



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A central graphic featuring a circular face split vertically. The left side is purple and resembles a moon, while the right side is orange and resembles a sun with red and pink rays. The face has closed eyes and a slight smile. It is surrounded by various blue and purple stars of different sizes.

As if we were Dreaming

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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 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!

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

What are your dreams, people of God?

To be filled with laughter; to cry with joy, not with sorrow.

What are your hopes, people of God?

To be free of what holds us back from loving; to shout with thanksgiving, not with anguish.

Rejoice, people of God; here and now,

We will continue to dream and to listen for the God of hope to move in our midst.

* HYMN - 388

"Uyai Mose"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious God, we come before You today, recognizing that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for the dreams that stir within us and for Your promise to provide all that we need to fulfill them. Lord, we thank you for open doors of opportunity, for strategic connections, and for divine appointments that propel us toward our dreams. Remove any barriers that stand in the way of us fulfilling the purposes for which You have created us. May our dreams not only bring personal fulfillment but also be a source of blessing and impact in the lives of others. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

We gather in worship with expectations. God revealed in new and astonishing ways. But we often doubt that God comes to us in real time or that God comes to us in our dreams. Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in and difficult to believe. O God, we long to believe. Forgive our unbelief! God is present here. God is working in our midst. Speak to us again Lord and open our eyes and ears to hear you. (silent confession)

* 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 LETTERS

Psalm 126

(OT704)

ANTHEM

“You Are My All in All”

-Dennis Jernigan

READING FROM THE ACTS

Acts 2:14-21

(NT144)

SERMON

“As if We Were Dreaming”

HYMN

“We Are the Spirit of God”

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN

“My Light House”

* 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: Michelle Sheppard, Nan Bonnett, Deborah Majok,
Mary Majok, Addi Sheppard, Emery Wenger;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; *Organist*, Jeanne Bruce,
Drums; Andrew Vinton; *Guitar*, John Palmer

COMING NEXT SUNDAY, we take an account of our thought life as we examine Philippians 4:8-9 and Michelle preaches a sermon entitled "Appreciate These Things".

A YOUTH FELLOWSHIP POOL PARTY is being held today at the Flowers home for grades 2-12. Please meet in the Great Room after worship.



PSALM 126 - A HARVEST OF JOY
A SONG OF ASCENTS

1 WHEN THE LORD RESTORED THE FORTUNES OF ZION, WE WERE LIKE THOSE WHO DREAM.

2 THEN OUR MOUTH WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND OUR TONGUE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY; THEN IT WAS SAID AMONG THE NATIONS, "THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THEM."

3 THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE REJOICED.

4 RESTORE OUR FORTUNES, O LORD, LIKE THE WATERCOURSES IN THE NEGEB.

5 MAY THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS REAP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

6 THOSE WHO GO OUT WEeping, BEARING THE SEED FOR SOWING, SHALL COME HOME WITH SHOUTS OF JOY, CARRYING THEIR SHEAVES.

We are the Spirit of God

By Sweet Honey In the Rock

1. For each child that's born a morning star rises and sings to the Universe who we are.
(repeat two more times)

Refrain:

We are our Grandmother's prayers. We are our Grandfather's dreamings.
We are the breath of our Ancestors, We are the Spirit of God.

2. We are Mothers of Courage, Fathers of time.
Daughters of dust, Sons of great vision.
We're Sisters of mercy, Brothers of love.
Lovers of life and builders of Nations.
We are seekers of truth, keepers of faith.
Makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

Refrain

WE ARE ONE!

My Light House

By Rend Collective

1. In my wrestling and in my doubts
in my failures you won't walk out
your great love will lead me through
you are the peace in my troubled
sea, whoah
you are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, you won't let go
in the questions, your truth will
hold your great love will lead me
through
you are the peace in my troubled
sea, whoah
you are the peace in my troubled sea

Refrain:

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
shining in the darkness. I will follow
you
my lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
you will carry me safe to shore (oh
oh oh oh oh oh)
safe to shore (oh oh oh oh oh oh)

safe to shore (oh oh oh oh oh oh)
safe to shore

2. I won't fear what tomorrow brings
with each morning I'll rise and sing
my God's love will lead me through
you are the peace in my troubled
sea, whoah
you are the peace in my troubled sea
(you are my light)

Refrain

3. Fire before us, you're the brightest
you will lead us through the storms
fire before us, you're the brightest
you will lead us through the storms
(hey)
fire before us, you're the brightest
you will lead us through the storms
fire before us, you're the brightest
you will lead us through the storms

Refrain

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God by the Detweiler Flower Fund.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who lent games for our VBS. If you have not picked up your game, you can find it on the pink table in the Great Room. If you have any questions, please see Michelle.

PAXTON CHURCH PICNIC You're invited to our Church-Wide Picnic hosted by the Board of Deacons! Join us after Worship on September 7 for food, fellowship and fun for all ages in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday September 2 at 12:00 noon in room 202. Please bring your packed lunch, lesson book, and spare change for Least Coin collection. This lesson centers on Abigail. I Samuel chapter 25 is the reference for reading with the lesson. Dessert and beverages will be provided. We thank Carol Himmelright for leading the lesson.

MATERIALS NEEDED The PW Sewing Circle needs your old flannel sheets, or thin blankets!! To make the comfort lap quilts for Harrisburg's children, we have tops, we have bottoms, but no middles!! Consider donating your soft fuzzy stuff today!

COLLEGE FAMILIES, please share your college (undergraduate or graduate) students' addresses with the church office. Our Christian Education Ministry often sends encouragement, prayers and gift cards.

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FRAN GILCHRIST, BARB GREENWOOD, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, MARLA AND DAVID MULLINAX DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

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

AUGUST 24-31

Sunday, August 24	9:15AM	Summer Bible Study	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn	<i>Lawn</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, August 25	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	<i>Great Room</i>
Wednesday, August 27	10:00 AM	PPNS Staff Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Deacons	<i>Adult Classroom</i>
Thursday, August 28	5:30 PM	PPNS Open House	
Sunday, August 31	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>

Lemonade on the Lawn

August 24

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

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.

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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.

