

The Lord Is Near

November 27th, 2011
First Sunday of Advent



The Federated Church of Paxton
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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Rev. Dr. Robert Ross, Pastor Emeritus
Organist - Priscilla Andreae



Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

Unison Song *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (All verses)* PH, #2

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer

***Prelude** *"Creator of the Stars of Night"* McCabe

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* PH, #398

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (insert)**

The Decoration of the Sanctuary

***Hymn** *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* PH, #9

The Paraments

***Hymn** *"Deck the Halls"* Insert

The Greens

***Hymn** *"The Holly and the Ivy"* Insert

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* arr. Karvonen

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

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)** Mark 13

**Holy God, triumphant liberating savior of all,
receive these gifts and the hopeful hearts that offer them
as part of your bountiful harvest.**

**Strengthen and sustain us through our hungers and our fears
until your unexpected advent.**

**Help us as we wait to know each day that we are a part of your
generous, expectant household, the body of Christ. Amen.**

The Wreaths

The WORD

Lectionary Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, November 27th

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

Monday, November 28th

Messiah Practice in Gibson City at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30th

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

Sunday, December 4th

Coffee Hour for December birthday & anniversary celebrants
Messiah Production at 3:00pm at Gibson City Bible Church

November Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders ~ Tipsord, Williams, Scott
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries

9th - Dave & Laura Adkins
Anniversary

21st - Don Lawrence

25th - Grace Funk

27th - John Turner

28th - Marissa Williams

Annual Meeting

The Annual
Congregational Meeting
will be held
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***

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 December, please bring peanut butter, spaghetti &
spaghetti sauce, canned stews, & cereal for the Food Pantry.
As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.**