

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Baptism of the Lord



## 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**

**\*Prelude**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"This is My Father's World"*

PH, #293

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

*Genesis 1, Mark 1*

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: God said, "Let there be light!"**

One: There was evening and there was morning.

**All: God called it good.**

One: Jesus came up from the waters of the Jordan.

**All: God said, "You are my Son, the Beloved."**

One: There was for us a new beginning.

**All: God called it good.**

One: We gather here to praise the God of blessing.

**All: This is a day of new beginnings!**

**Youth Moment**

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory**

**\*Hymn**     *"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (one verse)*

PH, #428

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*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**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7

**Anthem**

**\*Gospel**     Mark 1:4-11

**Message**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Great Thanksgiving

*Genesis 1, Mark 1*

*(Women only)* Praise to you, almighty God, creator of the universe. By your breath the world came into being. At your word light broke forth, banishing the darkness. You brought order out of chaos. Night follows day; morning light emerges from the darkness. You created all that is and called it good. And so, we your people join all creation as we praise you, God of glory and strength.

**\*Hymn** *(All together)* "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

PH, #464

*(Men only)* You sent John the Baptist into the wilderness, proclaiming forgiveness and preparing the way for the one who would baptize with the Spirit. Jesus was baptized by John, and as the Spirit descended, your voice proclaimed, "You are my son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus taught your ways of love and forgiveness. He healed the world's brokenness. He proclaimed your vision of justice and righteousness for all.

*(In Unison)* At a meal with friends, he broke bread, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying, "This is my body, offered for you." Then he took the cup. Again he gave thanks and shared it with those gathered together: "This is the cup of the new covenant, a sign of my life, offered for forgiveness. Do this and remember." And so we do this, partaking of bread and wine as the body of Christ, remembering his life, offering ourselves in your service as we proclaim the mysterious depth of your love.

**\*Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PH, #513

*(Pastor)* Send the breath of your love upon those gathered here, that we may become the body of Christ. Send the winds of your Spirit upon these elements of bread and wine, recreating them into the living presence of Jesus Christ. Unite us at this table, that we may serve the world. All majesty, glory, and strength is yours, Creator, Word, and Spirit. Amen.

### Sharing of Gifts

#### Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** "God who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

PH, #268

#### **\*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

#### **\*Benediction**

*Psalms 29*

The God of glory and strength sends us forth to serve. The voice of God is powerful, giving us power. May the Lord give us strength!

#### **\*Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, January 8th**

Baptism of Our Lord

January Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Fellowship after worship

**Wednesday, January 11th**

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

**Sunday, January 15th**

Worship/Annual Congregational Mtg/Potluck-10:00am

**Wednesday, January 18th**

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

**Thursday, January 19th**

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm at Priscilla Andreae's Home

**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 next

**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.***