

Our Celebration of Worship
Christmas Day ~ 10:00 AM Worship

PRELUDE

“The First Noel” ~ English Carol, arr. Renfrow
“What Child Is This” ~ English Folk Tune, arr. Renfrow
“The Wexford Carol” ~ English Carol, arr. Hayes

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(unison)*

***Glory to you, almighty God,
For you sent your only-begotten Son,
That we might have new life.***

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
For you became flesh and dwelt among us
That we might become your people.***

***Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
For you direct and rule our lives.
Glory to you, almighty God,
And to your Son, Jesus Christ,
And to the Holy Spirit,
Now and forever. Amen.***

COMMON CONFESSION

***God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light
shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the
light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to
glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.***

***Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the
fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God. Amen.***

GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal Page 579)

A CHILDREN’S MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US ~ Pastor Green

CAROLS

(sing first and last verse of each song)

28 ~ “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

27 ~ “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

50 ~ “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7 (NT Page 58)

MESSAGE

“Christmas Ponderings” ~ Pastor Green

OFFERING

“As Lately We Watched” ~ Austrian Folk Song, arr. Renfrow

CAROLS *(see insert)*

“The Holly and the Ivy”

“I Saw Three Ships”

PRAYERS

CAROLS *(see insert)*

“Ding Dong, Merrily on High”

“The Wassail Song”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High” ~ French Carol, arr. Renfrow

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THE LECTOR this morning is Elder Jim Bruce. Jim is a member of the Pastoral Relations and Staff 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 December: Stephen Brindle, Captain, Thomas Leaver, Steve Miller, Gary Myers, Molly Reinhart, Robert Woodbridge.

TODAY Pastor Green will greet at the parlor door. The lector will greet at the south door. An usher will greet at the porch 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 on the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 8, 2012.

IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR offering credited for 2011 it must be in the office by Friday, December 30th. Thank You!

Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732



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, Elizabeth Mory, Bob Bost, Ruth Roadarmel, Bob Woodbridge, Marj Hatkevich, Bonnie Dando

December 18 - 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

December 25 — 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 Wells Valley Presbyterian Church.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sun	25	9:00	Sunday Snacks by the Elves
		10:00	Worship ~ Merry Christmas!
Mon	26		Church Office Closed
Wed	28	6:45	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sat	31	6:00	Potluck Dinner/Games
		7:30	Communion Worship
Sun	1		NO CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
		10:00	Worship
		11:00	Sunday Snacks

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.

Join Us
New Year's Eve!

6:00 ~ Potluck/Games
(Bring a dish to share)

7:30 ~ Communion Worship

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School classes will resume on Sunday, January 15, 2011. See you then!

Mark your calendars – Youth Fellowship Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 8, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the Souper Bowl Sunday event. Bring your families!

Thanks to all the families who participated in the Advent Wreath Lighting. It was great to have families and our Sr. High Class join together for this event.

Please let Jo Jacoby know if you have a son or daughter that will be graduating in January.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2012 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the hallway outside the parlor. Please save the church postage and take your envelopes with you today!

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!

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

Downtown Daily Bread is in need of men's hats, mittens and gloves. They also need a vacuum cleaner. Thanks for your help!

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!

GIANT CARD REPORT

Thanks go out to the congregation for the continued support of the Giant Card project. This support has made it possible to add another \$1,000 in December to help reduce the debt. Contributions for 2011 were \$3,000. The total contributions from the start of the project in 2009 through December of 2011 were \$10,000.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

Whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or enabling deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools, your generous gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and in this month's issue of PACE.

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2012 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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.

LEND-A-HAND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Teachers, college students, retirees... Dan Flint is planning to lead teams. If you can be part of this effort contact Dan (648-1679) or George Elliot (691-8722).

SERMON HELP