

January 29th, 2012
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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.

*Doxology

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Mark 1

**God of power and might,
when your awesome presence
was too much for your people to bear,
you sent prophets to guide,
to teach, and to call us back to the ways of life.
In the fullness of time,
you again dwelt powerfully with your people,
sending your Son Jesus to open our eyes,
that we might see your ways anew;
to open our hearts and minds,
that we might understand
and proclaim your teachings
for all to hear. Amen.**

*Prelude *"Abendlied"*

Hammerel

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Opening Hymn *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

PH, #142

* Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Psalm 111

One: What are you waiting for?

Praise the Lord, laugh, and sing.

All: We'll shout God's praises for all to hear!

One: Stop daydreaming.

Listen to the Lord, learn, and live.

All: We'll hear God's word

and ponder anew the mysteries of God.

One: Let's get going and really worship.

All: Our God is an awesome God,

greatly to be praised!

Youth Moment

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory *"Prayer"*

Georges

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

***Hymn** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (one verse)* PH, #428

***Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)* *Deuteronomy 18, Psalm 111*

**God of splendor and might,
you lead us across the wilderness of our lives,
setting our hearts aflame;
you teach us the ways of life and death
and send us prophets to bless us
with new understanding and wisdom.
May these offerings be a sign
of our thankfulness and our commitment
to grow ever deeper in your ways,
through the one who leads us into life. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Gloria Patri**

Preparing to Hear the Word *(responsively)* *Deuteronomy 18*

One: Where have all the prophets gone?

All: They are all around us, here in our midst.

One: What have they to teach us?

All: They teach us God's ways, as they have of old.

One: In whose name do they speak?

All: They speak in Christ's name, and in the name of God.

One: How will we know if they speak the truth?

All: The Spirit will testify to the truth, as it has always been.

One: Again, we hear the WORD.

Lectionary Scripture *Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Anthem *"You Are My Rock"* Michael Pierce

Gospel *Mark 1:21-28*

Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

***Closing Hymn** *"God of the Ages"* PH, #262

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction** *Psalm 111*

The works of the Lord sustain us. The precepts of the Lord guide us.

The love of the Lord redeems us. Go with God's blessings.

***Postlude** *"Solennelle"* Rheinberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, February 1st

PAMA Meeting @ Noon
Confirmation-6pm/Youth Group-7pm/Choir Practice-7pm

Thursday, February 2nd

UCC Clergy Meeting

Sunday, February 5th

Communion Sunday

Wednesday, February 8th

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

Monday, February 13th

Church Council Meeting ~ 6:30pm in the Church Basement

Wednesday, February 15th

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

January Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders ~ Mike & Alex Goudy Family

January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Dave Adkins

7th - Jackie Roy

7th - Ivan Andreae

12th - Linda Rhodes

18th - Tim Silence

21st - Wanda Larson

25th - Kelly Williams

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

Marcella Woodworth; Wayne Niewold - car accident;

Jeff Legener; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore - 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 February, please bring *canned vegetables, noodles,
peanut butter, & cereal* for the Food Pantry.**

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