

***Our Celebration of Worship***  
***First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27, 2011***

***Adult Church School: 9:00 a.m.***

***Worship Time: 10:00 a.m.***

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE "The Shadows Are Falling" arr. Schroeder  
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Held  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Lau

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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

**TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Jo Jacoby & Lisa Pletz  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ~ Adult Choir

*Follow as we prepare the way of the Lord through the story of the birth of a child, named Immanuel. Close your eyes, listen to the story and hear the music.*

\* HYMN 13 "Prepare the Way"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we watch for you with divided hearts. We want to follow you, but we fear the cost of discipleship. We want to love you, but we want other things even more. Forgive our ambivalence. Free us from our fears, give us grace to live for you, and let us know your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

\* THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Hear now 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

Chuck Cain

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (OT Page 540)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Adult Choir

Rutter

SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24-37 (NT Page 50)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"On Paying Attention"*

Pastor Green

HYMN 48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

**TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Setting II, Manz

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Adult Choir

Danish

POSTLUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Setting III, Manz

\* Those who are able may stand.

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# Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732

**THE LECTOR** this morning is Elder Diana Robertson. Diana is a member of the Congregational Life 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 November: Steven Barnes, Captain; Lorna Baer, Janice Barnes, Keith Birth, Charles Cain, James Knight, Donald and Anita Laughery, Hung Nguyen, Robert Martin.

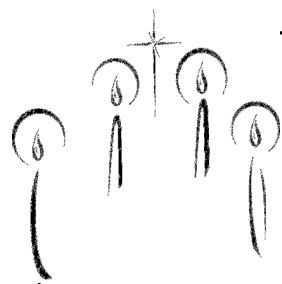
**TODAY** Pastor Green will greet at the south door. The lector will greet at the porch door. An usher will greet at the parlor door.

**THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** in the chancel this morning is placed in loving memory of Gertrude and Harry Bruce, Elynor Bruce Sutter, and Paul Slade, by the Bruce family.

**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 on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. Sunday, next week.



## Advent Prayer Study

*Join Pastor Green in the church parlor on Monday evenings in Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, & 19) from 7:00-8:00. The study will be on the book, "Shine! Light for All People", by Patricia Farris. Copies are available on the windowsill in the church office.*

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Ministers ~ All Members

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<u>Congregational Life</u> Jerry Davies* Barb Greenwood	*Wanda Newhouse Janet Walker Bev Ziebell
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<u>Long Range Planning</u> Gary Myers*	<u>Outreach</u> Diane Jacobs Jeanne Hoopes *Charles Schlegel Kaitlyn Steckbeck
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\*Chairperson **STEPHEN LEADERS**  
 Helen Heidelbaugh  
 Beth Lancione  
 Jane Rising  
 Jane Sanford

Pastor ~ John W. Green  
 Treasurer ~ Paul Remaly

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**



Sun	27	9:00	Church School
		10:00	Worship
		10:45	Angels Rehearsal
		11:00	Coffee Fellowship—Please join us!
Mon	28	6:00	Santa Shop—meet at Barber's
		7:00	Advent Prayer Study
Tues	29		Staff Meeting
Wed	30	6:45	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:30	Sewing
Thur	1	6:15	Paxtones
		7:30	Adult Choir
Sat	3	9:00	PW Event
			Seeker's Baking
Sun	4	9:00	Church School
		10:00	Worship
		10:45	Angels Rehearsal
		11:00	Coffee Fellowship
			Paxton Singers

**ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL**

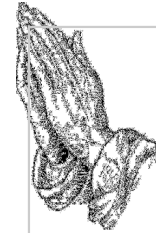
**KIRKERS**

- Today - "Facing Life without Worry"
- Scripture - Matthew 6:25-34
- Next Week - "A Blessing for All Nations"
- Scripture - Genesis 12:1-9
- Leader - Chuck Cain

**SEEKERS**

- Today - Exodus "The Burning Bush: God's Self-Introduction"
- Leader - Larry Brown
- Next Week - Exodus—"Moses: An Unlikely Leader"
- Leader - Mel Lancione

**Sermon Help**



**Prayer Square – November 20—27**

**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: Barb Greenwood, Helen Swaincott, Jean and Tom Miller, Jean Herrold, Betty Ludwig, Elizabeth Mory, Donna Powers, Bob Bost, Isabelle Smith, Ruth Roadarmel, Kathie Zimmerman, Bob Woodbridge, Jim Crouse, Marj Hatkevich, Bonnie Dando

Prayers of the congregation are asked for Norm Daniels and family on the recent death of his father, Norman W. Daniels. Prayers are also asked for Judy Daniels on the recent death of her mother, Lillie Daniels.

November 20 - Greg Lyons, Ruth Gussman, Allison Speck, Lt. Sarah (Moore) Granger, MD — USN and family, Private Bryan Marut, Douglas Newhouse, Mary C. Greider, Katie Bassler, Brian Janssen (149 Hilands Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15237), Katie Janssen, Marion Trautman, Joe & Nick Geraci

November 27— Glen Smith

Each week we will be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ within our Presbytery. This week we are praying for the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church in Shippensburg.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** – We need more families or groups of friends to light the candles this year! Can you help? The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the office.

**Thanks to everyone** who helped with the Advent Workshop! If you didn't stay until the end you missed our "Youth, Pastor and Christian Ed Leader Bell Ringers"!

## BAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT Cookies 101

If you don't have a fresh lemon, orange or lime, don't use the dry variety as a substitute for its flavor. Use another flavor, like vanilla instead.

### TEXTURE TIP:

For cookies that retain their shape and don't spread:

- Keep the dough very cold
- Set the oven temperature slightly higher than usual.

Source: "Cook Wise" and "The Simple Art of Perfect Baking"

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!

## YOUTH CHOIR NEWS

The youth choirs will be presenting their annual Christmas program, "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" during the worship service on Sunday, December 11 and will sing during the 7:30 Christmas Eve service. Below is the schedule of rehearsals.

Today - Regular Practice  
Dec. 4 - Regular Practice  
Dec. 10 - Dress Rehearsal 10:00-12:00 in sanctuary, Pizza for lunch  
Dec. 11 - Christmas Program  
Dec. 18 - Angel Choir sings at Music Program 4:00 pm (will sing "Room In My Heart")  
Dec. 24 - Choirs sing at 7:30 Christmas Eve

## PW GIANT GIFT CARD SALES "Eat Away the Debt"

As we go through holiday season, we would appreciate pre-orders for Giant cards. We don't want to disappoint buyers, and it helps us manage our monetary balance when we have a ballpark figure of what to order in each denomination.

We will order some \$10 cards for those of you who would like smaller gift cards. Giant gives us gift card envelopes, too, so please let us know if you want one or more. Sign up for pre-orders on Sunday or call or email Carol McCall with your orders.

We will sell cards for a *very brief* time on Nov. 27, and we will **not** sell cards on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your support of this project.

## NIGHT OUT AT THE BEARS GAME

The Congregational Life Ministry is sponsoring a "Night Out at the Bears Game" on Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 PM. We have fifty tickets reserved for our group. If you would like to reserve a ticket, please contact Tara Frank at 583-1951 or [btfrank@comcast.net](mailto:btfrank@comcast.net). A sign-up table will be available in the Gathering Room following worship on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. The cost is \$12.50 per ticket and money is due by Sunday, December 18th.



## THANK OFFERING

Each year the Thank Offering travels the world, meeting needs all over. In 2011, 26 projects (14 in the United States and 12 international) will receive funding to expand their work. The past gift to the 2010 Thank Offering will provide health care for woman and children, build a safe residence for high school girls, educate people with physical challenges, improve food and water supplies and allow women increased economic opportunities.

With Thanksgiving, we celebrate that we have been abundantly blessed and have these gifts to share. We rejoice that God uses our gifts to share. We rejoice that God uses our gifts to satisfy so many and build up the realm of God here on earth.

## SIGN UP FOR SANTA SHOP!

After the service, put your faith into action by signing up to work at a Santa Shop this December! There are morning shops, afternoon shops, and evening shops. This is our 8th annual Santa Shop season, and this year we'll serve approximately 850 children and women in Harrisburg's neediest areas. Daytime shops are the hardest to fill, so if you are free during the day-step up!! You can also sign up via email.

Write to: [bosakgreenwood@hotmail.com](mailto:bosakgreenwood@hotmail.com)  
The first Santa Shop is December 1st!!  
**PLEASE!!!??**

**Donations are CLOSED.** Thank you so very much for the generous gifts you all gathered and gave.

## Work Sessions

Monday 11/28, empty Barber's attic (meet 6pm at Carolyn and Dan Barber's house, 3814 Sunset Drive).

We will bring last year's stored boxes to church. If your doctor says *don't lift*-- don't come!!

*A special meeting of the Corporation is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2011, for the purpose of approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2012. A Stated Meeting of the Congregation is also called for that day for the purpose of receiving the Pastor's Terms of Call, the election of officers and at-large members of the Nominating Committee for 2012, presentation of the 2012 budget, and amending the bylaws.*

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Poinsettia order

### ARTICLE IV

#### THE SESSION

- Section 2. There shall be **17** ruling elders, divided into 3 classes ***each as nearly equal as possible***. One class shall be elected each year at the stated meeting of the congregation for a term of 3 years. The term of office of ruling elders shall expire when their successors have been installed or ordained. Ordination and installation shall take place ***as early each calendar year as possible, but*** not later than the fourth Sunday of January.
- Section 4.** ***A quorum of the session shall be the pastor or other presiding officer and one third of the elders.***

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