

November 30th, 2014  
First Sunday of Advent



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



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**Sunday, November 30th, 2014 - 10:00am**  
**Federated Church • Paxton, IL**

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**Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns**

**Unison Prayer**

**The nations tremble before you, O God. Face us with enough of you in this hour that we, too, may be filled with awe and wonder. Melt our hard hearts to make space for your love as it comes to us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**Silent Prayers**

**Prelude**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"*                     PH, #6

**\*Psalm 80:1-7**

**\*Investment of Our Time, Talent & Treasures**  
                          *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1st verse)*                     PH, #9

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

**Scripture**             Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Anthem**

**\*Gospel**             Mark 13:32-37

**Message**

**Holy Communion**

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

## **Prayer of Confession**

In this Advent Season we are summoned to prepare for God's coming to us in a form we can begin to understand. Jesus accepted all our human limitations yet remained faithful to the Eternal law of Love. We who have taken this saving action for granted are called to repent and be watchful. Let us confess our disobedience unto you, O Lord....

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God is our Father and our Redeemer, the source of all our unused spiritual gifts. We have been given everything we need for a new life in Christ. Grace and peace come to us now, to equip us for the tasks to which we are called. May a true and repentive heart not only know the gift of forgiveness, but joyfully receive the strength to do what God expects. Amen.

## **Prayer of Blessing & Lord's Prayer**

### **Sharing of the Gifts**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn**    *"Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun"*

PH, #456

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am  
Confirmation, 9:00am  
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Kammy)

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

PAMA Meeting, Noon  
Office Hours, 2pm-6pm  
Bible Study, 6:00pm at  
Maxine's Home  
Choir Practice, 7:00pm at Church

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

UCC Clergy Meeting, 10am-2pm  
in Champaign

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am  
Confirmation, 9:00am  
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am  
December Bday/Ann Fellowship

## November

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**9th - Dave & Laura Adkins**

**21st - Don Lawrence**

**25th - Grace Funk**

**27th - John Turner**

**28th - Marissa Williams**



### ***Poinsettia Memorial/Honorariums***

Would you like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one for the Christmas season? Poinsettias will be \$12.00 per plant. Please fill out form below, making checks payable to the Federated Church and indicate on the check memo that it is for a poinsettia and drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor (circle your preference) of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mike Johnsen, Pastor Colleen, Matthew Swearingen,  
Maxine Anderson, Jani Fraim, Gayle Dunahee, Ann Cofel,  
Barb Legener, Marcella Woodworth

***Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities***

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of December, please bring sugar, flour, cake mixes  
and peanut butter for the Food Pantry.**

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

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