for all . . .

All: Praises to God flow from the deep.

One: Light and love, joy and hope, peace on earth, grace for all . . .

All: May we strengthen our world in word and deed.

Youth Moment

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory

***Hymn** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (one verse)*

PH, #428

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

Prayer of DedicationLuke 2*

Generous God,
receive these gifts
as offerings of our deepest selves.
Transform them into gifts for the world,
even as you transform us
into children of your Spirit.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith**Gloria Patri****Prayer of Preparation***Isaiah 61, Isaiah 62, Christmas*

Shine upon us with the light of your wisdom, O God.
Let your salvation cover us
with righteousness and justice,
that we may shine forth like the dawn.
Let your truth and teaching
spring forth in our hearts,
that we may be born anew
with Christmas hope.

Lectionary Scripture

Isaiah 61:10–62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7

***Hymn** *"We Three Kings"*

PH, #66

Anthem

***Gospel** Luke 2:22-40

Message**Pastoral Prayer****Lord's Prayer**

Response *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

***Closing Hymn** *"Go Tell It"*

PH, #29

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**Benediction***Luke 2*

Let us depart in peace,
looking for signs of salvation, trusting in God's word.
Let us depart in love, shining forth with the light of Christ.

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 4th

PAMA Meeting - Noon

Confirmation-6pm/Youth Group-7pm/Choir Practice-7pm

Thursday, January 5th

UCC Clergy Meeting in Savoy, 10:00am - Noon

Friday, January 6th

Epiphany Party at Don & Pastor Colleen's Home - 6pm

Sunday, January 8th

Baptism of our Lord

January Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Fellowship after worship

Wednesday, January 11th

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January Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders ~ Mike & Alex Goudy Family

January

Birthdays & Anniversaries



2nd - Dave Adkins

7th - Jackie Roy

7th - Ivan Andreae

18th - Tim Silence

21st - Wanda Larson



Annual Meeting

The Annual
Congregational Meeting
will be held

Sunday, January 15th.

Please make every effort
to be in attendance.

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

Wayne Niewold - car accident; Jeff Legener;

Brent Lawrence - recovery; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore (New Address) 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

**For the month of January, please bring *peanut butter, jelly, tuna, tuna helper*
for the Food Pantry.**

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