



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



October 30th, 2011
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer (*in unison*) *Joshua 3, Psalm 107, Matthew 23*

**God of earth and heaven, we hunger and thirst
for your presence in our lives and in our world.
Nurture us with your truth this day,
and strengthen us with your word.
May your love be the foundation upon which we stand.
May your teachings be the starting block
from which we run the marathon of faithful living.
Guide us this day and all days,
that we may be a people who serve and love
as you love and care for us.**

***Prelude** *"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"* arr. Rouse

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *"God of the Ages"* PH, #262

***Call to Worship** (*responsively*) *Joshua 3, Psalm 107*

One: Draw near and hear the words of God.

All: We gather to listen and pray.

One: Draw near with humble hearts and open minds.

All: We hunger and thirst for God.

One: Draw near to walk this journey of faith.

All: We follow in the footsteps of Christ.

One: Draw near and drink deep of the marrow of life.

All: We come to worship the Lord our God.

***Hymn** *"My Hope is Built"* PH, #379

Youth Moment

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*) *Joshua 3, Matthew 23*

**Rabbi, Father, Teacher, Gracious God,
we come to you with humble hearts.
You see us at our best and at our worst.
You know when we have grabbed the seats of honor,**

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

**or when we have assumed that the earth's gifts
are ours for the taking.**

**You know when we have been judgmental
rather than encouraging.**

**And you know when we have enjoyed power
rather than choosing the role of the servant.**

When we exalt ourselves, forgive us.

**Rabbi, Father, Teacher, Gracious God,
we come to you with humble hearts.**

**Hear our prayers and guide us through the waters
onto the dry ground of humble servanthood—
the promised land of faith. 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

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;

Anthem *"El Shaddai"*

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory *"Everlasting Love"*

Rouse

***Hymn** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (one verse)*

PH, #428

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** *"Lead On, Oh King Eternal"*

PH, #447

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction**

Joshua 3, Matthew 23

***Postlude** *"Epilogue"*

A Guilment

Welcome!

Please welcome Pastor DeDe Wood to the pulpit today. DeDe pastors alongside her husband, Jim Wood, at The Vineyard Church in Paxton. She is passionate about bringing healing and hope and freedom to brokenhearted people. She and Jim have four children - Trevor (16), Tanner (14), Teagan (12), and Lily (10).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, October 30th - Thursday, November 3rd

Pastor away for Mission Work

Wednesday, November 2nd

Youth Group-7pm/Choir-7pm

Sunday, November 6th

Post Reformation/All Saint's/Communion (Elders Kammy & Jackie)

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - John Goudy

7th - Deanne Silence

13th - Greg Niewold

14th - Mike Struss

19th - John & Delores Turner Ann.

21st - Steve Satterlee

22nd - Brian Funk

30th - Russ Taylor

Greeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

October

Lateer, D. Niewold, Satterlee

November

Tipsord, Williams, Scott

Practice for "Messiah" will begin Monday, Oct. 31st at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church on Church St. and 11th St. Subsequent practices will be 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.