



# The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
Nineteenth 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**     *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (Verse 2)*     PH, #551

**Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns**

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)     *Matthew 22*

**God of ages past and days to come,  
be with us this day.**

**Shower us with your love and truth.**

**Open our hearts and minds**

**to truly love as you love us**

**and as you call us to love.**

**Grant us the courage to ask**

**the questions that frighten us,**

**that we may courageously live and grow**

**as your disciples on this earth.**

**With the confidence of Christ's grace in our lives, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Prelude**     *"Andante from Sonata VI"*     Mendelssohn

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

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"*     PH, #10

**\*Call to Worship** (*responsively*)     *Psalm 90, Matthew 22*

One: God welcomes us this day with steadfast love  
to satisfy our deepest longings.

**All: Praise God who has been our dwelling place  
in every generation.**

One: Before the mountains were formed and we were still dust,  
God loved us into being.

**All: Praise God who created us and renews us still.**

One: May God's favor and grace guide us on paths of love and peace.

**All: We rejoice with gladness this day!**

**\*Hymn**     *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*     PH, #316

**Youth Moment**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

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

*Psalm 90, Matthew 22*

**God of steadfast love,  
turn away your anger and frustration:  
when we fall short in your eyes,  
when we forget to love,  
when we are afraid to love,  
when we neglect to love.  
Forgive us and transform us  
with your amazing grace.  
Fill us with your love so completely  
that our lives may overflow with love—  
in heart, mind, and soul. 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**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**Anthem** *“O God Beyond All Praising”*

Holst

**Gospel** Matthew 22:34-46

**Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory** *“Prayer”*

Humperdinck

**\*Hymn** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (one verse)*

PH, #428

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn** *“Jesus, Lover of my Soul”*

PH, #303

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

**\*Benediction**

*Matthew 22*

**\*Postlude** *“Theme from Finlandia”*

Sibelius

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, October 23rd**

Heartland Health Care Service ~ 1:30pm (Elder-Vicki)

**Monday, October 24th**

November Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, October 26th**

Confirmation-6pm/Choir Practice-7pm/Youth Group-7pm

**Thursday, October 27th**

Holiday Fair ~ 7am-2:30pm at First United Methodist Church, Paxton

**Saturday, October 29th**

UCC Association Meeting, St. Peter's in Bloomington

**Sunday, October 30th - Thursday, November 3rd**

Pastor away for Mission Work

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

Marcella Woodworth - bad knees; Lee Lampe;  
Jeff Legener; Brent Lawrence; 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 October, please bring peanut butter, tuna,  
tuna helper, juice & canned soup for the Food Pantry.***

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

**October Birthdays  
& Anniversaries**

**4<sup>th</sup> - John Goudy**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Deanne Silence**

**13<sup>th</sup> - Greg Niewold**

**14<sup>th</sup> - Mike Struss**

**19<sup>th</sup> - John & Delores Turner Ann.**

**21<sup>st</sup> - Steve Satterlee**

**22<sup>nd</sup> - Brian Funk**

**30<sup>th</sup> - Russ Taylor**

**G**reeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

**October**

Lateer, D. Niewold, Satterlee

**November**

Tipsord, Williams, Scott