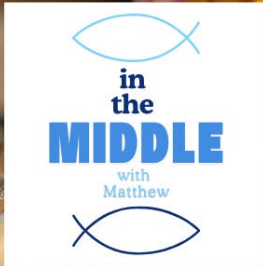




PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Wonders of Belonging

August 16 | 10:00 am

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

August 16, 2026

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"Padraig O'Keefe"
"Blarney Pilgrim"
"Valley of Knockanure"
"Stray Away Child"
"Marcus Herndon's Air"

**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

"Daybreak Vision"

Carlos Nakai

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is the moment of grace.

This is the hour of blessing.

Today is the day of salvation.

Here is the path to new life.

Already joy is abounding,

And love is flowing.

For this is the day God is making.

Let us rejoice and sing

* HYMN – 299

"You Servant of God, Your Master Proclaim"

* OPENING PRAYER

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews. O God, weave your love into our service of praise. Amen.

* PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Compassionate Jesus, God of disarming tenderness, put your heart to our hearts, listen to what is broken in us and touch us with healing and with hope. We have bruised others by our thoughtless words and premature responses. We have isolated ourselves by arrogance when our opinions have become rigid. We have cautiously held back when a bold response was needed. We have counted more on our individual resources and missed your gifts of community and care. Release your forgiveness through us. Send your healing deep down inside. Remind us of our connectedness to one another and to you. 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 PROPHETS Isaiah 56:1,6-8 (OT 839)

ANTHEM – Trio “Waves of Kilkee”

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 15:21-28 (NT 20)

SERMON “In the Middle with Matthew: Wonders of Belonging”

HYMN – 766 “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

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

OFFERTORY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. G. Krapf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional p.35)

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. A. Jordan

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

CCLI#2707192

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Geoffrey Vinton; Conversation with Our Children, Michelle Sheppard
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Tin Whistle Trio, Nan Bonnet, John Palmer, and Bill Sanford

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

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

SUNDAE SUNDAY Come enjoy an ice cream sundae and fellowship in our Great Room following church on August 23.

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.

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 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!



MANY VOICES, ONE SONG Join folks from across the Presbytery of Carlisle for a big family reunion on 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!

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.

COMING UP FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Youth fellowship pool party Sunday August 23 following worship. Please RSVP to Michelle. 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.

Prayer Square

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

Members

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, Family of Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Mick Cochran, Beth Coleman, Diane Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Lynn Harris, John Howard, Margaret Hoyt, Gary Kunder, Donna and Darrel Park, Rick Shoop, Bill Wertz, Scooter Ziebell

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

299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
4 If what we have we free - ly share to
5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
love are found, there can the church be known.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

August 16-23

Sunday, August 16	10:00 AM	Worship	Cabin
	1:00 PM	Youth Council	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
Monday, August 17	6:00 PM	Stewardship	Library
Tuesday, August 18	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry	Room 101
Wednesday, August 19	11:45 AM	Staff Meeting	Room 201
	6:00 PM	Coordinating Committee	Room 101
	7:00 PM	Session	Room 101
Friday, August 21	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Great Room
Sunday, August 23	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Sundae Sunday	Great Room
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
	3:00 PM	Theatre Harrisburg Auditions	Fellowship Hall

Paxton Presbyterian Church

Phone Number: 717 - 561 - 0510

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
Property Manager		Jerry Bingaman	propertymgr@paxtonchurch.org
Custodian		Mary Bowers	

Board of Deacons

Sally Appleby '28*	Sue McLain '26
Jim Bruce '26	Merideth Staudenmaier '28*, Secretary
Linette Burd '26, Moderator	Diana Robertson '28*, Financial Liaison
Judy Frankford '27	Deb Trephan '27
Cheryl Holtzman '26	Brenda Vinton '27
Rich Lengler '28*	Bev Ziebell '27

Stephen Ministry

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