

PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Humility,
Gratitude,
Grace*



October 26

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Consecration Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" - F. Atkinson arr. A. Jordan
"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. E. Butler
Little Partita on "Old Hundredth" - D. Lasky

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 worshipping 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

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE

"As We Gather"

-M. Fay and T. Coomes

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, not by our strength,

but by your grace we come.

Not because of our righteousness,

but in your grace, you love us.

Not by our effort,

but by your Spirit in us, our praise overflows.

We thank you. We bless you. We worship you.

* HYMN - 269

"Lead on, O King Eternal!"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Eternal King, we praise you for your merciful acts and for the wonders you have done. You have created the world and all in it; you have created this new day and the mercies it holds, and you have created us to live and to love. We bring gratitude for the gifts of this world, of this community, and of your love. We pray that you would accept this time of worship that we offer to you, and that you would use it to fashion us into more faithful disciples. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

THE WORD SENDS US

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

- * HYMN – 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
You are invited to come forward during this hymn and place your commitment card in the baskets at the chancel. Ushers will collect them from anyone unable to come forward.
- * INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
- * SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE “To God be the Glory” -W. Doane arr. T Birchwood

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, Rev. Kristal Smith, Pastor Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Kitti Taylor; *Conversation with Our Children*, Michelle Sheppard;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

ANTHEM

HOW GREAT THOU ART

-BY MARK HAYES

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou Art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home, what joy will fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God How Great Thou Art!” Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: O Lord My God!
How great Thou Art!



Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FRAN GILCHRIST, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, LINDA MENTZER, JOANNE MILLER, TRISH MOORE, MARLA MULLINAX, DONNA POWERS, BILL AND JANE SANFORD, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

CELESTE EHRHARDT, SHELIA GOLLHARDT, DR. KENT GROFF, SHERRY HOWER, DOROTHY KINSEY, RONNIE MILLER, BUD SHOLLY, DANIELLE SIMS, RITA TOONES

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 by the Detweiler Fund.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. MARGARET POTEET The Presbytery of Carlisle invites you to gather in worship as we celebrate the installation of the Rev. Margaret Poteet as Pastor of Paxton Presbyterian Church: Sunday, November 23rd, 4:30 pm at Paxton Presbyterian Church. A light reception will follow. All are welcome to this joyful celebration. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend to help with reception planning.

PW OCTOBER COLLECTION It's October and PW is collecting Outies and Undies for children! We are collecting used coats and jackets, used or new hats & gloves, and new underwear and socks. Clean out your closets and share the wealth! The items will be delivered to the Family Coordinator of the Harrisburg School District.

PW NEEDS YOUR HELP As we get ready for our Soup Sale fundraiser, we need help in cleaning out the freezer downstairs. If you or your organization has put things there in the past, please check to see if it is still good. We will be cleaning some out to make room for the frozen soup we get. If you don't want yours thrown out, please label and date it, so we know what to keep.

SOUP SALE The Presbyterian Women's annual Soup Sale is Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need both soup makers and buyers! Instructions for soup makers are in the Weekend Update. Frozen soup can be placed in the downstairs freezer anytime, with the soup type and include your name on the ingredients card. Fresh soup may be brought in October 30 & 31 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. to the downstairs kitchen fridge. Helpers are also needed on November 1 to retrieve soup and assist with bagging. Sign up on the PW bulletin board in October. Thank you!

SANTA SHOP The Paxton Women's Association has decided to continue our very popular *Santa Shop* project! This will be our 21st year. Traveling shops will be held during the first two weeks of December at Harrisburg churches and programs to allow children in poverty to shop free for gifts for their entire family. It's a wonderful project, and we hope you can become part of it.

PAXTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY There will be a meeting to discuss the Paxtang Historical Society's direction and where we are going in the future. All are invited – members and non-members. Any questions please contact John Fortino at 717-564-2036. The meeting will be at 6:30PM, Monday, October 27, 2025, at Paxton Presbyterian in the Great Room.

USHER TRAINING All ushers are strongly encouraged to attend a brief usher training on Sunday, November 9 at 9:30AM in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in becoming an usher is invited to join this training session.

COMMUNITY MEALS KICK-OFF Our first community meal will be held on Wednesday, November 12 from 5pm-6:30pm. Take out meals will be available if needed. Please consider lending a hand to help make this new endeavor a success. If you can give your time, please contact Dawn Palmer 717-877-9013. All are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship.

LOVE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS If you would like to bless a college student this Fall, the Christian Education Ministry is collecting encouraging notes and \$20 Door Dash gift cards to be sent to students in early November. Student's names can be found on the bulletin board outside the office. Notes and gift cards should be put in Michelle's mailbox by Nov 2.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE (formerly the Poor and Homeless) All men's, women's, and children's items are needed including pants, shirts, jackets, coats, shoes, underwear, socks, and dresses. Additionally, sheets, towels, and washcloths can be used. Please drop off the clothing at Norm Daniels' house (500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111) by 5:00 p.m. October 29th. Questions? Call or text Norm at 717-712-7494.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW CHURCH OFFICERS It is time once again to nominate members to be Session and Deacon Officers. If you know of a good candidate, please fill out one of the forms found on the bulletin board outside the office or in the weekly worship email. Self-nominating is welcomed and encouraged. Nominations are due by November 16 and should be placed in the Nominating Ministry's box.

PW THANK OFFERING "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43: 19 During the month of November, PW of Paxton will be collecting our annual Thank Offering. You may place your checks in the offering plate, clearly marked for PW Thank Offering or put them in the PW mailbox. Make your checks payable to **PW of Paxton**.

MONDAYS WITH MARGARET The congregation is invited to submit questions to Pastor Margaret to answer on Facebook through the month of November. You can leave questions in Abby's mailbox and tune in on Paxton's Facebook Stories on Mondays for the answers!

CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR MARGARET The PNC will be hosting several family friendly gatherings to offer Paxton members the opportunity to get to know Pastor Margaret better while in a small group setting. Please join us at one of the following gatherings: Monday Nov. 3 6-7:30pm at the home of Bill & Jan Gough, Wednesday Nov. 5 6-7:30pm at the home of Andrew & Jess Vinton; Monday Nov. 10 2-3:30pm at the home of Don & Anita Laughery; Friday Nov. 14 7-8:30pm at the home of Nancy & Jerry Bingaman; Monday Nov. 17 7-8:30pm at the home of Bob & Tara Frank; or Thursday Nov. 20 10:30am-12pm at the home of Mary & Gary Myers. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the church office by phone (717-561-0510) or email (office@paxtonchurch.org).

BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION! As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we invite *families of any description* – individuals, couples, friends, and households of all kinds – to light the Advent candles during worship this season. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office to choose your date.

October 26 – November 2

Sunday, October 26	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Consecration Luncheon	Great Room
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 27	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Historical Society	Great Room
Tuesday, October 28	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Wednesday, October 29	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Personnel	Room 202
Thursday, October 30	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Friday, October 31	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Saturday, November 1	9:00 AM	Soup Sale	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 2	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall

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

Pastor	x105	Margaret Poteet	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
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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

Margaret Poteet	Moderator
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Craig Staudenmaier '25*	Stewardship
Sharon Webb '26*	Technology
Anita Laughery '27*	Worship and Music
Bob Frank '25	

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.



269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

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(Bm)

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1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

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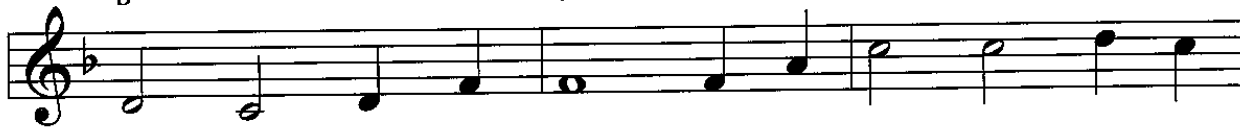
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cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

Dm

(F \sharp m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B \flat

(A)

C

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F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B \flat

(D)

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.