

January 4th, 2015
Second Sunday after Christmas



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



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Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Unison Prayer

Father, bring us together from our far places, whether the separation be that of physical or of emotional distance. Unite men, women, and children in your worship -- old and young and inbetween. Minister to the broken-hearted among us and lift up the fallen. May we know the consolation you intended for all your people, and the gladness that comes unbidden as we serve you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Prelude

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

PH, #28

Call to Worship (*Psalm 147*)

ONE: God, who protects and blesses us, who waters our lives like a garden.

ALL: **In the face of a child God is revealed. In the babe of Bethlehem we are healed.**

ONE: Let us give thanks with our whole hearts, for God is gracious and merciful.

ALL: **Thanks be to God for cool, refreshing rains and snow, for grain, oil, wine and flocks.**

ONE: Sing for joy that a remnant responds and joins in the growth faith demands.

ALL: **We would dare to listen and hear God's voice, to rejoice with dance and merrymaking.**

ONE: Join the saints in prayers of remembrance and look forward in your call to hope.

ALL: **God meets us in our celebration and enlightens the eyes of our hearts. AMEN.**

Offertory Invitation

We give because we want the church to be here when we need it. We give because God wants the church to be wherever people are in need. Let us be as generous in our sharing as God has been to us.

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

Investment of Our Time, Talent & Treasures

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Youth Moment

Collect

Fill us with radiant joy as your Word runs swiftly through our midst, melting the coldness of our hearts and bringing light to the darkness of our souls. Quicken our faith in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us your will and way. May the statutes and obedience that have guided your people in the past find a friendly reception among those seeking to embrace your reservation and grow in love. Through Christ. Amen.

Scripture Jer 31:7-14 Eph 1:3-14

Anthem

***Gospel** John 1:1-18

Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

***Hymn** *"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"*

PH, #29

*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Commission and Blessing

ONE: Continue your worship in daily praise, giving thanks for material and spiritual gifts.

ALL: Praise God for all we have received and for all we are privileged to share.

ONE: Join the remnant of God's people who are growing in grace and truth.

ALL: We dare to join the dance of life without stopping to count the cost.

ONE: The promise and blessing of an unseen God go with you and be seen by you.

ALL: Open our eyes, O God, to the view beyond us, and fill us with the fullness of Christ.

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, January 4th

Second Sunday after Christmas

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

January Birthday/Anniversary

Fellowship after Worship

Tuesday, January 6th

Epiphany of Our Lord

Church on Ministry in Gilman, 9:30am

Wednesday, January 7th

PAMA Meeting, Noon - 2

Office Hours, 2pm - 4pm

Bible Study, 6:00pm at Maxine's Home

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, January 8th

UCC Clergy Meeting, 10-2pm in

Decatur

Sunday, January 11th

Baptism of Our Lord

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

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Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

(Elder, Vicki Cole)

January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Dave Adkins

7th - Jackie Roy

7th - Ivan Andreae

12th - Linda Rhodes

18th - Tim Silence

25th - Kelly (Williams) Barrington



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

Kristi Braun, Mike Johnsen,

Gayle Dunahee,

Matthew Swearingen,

Barb Legener, Ann Cofel,

*Homebound or in
Adult Health Care Facilities*

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes,

Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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

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

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