



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LEARNING NAMES

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 10:00AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

August 30, 2026

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"The God of Abraham Praise"
"God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven"
"Great is Our God"

arr. J. Innes
arr. R. Lau
arr. D. Wood

**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

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Holy Ground"

arr. T. Conyers

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, untamed by the names we give you,

Come and meet us.

God of creation, whose hands shaped mud into your likeness,

Come and meet us.

Persistent God, molding us still,

Come and meet us.

Tender God, who is forming us into a sign of the new community,

We are here to meet you.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN – 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*OPENING PRAYER

Wondrous and unwearied God, breathe deeply into us so that we may be eased into this holy time. We come breathless to you from fretful times and blurred places—our attention splintered, our energy drained, our love glazed, our faith frayed. Still we have been drawn here, and we thank you for this insistent yearning to worship and renew. O Breath of God, fill us with life anew. Amen.

*PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, you catch us unaware. From burning bushes, majestic sunrises, gentle streams, cluttered desks and hurried meals, you invite us to know you and hear your message. You visit us in so many ways. Yet we often miss you, for we expect you only in ways that fit our expectations, our conceptions. We are reluctant to heed your call, for it asks for commitment. We are filled with excuses and self-doubt when action is called for. Remind us again that we are not alone, that in our weakness is your strength, and that in your call is our joy. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

* 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

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b

(OT 683)

ANTHEM – Solo

“Here Is Love”

arr. J.M. Randall

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 3:1-15

(OT 62)

SERMON

“Learning Names”

HYMN – 404

“What Is This Place”

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

* 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

“Close To Thee”

arr. D. L. Moore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional p.35)

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. G. Young

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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Directing our worship today: Preacher, Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Anita Laughery; Conversation with Our Children, Michelle Sheppard
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Soloist, Harrison Monahan

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Nancy Bingaman's birthday by her family.

MANY VOICES, ONE SONG Join folks from across the Presbytery of Carlisle for a big family reunion today, August 30th, at 4 pm! Members and friends of every worshipping community in the Presbytery are invited to gather for worship, a picnic meal, and fellowship that afternoon at Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Activities for all ages, from kids to adults, will be available and the guest preacher for the worship service is the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator of the 226th PC(USA) General Assembly. Please plan to join us!

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at noon in Room 202. Members, please bring your lesson book, a pen, and a packed lunch. It will be a planning session for the upcoming 2026-2027 year.

COMMUNITY MEAL Everyone is welcome at our Community Meal on September 9, from 5-6:30p. Check out the sign up sheet outside the office or talk to Linette if you would like to volunteer.

CHURCH PICNIC will be September 13 following worship in Fellowship Hall. There will be some outdoor games for kids and adults.

1776 – PAXTANG On September 22 at 6:30 the Paxtang Historical Society and Paxton Church's Historical Commission will be presenting stories and tales of life in Paxtang during the 18th century. A brief meeting of the Paxtang Historical Society will be followed by the presentations. Come experience where we came from and how we became who we are today. Experience these tales in the Paxton Presbyterian Church, built in 1740.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your donations. This month we are very low on creamy peanut butter, tuna, chicken, and Chef Boy-R-Dee. As always we appreciate anything you wish to donate.

CHANCEL FLOWER ORDERS Flower forms are available outside of the office. Please turn in your form when you sign up. Unless your form says otherwise, all orders are placed with the church's preferred florist before the first Sunday of the month.

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? Would you like to bring comfort to a child who lives in poverty, in crisis, or in a shelter? The PW Sewing Circle has an idea for you! We are looking for sewers who will take a packet, and sew a quilt back using three large pieces of flannel. All you have to do is straighten the long sides, sew together and press! If you're interested, please take a packet from the box in the Gathering Room at church.

NURSERY SCHOOL DONATIONS PPNS is gearing up for the next school year, and is seeking donations for their classrooms. Please scan the QR code to access their Amazon Wishlist or contact Nicole for more information. Thank you so much for your support of the nursery school!



Prayer Square

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

Members

Nancy Bingaman, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Barb Greenwood, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Family of Joanne Miller, Marla Mullinax, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Mick Cochran, Beth Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Lynn Harris, John Howard, Gary Kunder, Donna and Darrel Park, Chad Strausburgh, Jeff Turner, Scooter Ziebell

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Square please contact Janice at 717-418-1526 or momjakh@aol.com

COMING UP FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Fall kick-off to Sunday School begins Sept. 13 at 9am in Agape Park. We look forward to a new church year! Mark your calendar now for the Fall Fest on Saturday Oct 3 from 4-6pm. Sign up for the Trunk or Treat outside the office!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be held over the summer and will include vacation bible school lessons, scavenger hunts and nature walks. Parents, we encourage you to bring your families along to worship this summer!

NURSERY Our church nursery needs a few caring people to join our Nursery Ministry Team! Come be a part of something little that makes a BIG difference. You would be helping create a safe, loving first experience for some of our youngest members and giving parents and Christian Education Members the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary. Sign up for one or two Sundays a year - that's all. No expertise needed, just a caring heart, a little patience, and a willingness to serve. Give it a try, whether you're a parent, grandparent, college student, empty nester, or simply someone who thinks tiny humans are wonderful. A sign-up sheet is outside the church nursery.

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF Brunch items needed for an upcoming confirmation kick-off on Sept. 20th. If you would like to bless our new confirmation class and contribute a breakfast or lunch item, please see Michelle or sign up outside the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Share time with our children and youth this Fall during Sunday School. Did you enjoy VBS and adore our Paxton children? Come join them one Sunday a month or one Sunday a quarter. Be an aid to assist in lessons or a craft or come connect with our tween and teens. You will be well equipped with all you need in these rewarding ministry roles. Let Michelle know if you are interested.

August 30 – September 6

Sunday, August 30	10:00 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	<i>Great Room</i>
	4:00 PM	Many Voices One Song	<i>2nd Pres. Carlisle</i>
Tuesday, September 1	10:00 AM	PPNS Staff Meeting	<i>PPNS</i>
	10:15 AM	PW Board Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	12:00 PM	Unity Circle	<i>Room 202</i>
	6:30 PM	CEM Meeting	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday, September 2	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Property Management	<i>Room 101</i>
	5:30 PM	PPNS Open House	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:30 PM	Worship and Music	<i>Room 101</i>
Friday, September 4	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	<i>Great Room</i>
Sunday, September 6	10:00 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	<i>Great Room</i>

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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
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Nancy Bingaman '28*		Christian Education
Cindy Cavanaugh '28*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler '26*		Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt '27*		Mission
Gary Myers '26*		Nominating
Jay Kealey '26*	Gary Myers	Personnel
Nino Giambrone '27*	Bob Frank '28	Property Management
Craig Staudenmaier '28*	Geoffrey Vinton '27*	Stewardship
Sharon Webb '26*		Technology
Anita Laughery '27*	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.



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

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

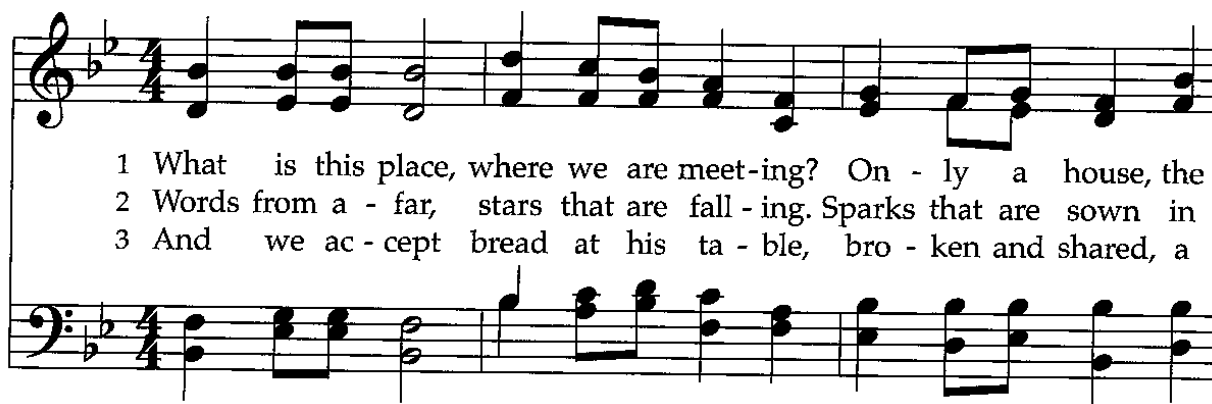
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

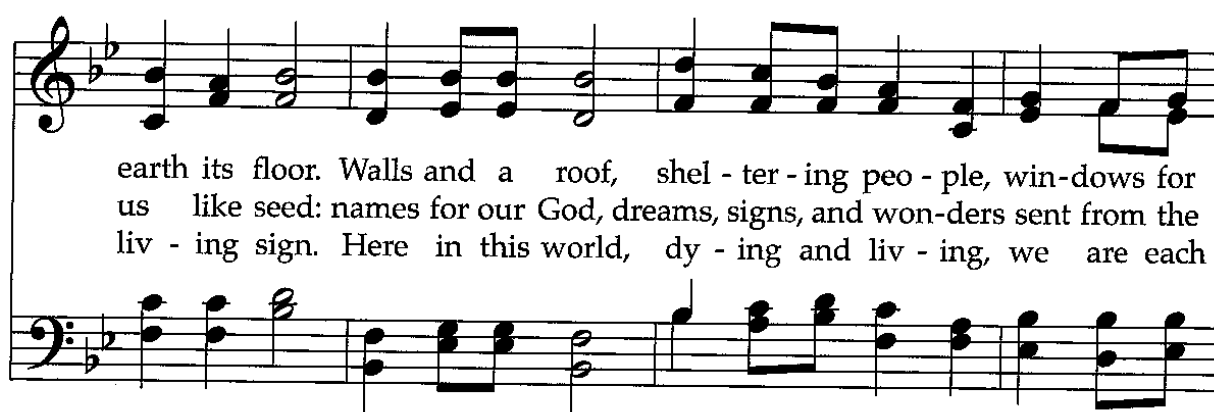
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of eight systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff (treble or bass clef) and a piano accompaniment staff (treble or bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

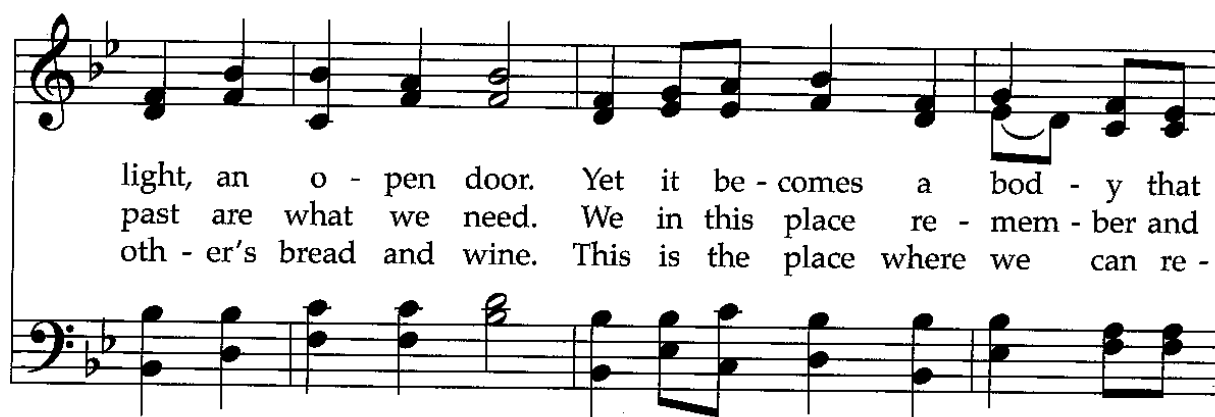
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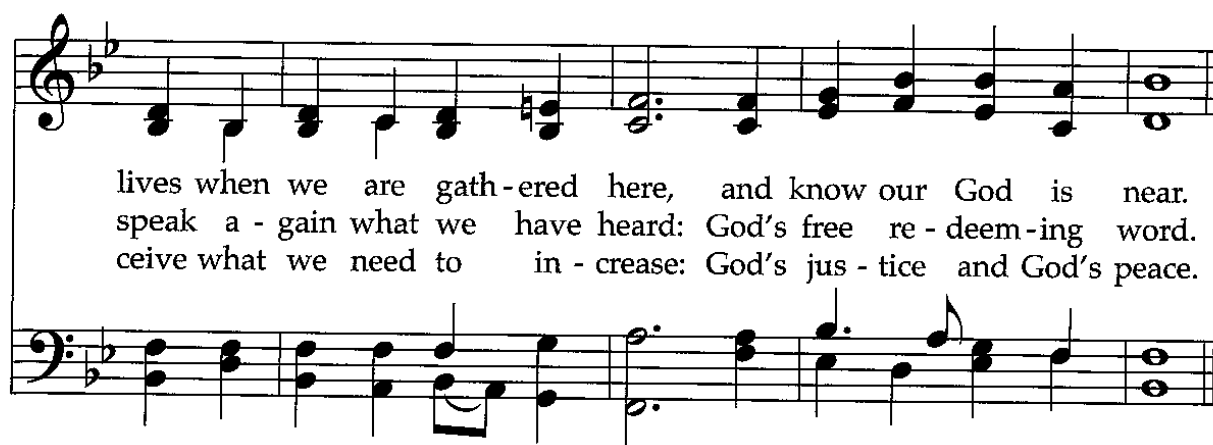
1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders sent from the
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
 past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
 oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -



lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

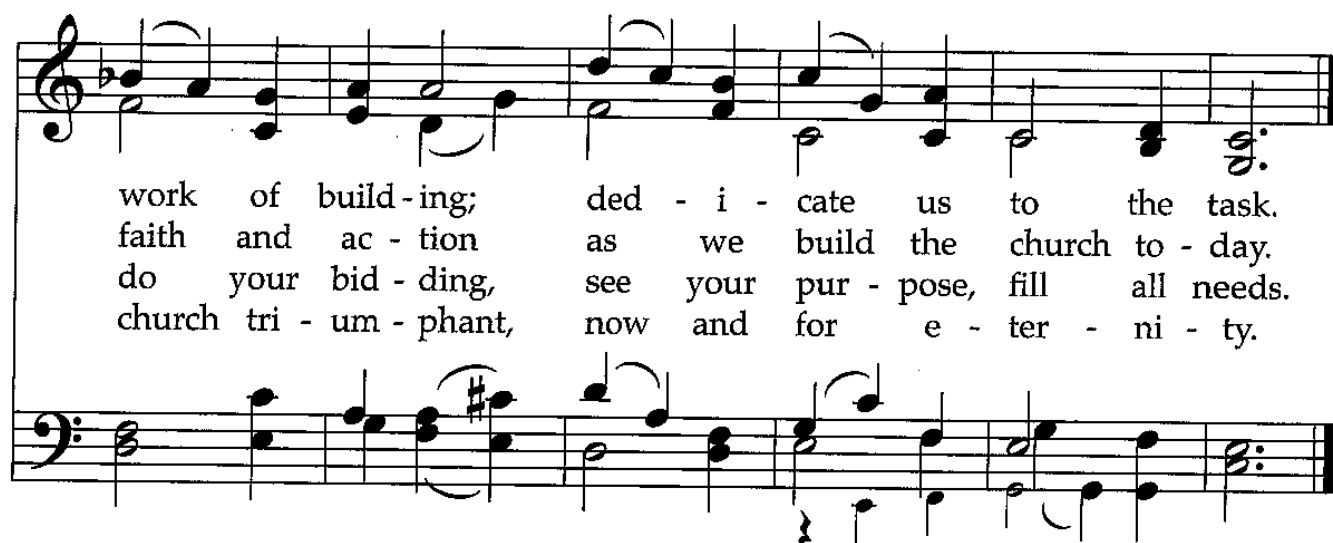
1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

THE CHURCH



work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.