



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

service *Actively*
hospitality **DEMONSTRATE** *evangelism*
 earth *Be Generous*
GOD'S GIFTS
justice **BE COMPASSIONATE** *LOVE* *worship* **PRAYER** *grow* **CALL**
son **body of believers** *presbyterian*
divine *welcome* *rooted* *beautiful*
Jesus **CREATION** *alive*
Community *grace* **PAXTON**
spirit *renewed* *Gospel* *God*
bring people to Christ **HUMBLE** *church* *Nurture* *Faith*
Share **Be Faithful Stewards**
Serve Locally and Globally *mission* *pentecost* *fellowship*
study **STEWARDSHIP** *radical* *Lovingly*
discipleship *obedience* *change* *unity* **PURPOSE** *father* *holy* *mercy*
COMMUNITY

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 10:30 AM

3500 Sharon Street Harrisburg, PA 17111

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you stewards of soil and sky,

Come, you caretakers of field and forest.

The earth is the Lord's—and it sings with joy.

The hills rejoice, the pastures bloom, the valleys shout for joy.

God has crowned the year with bounty.

Let us worship the Creator with wonder and gratitude!

* HYMN - No. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Creating God, you stretched out the heavens like a canvas, scattered stars like seeds across the sky, and poured rivers through thirsty lands. You made the earth a sanctuary of life and entrusted it to our care. We praise you for spring's green shoots, for birdsong at dawn, for the miracle of breath and rain and renewal. May our worship reflect the beauty you have made and the love with which you have formed us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Maker of heaven and earth, we confess that we have taken your gifts for granted. We have consumed more than we have tended, possessed more than we have shared, and ignored the cries of the earth and its creatures. Forgive us, O God. Teach us again to walk gently, to act justly, to love what you have made, and to live as faithful stewards of your abundance. (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 PSALMS Psalm 65:9-13 (OT649)

ANTHEM “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” -arr. Virgil Thomson

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:26-31 (OT2)

SERMON “This Beautiful Earth:
Caretakers of earth, companions in grace”

HYMN - No. 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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 WORD SEALS US

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD WELCOMES US

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE WORD SENDS US

- * HYMN - No. 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
- * 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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Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;
Worship Assistant, Kitti Taylor; Conversation with Our Children, Happy Barber;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Pianist, Nan Bonnet

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

-Arr. Virgil Thomson

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED, JEHOVAH IS
HIS NAME. IN PASTURES FRESH HE MAKES ME FEED
BESIDE THE LIVING STREAM. HE BRINGS MY
WAND'RING SPIRIT
BACK WHEN I FORSAKE HIS WAYS. HE LEADS ME
FOR HIS MERCY'S SAKE IN PATHS OF TRUTH AND
GRACE.

WHEN I WALK THROUGH THE SHADES OF DEATH,
THY PRESENCE IS MY STAY. ONE WORD OF THY
SUPPORTING BREATH DRIVES ALL MY FEARS AWAY.
THY HAND IN SIGHT OF ALL MY FOES, DOTHS STILL
MY TABLE SPREAD. MY CUP WITH BLESSINGS
OVERFLOWS, THINE OIL ANOINTS MY HEAD.

THE SURE PROVISIONS OF MY GOD ATTEND ME ALL
MY DAYS, O MAY THE HOUSE BE MY ABODE AND ALL
MY WORK BE PRAISE. THERE WOULD I FIND A
SETTLED REST, WHILE OTHERS GO AND COME, NO
MORE A STRANGER OR A GUEST, BUT LIKE A CHILD
AT HOME.

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA
BRINKLEY, LARRY BROWN, DAVE FOREMAN, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN,
DAVE AND SALLY HOLT, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JO
JACOBY, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, CHARLIE MORY, NEDRA
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FRIENDS

BETTY CONTE, CORK DOWNEY, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF,
FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, PASTOR ANDY SCOTT AND FAMILY,
DANIELLE SIMS, CLIFF STERN, SAM WANUGA, CRISTY WEIGEL,
DAVID WEISS, RON WIX, LYNN BUCK WOODWARD

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

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in honor of all the wonderful women who mother us with empathy, support and love by Happy Barber.

COMING IN WORSHIP MAY 18 Join us for week three of our *Alive with Purpose* series as we explore "What's Mine Is Yours," a message grounded in Acts 2:42-47. The early church modeled radical generosity by sharing everything so that no one was in need. What if we lived today like everything we have is meant to bless others? Come discover how community, care, and abundance reflect the heart of God. Pastor Kent will be preaching.

DEACONS' BASEBALL OUTING See the Weekend Update or Rich Lengler for details about the **JUNE 8TH** baseball outing. Forms are located on the bulletin board outside the office.

SOFTBALL AND GOLF Spring is in the air and the Paxton Softball Team can't wait to start our 17th season! Our season begins during the last week of April, check the bulletin for the schedule as opening day nears. Also, the Softball League's Annual Golf Outing is in its 12th year! If you like to participate or know golfers who'd like to play, please reach out! The funds raised support the league and our team. Please see the Weekend Update for more information. We hope to see you at the games or at the golf course!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Join with the Seekers' Adult Sunday School Class for fellowship and the beginning of a new lesson series, *Genesis to Revelation: The Psalms*. Next week we'll be discussing the Songs of Zion (Psalms 15, 24, 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 122, 132).

SAFETY AND SECURITY The month of May is the most active month for tornados. In 2004, a tornado touched down outside the building that caused extensive tree damage and a power outage that lasted several days. If a tornado warning or emergency is announced during an event at the church, move quickly (do not run) to Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Please do not use the elevator unless necessary and assist others down the stairs if you are able. If moving to the lower level is not possible, shelter with someone in the bathrooms on the main level. Shelter-in-place until an announcement is made that it is safe to leave.

THE NEXT POOR AND HOMELESS DELIVERY WILL BE JUNE 5TH Summer items are in need such as Men's long pants and shorts (especially sizes 34-36); men's medium-sized shirts; and sneakers and sandals. Women's clothing of all kinds in medium and large sizes. Children's summer clothing would also be appreciated. Please drop off the clothing at Norm Daniels' house (500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111) by 9:00 p.m. June 4th. Questions? Call or text Norm at 717-712-7494.

Week 2 – “This Beautiful Earth”

Caretakers of earth, companions in grace

Scripture: Genesis 1:26–31, Psalm 65:9–13

Theme: Stewardship of Creation

Reflect:

- How do you experience God through creation?

- What one change can you make this week to live more gently on the earth?

This Week's Invitation:

Choose one tangible act that expresses your care for creation – plant a flower, support a local grower, or reduce your use of disposables. Let your love for God show through your stewardship of the earth.

Live It Out This Week: Creation Care in Action

- Tend your garden using natural and sustainable methods.
- Advocate for legislation that protects air, water, and biodiversity.
- Take a walk-through nature and offer a prayer of gratitude for what you see.
- Talk with your children or grandchildren about what it means to be a steward of creation.

“We take pictures, yes – but we also plant seeds. We leave footprints, but we also build pathways for others to walk in grace.” – from the sermon, “This Beautiful Earth”

<https://presbyearthcare.org/>

This Week at Paxton

Sunday, May 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, May 12	12:00 PM	Kitchen Cleaning	<i>Kitchen</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
Tuesday, May 13	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry	<i>Room 201</i>
	11:45 AM	Church Staff Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	7:30 PM	Tech and Media	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday, May 14	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	12:00 PM	PPNS Board Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	1:00 PM	PPNS Luncheon	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:00 PM	Worship and Music Ministry	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Thursday, May 15	1:30 PM	Presbytery Council	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	6:00 PM	Paxton @ Linglestown Life	<i>State Hospital Lower Field</i>
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
	7:30 PM	PNC	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Service Afternoon	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>

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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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

Session *Chair

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For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.