



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHAT'S FAIR IS FAIR



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 10:30AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"Beach Spring"
"Still, Still With Thee"

D. Lasky
arr. R. Lau

**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!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. L. Shackley

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who created us.

***Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.***

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

***To the one true God be praise
in all times and places.***

Let us worship God!

* HYMN – 664

"Morning Has Broken"

*OPENING PRAYER

God of love, fountain of prayer, we confess that our silence is noisy, our minds filled with distracting chatter, our thoughts focused on problems. How hard we find it to be still and rest in your holy and healing presence. God of love, usher us into your midst. Teach us the words to pray and the silences to keep. Refashion our days and hours so we may always walk in constant thanksgiving for your amazing grace. Amen.

*PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

God, you have called us to be your church, the body of your Son. We confess that we enjoy the privilege but not necessarily the responsibility. We sometimes treat this church as an end in itself and are slow to reach out to others with your word and love. Forgive us, merciful Lord, and let your Spirit blow through this building and through our ranks like a cleansing, life-giving breeze, so that we may leave this sanctuary today equipped again to be your people. (Silent confession) 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 16:2-15 (OT 78)

ANTHEM “For the Beauty of The Earth” arr. J. Rutter

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 20:1-16 (NT 26)

SERMON “What’s Fair Is Fair”

HYMN – 67 “My Song Forever Shall Record”

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 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



arr. H. Hopson

(Traditional p.35)

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 719 “Come, Labor On”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “How Firm a Foundation” arr. D. Wood

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, Owen Damrauer, Foster Fitch, Mary Majok, Reagan Peck;
Conversation with Our Children, Margaret Poteet
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. John Hutchison and Nancy Hutchison who passed this week, 10 days before her 102nd birthday, by the Hutchison and Nelson families.

IN THE SANCTUARY today the PW Sewing Circle presents 50 lap quilts which will be given to the UPMC Nurse/Family Partnership, which supports maternity and young families living in poverty.

ABOUT TODAY'S ANTHEM Simply put, it is a hymn of praise celebrating the wonders of nature, human relationships and the divine presence in our lives.

1776 – PAXTANG On Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30, the Paxtang Historical Society joining with Paxton Church's Historical Committee will be presenting stories and tales of life in Paxtang during the 18th century. After a brief business meeting of the Paxtang Historical Society, we will enjoy presentations by Madeleine Heimberger, John Fortino, and Norman Daniels. Come join us in our historic 1740 sanctuary to hear about life at Paxton and the Paxtang area during our colonial era.

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 has kicked off the new year, but is still 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!



PW is always looking for flannel, old flannel bed sheets, bath sheets, thin blankets, and cotton fabric.

PENCILS AND TOOTHBRUSHES- These are two very important items in every Operation Christmas Child shoebox! To support Shippensburg Presbyterian Women's Assn., Paxton PW is collecting pencils and individually wrapped toothbrushes through the month of September! They assemble their boxes in early October. Look for the drop-off box in the Gathering Room — and *THANKS!*

COMING UP FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY 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!

THANK YOU Thank you to everyone for all the support for the Robertson Family in these past few months. We appreciate the support!

R&K SALE Take a night off cooking and support PPNS! Order forms are available in the office until October 2nd. Payment is due at time of order. You can pick up orders on October 14th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. John Rutter

For the Beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALL INVITED!

FALL Festival



FAMILY FRIENDLY
FOOD TRUCK



ICE CREAM
BARS AND
SANDWICHES

TRUNK OR TREAT-FOOD TRUCKS
BOUNCE HOUSE-SCAVENGER HUNT-CRAFTS



TRUNK OR TREAT
BRING A BAG FOR CANDY!



BIGGER THAN EVER
BOUNCE HOUSE

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OPPORTUNITIES

FUN CRAFTS



FUN FOR KIDS!

FUN FOR ADULTS!

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4-6PM

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September 20 - 27

Sunday, September 20	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Confirmation Brunch	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
Monday, September 21	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:30 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, September 22	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:30 PM	1776- Paxtang	Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 23	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Deacons	Room 101
Thursday, September 24	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Friday, September 25	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Great Room
Sunday, September 27	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room

Prayer Square

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Family of Nancy Hutchison,
Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Marla Mullinax,
Donna Powers, Kris Scott, Elsie Williams, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Sue Kilmoyer, Gary Kunder, Robin Neidig,
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

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Sally Appleby '28*	Sue McLain '26
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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
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

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



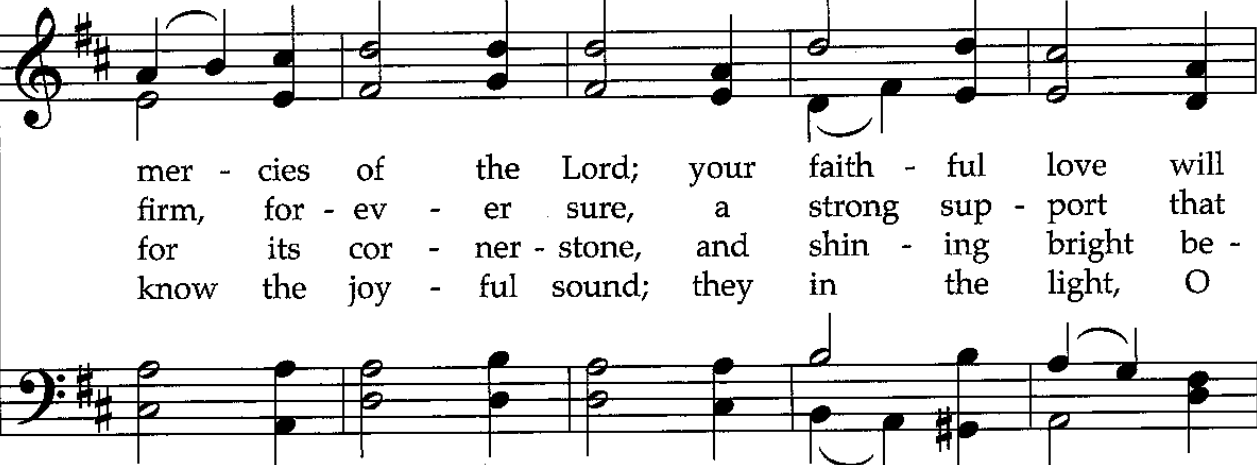
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

My Song Forever Shall Record 67

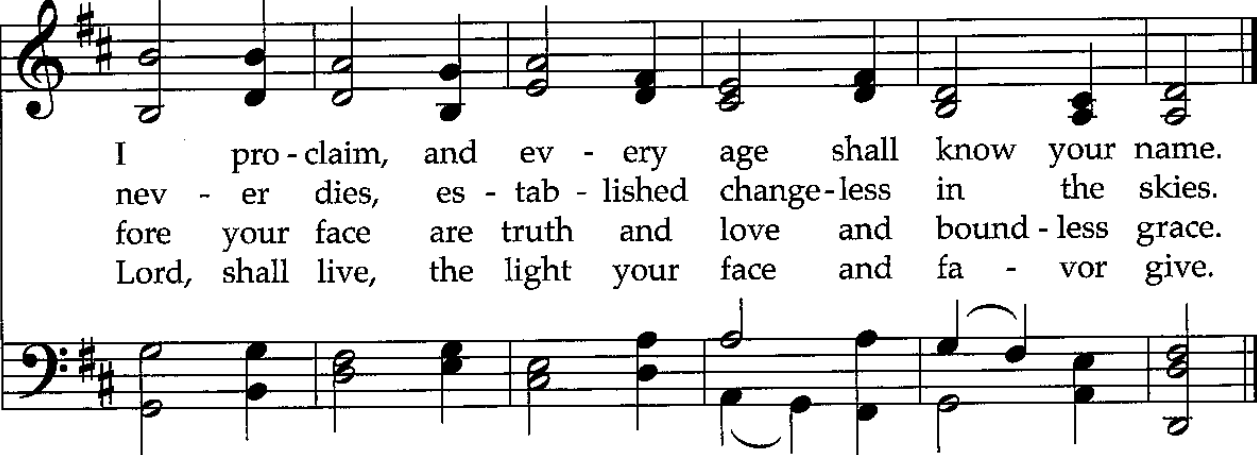
(Psalm 89)



1 My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der
 2 I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for - ev - er
 3 Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice
 4 With bless - ing is the na - tion crowned whose peo - ple



mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful love will
 firm, for - ev - er sure, a strong sup - port that
 for its cor - ner - stone, and shin - ing bright be -
 know the joy - ful sound; they in the light, O



I pro - claim, and ev - ery age shall know your name.
 nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.
 fore your face are truth and love and bound - less grace.
 Lord, shall live, the light your face and fa - vor give.

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Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"