

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

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 30th

First Sunday of Advent

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Kammy)

Wednesday, December 3rd

PAMA Meeting, Noon

Office Hours, 2pm-6pm

Bible Study, 6:00pm at

Maxine's Home

Choir Practice, 7:00pm at Church

Thursday, December 4th

UCC Clergy Meeting, 10am-2pm
in Champaign

Sunday, December 7th

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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:

***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.

Pastor Colleen Lawrence, Minister

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