

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Dedication***Luke 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**

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

**January Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders ~ Mike & Alex Goudy Family**

## January

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*



2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Adkins

7<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Roy

7<sup>th</sup> - Ivan Andreae

18<sup>th</sup> - Tim Silence

21<sup>st</sup> - 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.***