# PAXTON

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# *On the Lookout*

*November 9, 2025*

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
## *The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost*

November 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" -arr. L. Smith
"This Sacred Banquet" - arr. E. Broughton
"Amazing Grace" - arr. A. Jordan

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

Praise the Lord!
***The Lord's name be praised!***

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" -arr. A.L. Page

## THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 119:137-144)*

God is righteous and God's judgments are right.
***God's promise is well tried and sure.***
The righteousness of the Lord is everlasting,
***And we delight in God's commandments.***
***Let us worship God together!***

* HYMN - 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

***Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. We praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.***

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

***Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, always calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters. Yet how often we choose easier paths and turn away from your voice. We see our limitations but not your assurance of blessing. We wallow in guilt and refuse to believe the Good News of forgiveness. We move so fast we miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, the hope amidst discouragement. Calling God, speak to our hearts, lift us from despair, and place us on the path of discipleship. Again and again. 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

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| AGAPE SINGERS | "All Things Bright and Beautiful" | -Cindy Berry |
| CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN | | |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | | |
| READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES | Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 | (OT 1066) |
| ANTHEM | "Amazing Grace" | -by. Craig Courtney |
| READING FROM THE GOSPELS | Luke 19:1-10 | (NT 100) |
| SERMON | "On the Lookout" | |
| HYMN - 649 | "Amazing Grace" | |

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death–even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.***

SCAN HERE TO GIVE VIRTUALLY

## 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

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| Offertory | "Brother James' Air" | -arr. A. Jordan |

## THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

...Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught, saying:
***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.***

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

## THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN – 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"
* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING
* POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord!" -arr. G. Martin

*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*, Pastor Margaret Poteet*;*
*Worship Assistant,* Don Laughery; *Conversation with Our Children,* Nancy Bingaman;
*Director of Music*, Sue Beckley; *Organist*, Jeanne Bruce;
*Director of Youth Music*, Andrew Vinton

***ON THE TABLE TODAY*** *The use of paraments to decorate churches and help worshipers engage more visually is a long-held tradition in many Christian denominations. The colors of our paraments and the pastor's stoles change with the church season. We are currently in a season of "Ordinary Time," with green paraments. Green is a color of growth and hope. This season is devoted to recalling the growth of the church following Christ's resurrection and ascension and the ongoing work of God in and through the church. The symbol embroidered on the table runner is a trefoil, a traditional symbol representing the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is believed to be a stylized shamrock, used to symbolize the trinity.*

# News of Our Common Life

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Charles and Audrey Lengler and Joseph, Margaret, and Michael Swistak by Nancy and Rich Lengler.

**IN SYMPATHY** The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Linda Mentzer on October 31, 2025, to her family, and her friends. Please hold them in your prayers. Service arrangements are pending. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

**SANTA SHOP** the sign-up poster is in the Gathering Room! There are many jobs for many people. Donations should be brought in by November 15

**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.

**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. 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.

**SEWING CIRCLE** The quilts in the sanctuary today will be given to the UPMC Child Advocacy Center. In addition, 8 quilts were given to Randi's House of Angels.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** Poinsettias will again be used for the poinsettia tree and to decorate the sanctuary this December. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by completing the form and returning it to the church office or placing it in the offering plate. Additional forms can be found outside the office. Each plant is $10.00 with checks payable to Paxton Presbyterian Church accompanying each order. Please complete one for each plant purchased to simplify the printing of the dedication. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 7.

**SOUP SUNDAY** Come and enjoy a soup lunch after worship on November 16. We will provide two soups (one being a vegetarian/gluten-free option), bread, crackers, and a dessert.

# ANTHEM

AMAZING GRACE -BY CRAIG COURTNEY

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see. Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace! Amazing grace! How vast and yet so free! The Son of God the righteous One, is crucified for me

NORMALLY, WHEN WE SING "AMAZING GRACE", WE EXPECT TO KNOW THE TUNE FROM MEMORY. THIS TIME, CRAIG COURTNEY HAS REWRITTEN A BEAUTIFUL NEW, (TO US), AND DIFFERENT TUNE. WHEN A COMPOSER DOES THIS, THEY TEND TO STRESS DIFFERENT WORDS AND PHRASES TO GIVE THE LISTENER A FRESH PERSPECTIVE. SEE WHAT YOU FEEL AND HEAR WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT.

## 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.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.**

# November 9-16

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| Sunday, November 9 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School | *Agape Park* |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship | *Sanctuary* |
| | 1:00 PM | Nepali Speaking Community Church | *Great Room* |
| Monday, November 10 | 9:00 AM | PPNS Classes | *PPNS* |
| | 6:00 PM | Voices of the Valley | *Fellowship Hall* |
| Tuesday, November 11 | All Day | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts | *Fellowship Hall* |
| Wednesday, November 12 | 9:00 AM | PPNS Classes | *PPNS* |
| | 9:30 AM | Sewing Circle | *Fellowship Hall* |
| | 5:00 PM | Community Dinner | |
| | 6:00 PM | Worship and Music | *Room 202* |
| | 7:00 PM | Session | *Adult Classroom* |
| Thursday, November 13 | 9:00 AM | PPNS Classes | *PPNS* |
| | 12:00 PM | PPNS Board Meeting | *Room 202* |
| | 6:00 PM | Paxtang Lions | *Fellowship Hall* |
| | 6:15 PM | Bell Choir | *Sanctuary* |
| | 7:30 PM | Adult Choir | *Choir Room* |
| Friday, November 14 | 9:00 AM | PPNS Classes | *PPNS* |
| Sunday, November 16 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School | *Agape Park* |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship | *Sanctuary* |
| | 11:30 AM | Youth Fellowship | *Youth Room* |
| | 11:30 AM | Soup Sunday | *Fellowship Hall* |
| | 1:00 PM | Nepali Speaking Community Church | *Great Room* |

## Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

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

FRIENDS

CELESTE EHRHARDT, GAMBER FAMILY, SHELIA GOLLHARDT, DR. KENT GROFF, SHERRY HOWER, RONNIE MILLER, DENNIS S., BUD SHOLLY, WENDY SHOOP

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

## Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

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| Pastor | x105 | Margaret Poteet | pastor@paxtonchurch.org |
| Director of Faith Formation | x104 | Michelle Sheppard | michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org |
| Director of Music | | Susan Beckley | |
| Organist | | Jeanne Bruce | |
| Director of Youth Music | | Andrew Vinton | |
| Office Administrator | x101 | Abby Spencer | office@paxtonchurch.org |
| Financial Office/Treasurer | x102 | John Palmer | treasurer@paxtonchurch.org |
| Nursery School Director | x103 | Nicole Evenhuis | nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org |
| Custodian | | Mary Bowers | |

## Board of Deacons

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| Tara Frank '25 | Moderator | Merideth Staudenmaier '25 | Secretary |
| Sally Appleby '25 | | Rich Lengler '26 | |
| Jim Bruce '26 | | Diana Robertson '25 | |
| Linette Burd '26 | | Deb Trephan '27 | |
| Judy Frankford '27 | | Brenda Vinton '27 | |
| Cheryl Holtzman '26 | | Bev Ziebell '27 | |

## Stephen Ministry

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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.

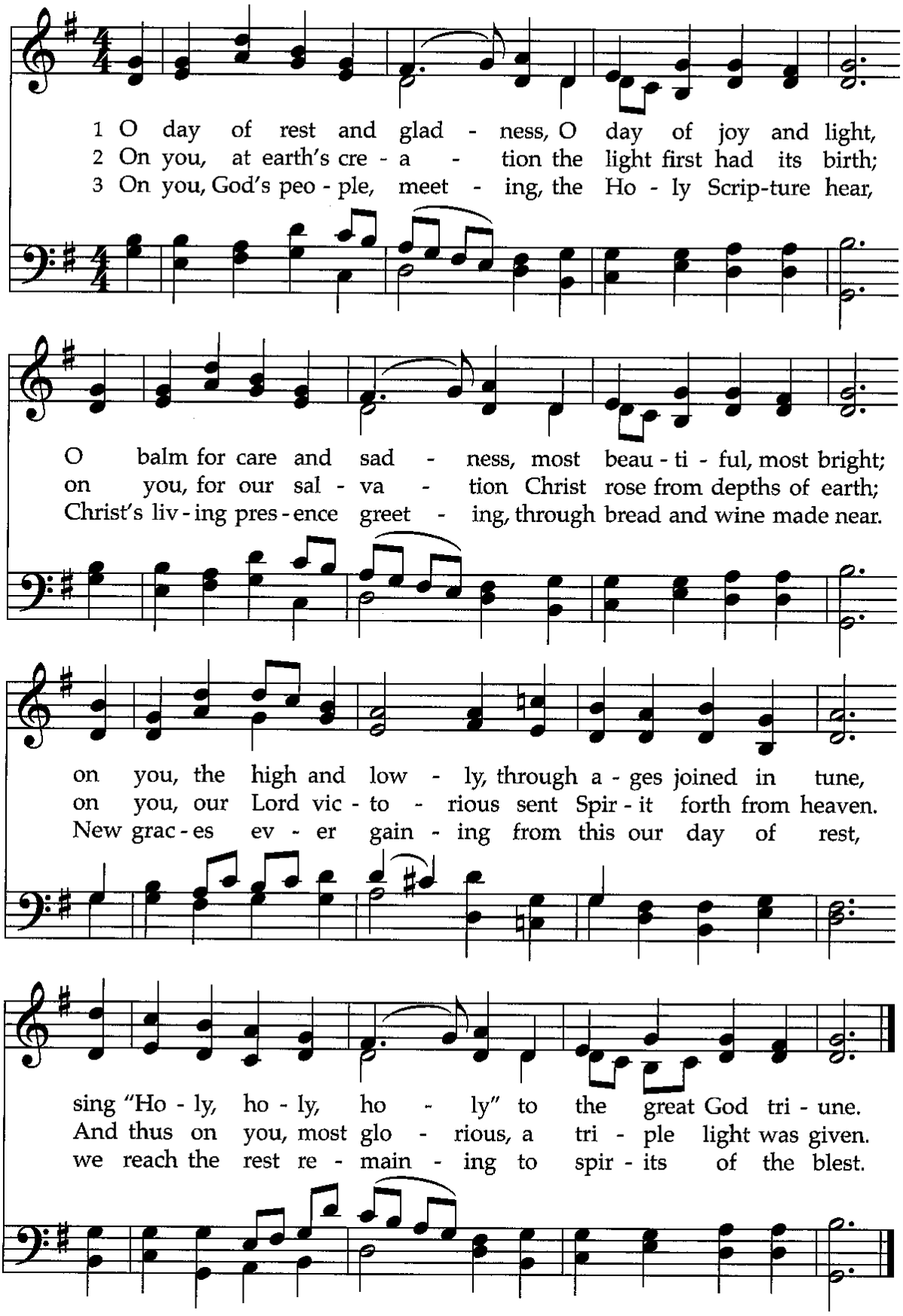
## Session *Chair

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| Margaret Poteet | | Moderator |
| Kitti Taylor | | Clerk of Session |
| Karen Herrold '25* | | Christian Education |
| Janice Hutchison '25* | | Evangelism and Outreach |
| Nancy Lengler '26* | Craig Staudenmaier | Budget and Finance |
| Judy Schmidt '27* | Jan Gough '25 | Mission |
| Gary Myers '26* | Janice Hutchison | Nominating |
| Jay Kealey '26* | Gary Myers | Personnel |
| Nino Giambrone '27* | Geoffrey Vinton '27* | Property Management |
| Craig Staudenmaier '25* | | Stewardship |
| Sharon Webb '26* | | Technology |
| Anita Laughery '27* | Bob Frank '25 | Worship and Music |
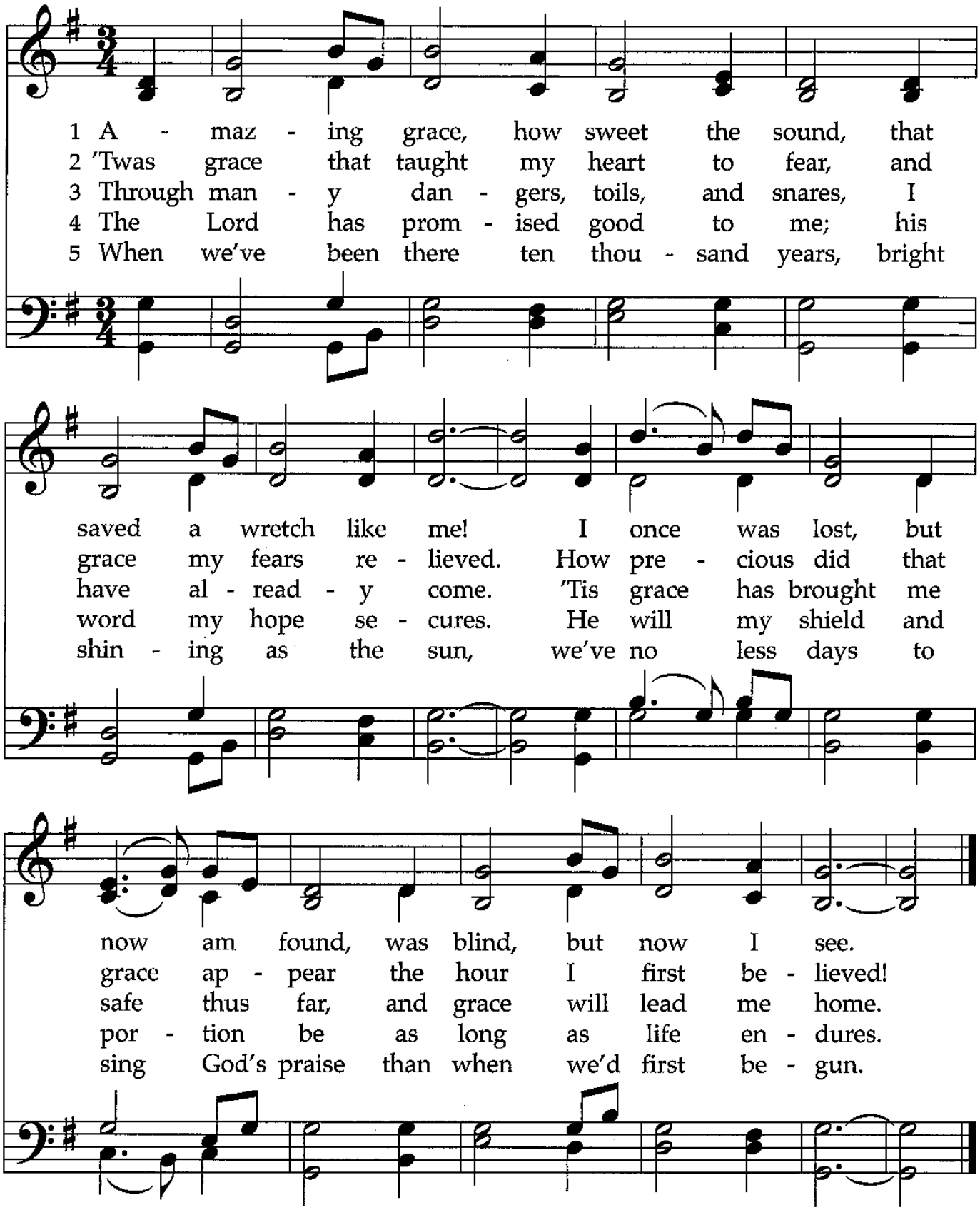
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.

GATHERING

# 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness
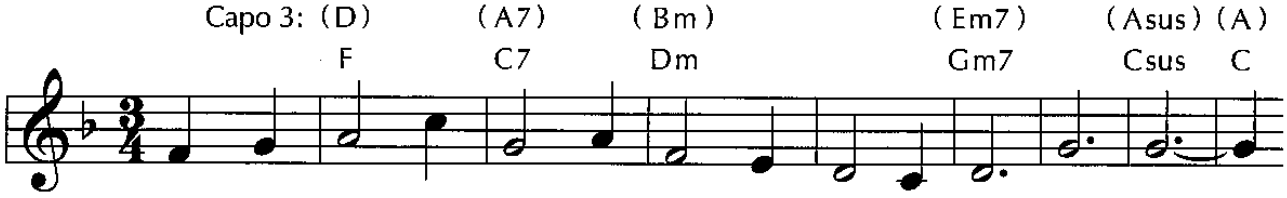


# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

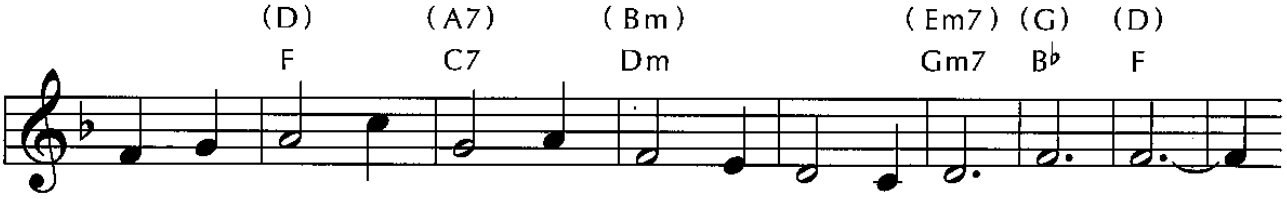


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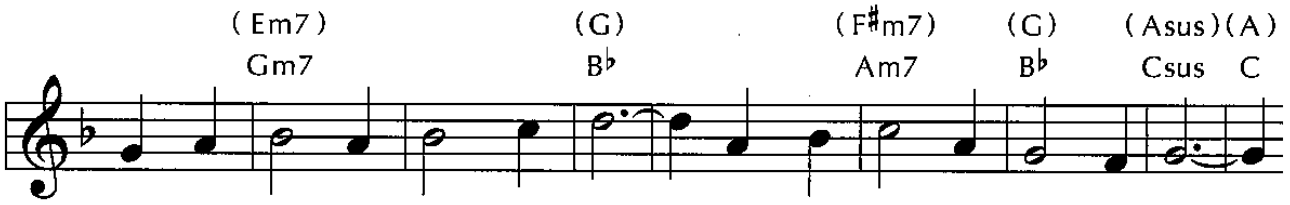
## The Summons



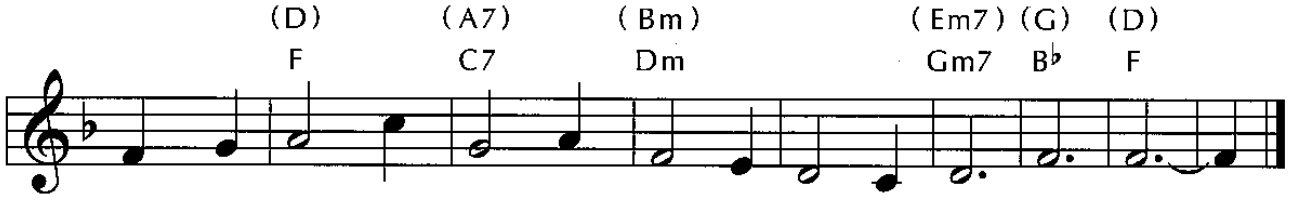

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.




Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.




Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.




will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.