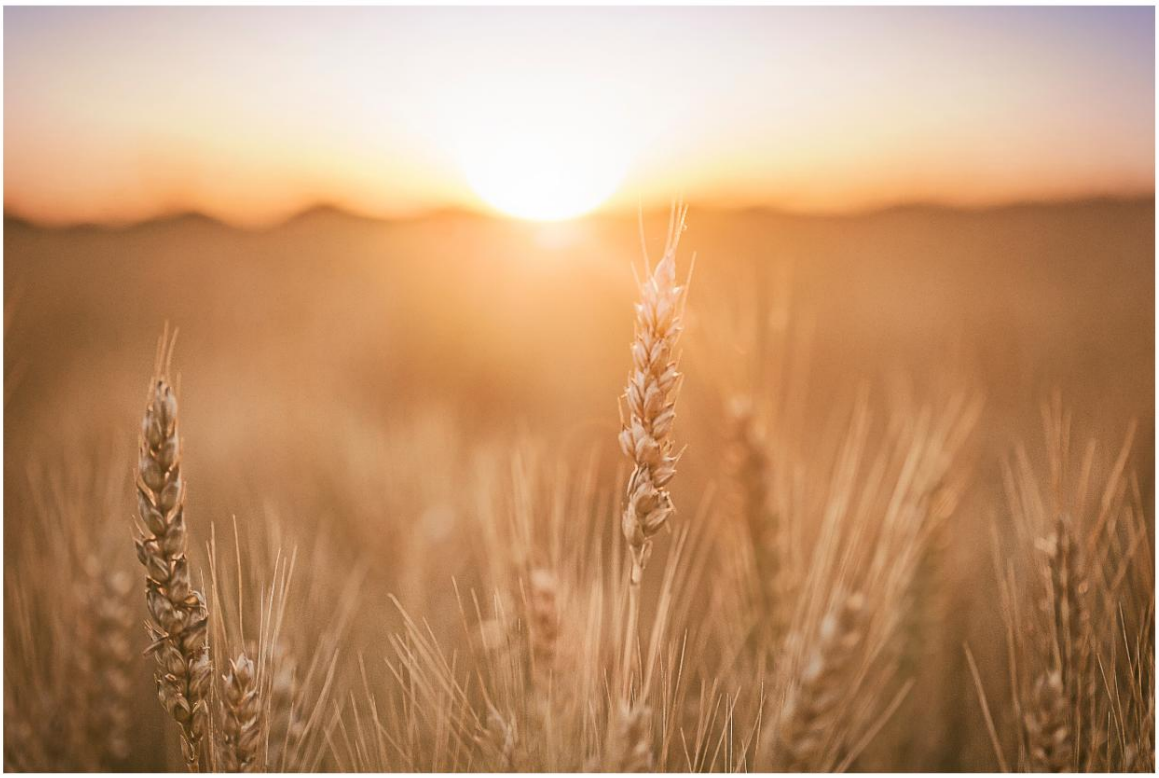
PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Members Choice

Long-Term Decisions

Ruth 3 and 4

JULY 13, 2025
3500 SHARON ST | 717-561-0510

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP PREPARATION

In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshiping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.
We gather to give you our thanks and praise.
You call us to live lives of abounding grace.
We gather ready to listen and respond with our hearts, souls, strength and minds.
You call us to be ever watchful for you active in our lives and in our world.
We gather ready to watch for your sometimes startling and unexpected presence.
You call us to be aware of your Word which dwells among us.
We gather ready to meet you in the spoken word, the sung word and even in the stillness and the silence. We gather to worship our God.

***** HYMN - No. 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

***** PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. God of love, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us. In you we hope; in you we live. You are mysterious and closer to us than our very breath. To you, our Creator, to you, our Redeemer, to you, the Sustainer of all, we give our praises. Amen.

***** GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

***** OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Lord God, so often we give more weight to our opinions than to your teachings, and to our happiness than to your will for all your children. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without any effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors, let alone our enemies and those who are different from us in language and belief. Forgive us and help us to live lives that reflect more of Jesus Christ than of the world. Here us now as we confess our own sins. (silent confession)

***** GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. He forgives our sins and removes all unrighteousness from us so we may begin again. Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, remember your baptism and believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***** OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE - No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***** PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING	Ruth 3	(OT301)
ANTHEM	"Stray Away Child"	Irish Melody
SECOND READING	Ruth 4	(OT302)
SERMON	"Naomi and Ruth: Long-Term Decisions"	
HYMN - No. 507	"Come to the Table of Grace"	

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

SCAN HERE TO GIVE VIRTUALLY

***** Response of Praise - No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***** Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lark in the Morning"

THE WORD SEALS US

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As people of the church, we have come to this table. We take the bread and cup as signs of hope and life. For with his disciples Jesus took bread, broke it, and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."
We remember Christ's body broken for the forgiveness of sins.

(You may take the bread when you receive it.)

Jesus also took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant God has made with you in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, remember me."
We remember Christ's blood shed for the redemption of the world.

(You may take the cup when you receive it.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE WORD SENDS US

***** HYMN - No. 542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

***** INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***** SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

***** POSTLUDE

*****The (*****) indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

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Please use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Directing our worship today: *Preacher*, Debbie Hough*; Worship Assistant,* Kent Carter; *Conversation with Our Children,* Michelle Sheppard; *Director of Music*, Sue Beckley; *Organist*, Jeanne Bruce; *Musicians,* Nan Bonnet, John Palmer, Bill Sanford

Prayer Square

Please keep the following church members and friends in your prayers.

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, BARB GREENWOOD, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, CHARLIE MORY, THE NICKUM FAMILY, DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, BETTY CONTE, CELESTE EHRHARDT, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF, FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, LINDA LEEDY, DANIELLE SIMS, CHRISTY WEIGLE, DAVID WEISS, LYNN BUCK WOODWARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE PLEASE CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR MOMJAKH@AOL.COM

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in memory of my parents, Margaret and Willard Ashley, and my husband, Smith G. Gephart by Marilyn Gephart.

COINS FOR CARING May $53.00 to Brethren Housing Association. The June collection will go to Krislund Presbyterian Camp.

BACKPACKS NEEDED! Could you donate a new or gently used backpacks for junior and senior high school students? Our mission partner, Center for Champions, is asking for our help providing backpacks for boys and girls as they begin their new school year. If you can help, backpacks can be placed in the blue bin outside the library. Donations will be collected through August 3.

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR KENT Sunday, June 27, following service there will be a Thank You Celebration of Pastor Kent's service to Paxton. There will be light fair and refreshments. Please RSVP to the office by July 23 via email or phone.

Summer Worship Series at Paxton

Members' Choice

July 6 - The Story of Ruth Part 1

July 13 - The Story of Ruth Part 2

July 20 - TBD, Book of Revelation, or "Unanswered" Prayer

July 27 - Christmas in July

August 3 - "Predestination"

August 10 - Creating Home, Revelation 21:1-4, John 15:12-17, Isaiah 58:6-12

August 17 - TBD

August 24 - "Triennium Experience"

August 31 - Appreciate These Things Philippians 4:8

Paxton Presbyterian Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 14-17

5pm-7:30

Scan the QR Code to register for VBS

THIS WEEK AT PAXTON

Sunday, July 13	9:15 AM	Summer Bible Study	*Seekers' Room*
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion	*Sanctuary*
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	*Great Room*
Monday, July 14	4:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	
Tuesday, July 15	10:0 AM	Church Staff Meeting	*Room 202*
	4:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	
Wednesday, July 16	4:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	
	8:00 PM	Session	*Seekers' Room*
Thursday, July 17	1:30 PM	Presbytery Council Meetings	*Seekers' Room*
	4:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	
Sunday, July 20	10:30 AM	Worship Service	*Sanctuary*
	11:30 AM	VBS Game Afternoon	*Great Room*
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	*Great Room*

Lemonade on the Lawn

July 27
August 24

Join us after church for lemonade and fellowship! 10:00 AM Coffee Central Sunday Snacks will resume in September.

Concerts in the Grove

Keystone Concert Band
July 26th at 6 pm

Lower Paxton Variety Band
August 16 at 5 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public
9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday
If you need to visit the office or building at another time, please call the office.

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

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Tara Frank	Moderator
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Cheryl Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

Pastoral Nominating Committee

Bob Frank	Chairman
Nancy Bingaman	Secretary
Jessica Vinton	Communications
Bill Gough	
Mary Myers	
Don Laughery	

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Leaders	Gary Myers	Jane Sanford
Stephen Ministers	Karen Cirillo	Karen Herrold
	Cheryl Holtzman	Janice Hutchison
	Annette Kilpatrick	Nancy Lengler
	Steve Miller	Kathy Woodbridge

For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

Session *Chair

Kent Carter (he/him)		Moderator
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt*	Jan Gough	Mission
Gary Myers*	Janice Hutchison	Nominating
Jay Kealey*	Gary Myers	Personnel
Nino Giambrone*	Geoffrey Vinton*	Property Management
Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	Bob Frank	Worship and Music

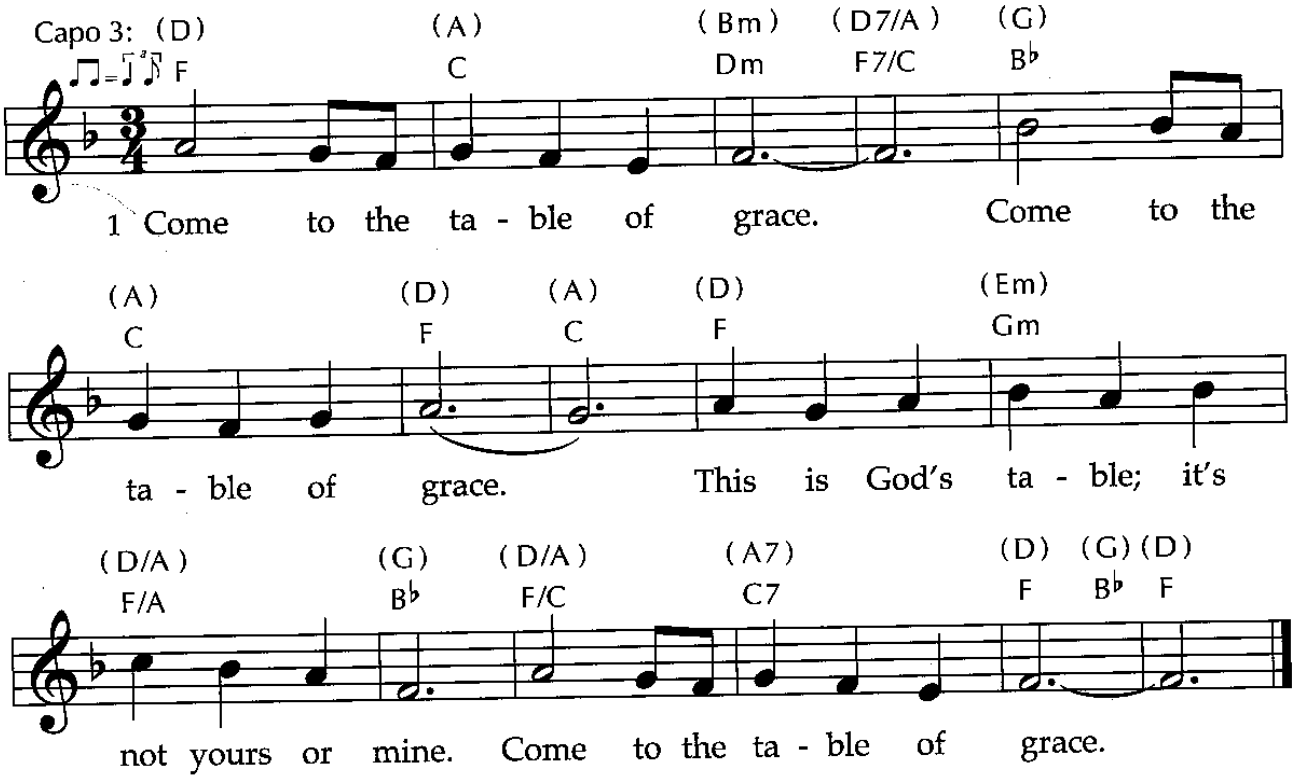
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



Come to the Table of Grace 507



2 Come to the table of peace…
3 Come to the table of love…
4 Come to the table of hope…
5 Come to the table of joy…

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

