



# The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Christ the King Sunday

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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**     *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (Verse 2)*     PH, #551

## Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)     *Ezekiel 34, Ephesians 1, Matthew 25*

**Tender, comforting Shepherd,  
your steadfast love is present in this place  
and resides within each of us.  
But sometimes it is hard, so very hard,  
to open ourselves to your love.  
We feel like scattered sheep,  
frightened and alone.  
Help us know your loving presence  
as we live as your gathered community.  
Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope  
to which we have been called. Amen.**

**\*Prelude**     *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*     arr. Woods

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

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*     PH, #455

**\*Call to Worship** (*responsively*)     *Psalms 100*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**All: Worship God with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing.

**All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

**All: for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.**

**\*Hymn**     *"The Churches One Foundation"*     PH, #442

## Youth Moment

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)     *Ezekiel 34, Matthew 25*

**Holy One,  
we are like sheep that stray from your fold.  
We are the perpetually hungry, ever in spiritual need,  
and at times in physical want.**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

**We are the naked, with wounds exposed and bleeding.  
We are the sick, fevered, chilled, and in pain.  
We are the strangers, separated from others  
and even from ourselves.**

**Hear us now as we confess our brokenness and our need. Amen.**

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

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory** *“Netherlands”* arr. Fisk

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)** *Matthew 25*

**Holy One,**

**you have given us all that we have  
and all that we are.**

**Through these gifts and in our lives,  
help us be the shepherds and healers and lovers  
that you are calling us to be. Amen.**

**\*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**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23;*

**Anthem** *“Thank the Lord”* Renee Claussen

**Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

**Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**\*Closing Hymn** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd”* PH, #387

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *“Winchester New”* arr. Haan

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, November 20th**

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

**Monday, November 21st**

Messiah Practice in Gibson City at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 23rd**

Confirmation-6p.m./ Youth Group-7p.m./Choir Practice-7p.m.

**Thursday, November 24th**



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Sunday, November 27th**

1st Sunday of Advent (Communion Elders - Vicki Cole & Deana Niewold)

December Newsletter Deadline

**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 be at  
the First Presbyterian Church on  
Church St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St., G.C. 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.***