

# ***Our Celebration of Worship***

***Epiphany Sunday ~ January 1, 2012  
Worship Time: 10:00 a.m.***

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE "We Three Kings"

I. arr. Holden  
II. arr. Russell  
III. arr. Young

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE (Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

## **TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1,3

Arise and shine, for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Nations shall come to your light

**And rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

\* HYMN 68 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Please pause for a moment of silent confession.)*

\* THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Praise God. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal Page 579)

## **TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Green

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our debts...)

## **TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT Page 690)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Silver Star"

Adult Choir

Pote

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT Page 2)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Following the Light"*

Pastor Green

HYMN 66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (Solo ~ Verse 2,3,4 sung by the men of the choir)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

## **TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

I. arr. Lebegue

II. arr. Gehring

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* RECEPTIONAL HYMN 63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Epiphany Song"

Adult Choir

arr. Lein

POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

arr. Innes

# Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732

**THE LECTOR** this morning is Elder Kitti Taylor. Kitti is the chair of the Christian Education Ministry.

**WE WELCOME VISITORS** to our worship today. We are happy to have you worship with us and hope you will return often. If you are interested in membership at Paxton Church, please indicate this when the friendship folder is passed or speak to the Pastor or Lector following worship.

**THE USHERS** joyfully serving in January: Arden Hoopes, Captain; David Holt, Jeanne Hoopes, Donald Hoopes, Hendrik Jongsma, Paul Remaly, Ronald Wix.

**WE HOLD IN CHRISTIAN MEMORY** Elizabeth S. Mory who joined Paxton Church in 2006 and entered the Church Triumphant on December 23, 2011. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Charlie, Cindy, Chase and Christian Mory and extended family and friends.

**THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** in the chancel this morning is placed in loving memory of Elizabeth S. Mory by the Mory family.

**TODAY** Pastor Green will greet at the porch door. The lector will greet at the parlor door. An usher will greet at the south door.

**THERE ARE** large print bulletins and hymnals available for your use. Please ask an usher.

**PLEASE SIGN** the red "friendship folders" at the end of your row to mark your attendance with us!

**THE NEXT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held next week, on Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

## Sermon Help

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**



Sun	1	10:00	Worship
		11:00	Sunday Snacks
Mon	2		Church Office Closed
Tues	3	10:00	Staff Retreat
		12:30	Circle 2
Wed	4	6:45	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:30	Sewing
		6:00	Congregational Life
		7:00	Worship & Music Ministry
		7:30	Mission & Outreach Ministry
Thur	5	6:15	Paxtones
		7:30	Adult Choir
Sat	7	9:00-Noon	Elder/Deacon Training
Sun	8	8:30	Pancake Breakfast
		9:00	Church School
		10:00	Worship /Ordination Elders/Deacons
		10:45	Angels Rehearsal
		11:00	Sunday Snacks Paxton Singers

**MISSING KEYS**

There is a key ring with three church keys missing from Judy's desk drawer in the office. Please check your pockets in case you may have borrowed them! Thank you!

**RECIPE CARDS**

A church group is collecting recipes for a special project. If you would like to contribute your favorite recipe on a 4x6 card please drop it off in the church office.

**THANK YOU**

*Your cards, calls and prayers during my mother's declining life and her passing meant a lot to me and my family. May God's grace and blessings bring you into a glorious New Year!*

*Thank you, Judy Daniels*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Church School** will resume on Sunday, January 15, 2012. See you then!

**Mark your calendars.....Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** is our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** from 8:30-9:45 sponsored by our youth. Paxton is hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring which will be held on Saturday, February 4th. The food drive will follow on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. We will be hosting about 60 youth from churches in the Carlisle Presbytery with fellowship, games, food and entertainment. The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will help support this event. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you** to all the individuals and families who participated in the Advent Wreath lighting this season. It was great to see all the friends and families join in this celebration. Thank you to Richard Fowler for the addition of music during the candle lighting.

**FLOWER CHART**

The flower chart for 2012 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. There are Sundays in January and February that are still open for contributors.

When you sign up, please fill out a contributor card with the date you have selected, and the wording for the bulletin. Cards can be placed on the desk in the office.

**SANTA SHOPS**

Santa Shops were a wonderful success this, our 8th year! We served 905 children and women shoppers from Harrisburg's poorest neighborhoods. Please enjoy the pictures on the Santa Shop poster in the Gathering Room.

**UNITY CIRCLE**

The Unity Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 12:30. A hostess and devotion leader is still needed. Please call Carol McCall (566-2786) if you are willing to take one of those tasks.

**Prayer Square – December 25—January 1**

As Christians we are called to pray for everyone in a difficult time of life. To protect the privacy of those for whom we are praying we ask that permission be received before a name is placed for prayer request. We will keep the names in the Prayer Square for two weeks. If you would like them to be included longer, please call the church office or submit another request card.

Please keep the following members of Paxton in your prayers: Helen Swaincott, Jean Herrold, Betty Ludwig, Bob Bost, Ruth Roadarmel, Marj Hatkevich

December 25 - Greg Lyons, Allison Speck, Lt. Sarah (Moore) Granger, MD — USN and family, Douglas Newhouse, Mary C. Greider, Katie Bassler, Brian Janssen (149 Hilands Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15237), Katie Janssen

January 1 — Marion Trautman, Clifford Leahy, Janice Hall, Janet Yeager Keener, Joseph Smarsh

Each week we will be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ within our Presbytery. This week we are praying for the Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge Summit.