



# The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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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**     *"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Verse 4)*

PH, #138

**Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns**

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

*1 Thessalonians 5*

**As your children of light and life, we come to you this day, O God,  
in worship and praise, in awareness and hope.**

**Shine upon us with the radiant light of your wisdom and guidance.**

**Keep alive in us the constant awareness**

**that you are present in our lives and in our world,**

**creating your realm of love and salvation.**

**Keep alive in us the enduring hope that your strength and power  
will overcome the sorrow and sin of this world.**

**Strengthen our faith and resolve to stay awake, alert, and serious  
about our call to be children of light.**

**\*Prelude**     *"Resting Place"*

arr. Rouse

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

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

PH, #145

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

*Psalms 78*

One: Let us speak of the glorious deeds of God and God's might.

**All: Let us not hide them from our children and tell them to  
the coming generation.**

One: Let us rise up and tell the children, so they will set their hope  
in God.

**All: That they should not forget God's words and keep God's  
commandments. Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn**     *"Dear Lord and Father"*

PH, #345

**Youth Moment**

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, you have granted us salvation and protection and  
loved us despite our betrayals and ingratitude. Yet we have failed  
to appreciate these special gifts. We don't appreciate our legacy.  
We don't know the stories well, nor do we tell them with much**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

wonder. We forsake you as we forget your glorious works on our behalf, our dependence upon you, and our responsibility to the covenant we share. Lord, forgive us and remind us of what you have done that we may neither grieve nor despair; that we may find hope in your promises and resolve to serve you. Amen.

**Response**    *“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” (Verse 3)*                      PH, #356

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Preparing to Hear the Word** (*in unison*)

Let us think now on whatever is honorable and true,  
on what is just and pure, on all that is pleasing and commendable,  
excellent and worthy of praise. Let us hear the Word of God.

**Lectionary Scripture**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Anthem**                      *“Thy Kingdom Come”*    Hytha

**Gospel**                      Matthew 25:1-13

**Message**                      *“Boy Scout Motto?”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Response**    *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory**                      *“The King of Love”*    arr. Haan

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*in unison*)                      1 Thessalonians 5, Matthew 25

**Loving God, receive these gifts, both small and large:  
gifts hidden, gifts multiplied, gifts shared willingly,  
gifts shared begrudgingly.**

**Transform these gifts into signs of light and love.**

**Transform our living and our giving,**

**that we may be children of light, children of faith and hope.**

**Transform our lives, that we may be strong and courageous  
as followers of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      *“Called as Partners”*    PH, #343

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      *“Amazing Grace”*    arr. Haan

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Monday, November 14th

Church Council Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Messiah Practice in Gibson City at 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 16th

Confirmation-6p.m./ Youth Group-7p.m./Choir Practice-7p.m.  
Worship/Music Committee Mtg - 8p.m.

## Thursday, November 17th

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30 p.m. at Deana Niewold's Home

## Sunday, November 20th

Community Thanksgiving Service, Full Gospel/Cowboy Church-7p.m.

**November Greeters** Liturgists **Ushers** Elders ~ Tipsord, Williams, Scott

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

9<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Laura Adkins

Anniversary

21<sup>st</sup> - Don Lawrence

25<sup>th</sup> - Grace Funk

27<sup>th</sup> - John Turner

28<sup>th</sup> - Marissa Williams

## Thomasboro Peace Luth Church

Sunday 11/20/11 • 11am - 1:30pm  
Fried Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Slaw, drinks and more  
*Carry-outs are welcome*

Practice for "Messiah" will begin  
Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at  
the First Presbyterian Church  
on Church St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Subsequent practices will be on  
Monday evenings until  
the performance on Dec. 4th.

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

Marcella Woodworth - bad knees; Jeff Legener;  
Brent Lawrence - surgery; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

## ***Homebound or in Nursing Homes***

Sue Moore - c/o J. Schmidt, 511 Ridge Lane, Eureka, IL 61530  
Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

**For the month of November, please bring *canned tuna or chicken,  
applesauce, canned yams and stove top stuffing for the Food Pantry.***

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