



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Wonders of Abundance

August 2 | 10:00 am

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. D. Wood
arr. G. Martin
arr. J. Barr

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!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. S. Brendlinger

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is near to all who call on God,

To all who call on God in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord;

Let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

* HYMN-23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

* OPENING PRAYER

Awesome and amazing God, you go to the depths of love and the heights of caring for us. You sing to us in the beauty of each dawn. You walk with us each day. You bless us each evening, and you hide us under the shadow of your wings each night. Awesome and amazing God, we sing praise to you and tell of your love to all creation. Amen.

* PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Searcher of Hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. You call us to be light for others when we prefer to keep our light hidden. We have filled our ears with the sounds of the world, we have timidly spoken of your great love, we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. 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 55:1-5

(OT 838)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Here I Am, Lord”

arr. J. Linker

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 14:13-21

(NT 19)

SERMON

“In the Middle with Matthew: Wonders of Abundance”

HYMN – 529

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

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

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

arr. E.L. Diemer

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

(Traditional p.35)

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN – 769

“For Everyone Born” v. 1-3,5

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. J. Innes

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, Nancy Bingaman; *Conversation with Our Children*, Nancy Bingaman
Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Pianist, Merideth Staudenmaier

Prayer Square

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Nancy Hutchison,
Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Joanne Miller, Marla Mullinax, Donna Powers,
Family of Louis Robertson, Ed Steckbeck, Elsie Williams,
Family of Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Beth Coleman, Diane Davis, Shelia Gohardt, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Lynn Harris,
Margaret Hoyt, Gary Kunder, Nathan Miller, Renata Mott, 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

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE A celebration of life for Louis Robertson will be held August 22 at 10 AM at the Adam's-Ricci Park Citizens pavilion. (Rain or shine).

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! Special note that Aug 9 will be Bible bingo for our children with special snacks and drinks!

INTERFAITH PICNIC August 9th | 1:30-5pm | 40&8 Club, 5831 Chambers Hill Road, Hbg., 17111 Hotdogs and beverages will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share & your lawn chair. Our own John Fortino will do his Magic Presentation!

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!



LOWER PAXTON VARIETY BAND Evangelism and Outreach is hosting the Lower Paxton Variety band on Saturday, August 15 at 5:00pm. Bring a chair and enjoy some great outdoor entertainment. In case of inclement weather we will move inside. There will be a free will offering. Contact Linette Burd for information.

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 worshiping 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!

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

BREAKFAST FOR TWO UPDATE Last fall, generous members and friends of Paxton sponsored the stewardship ministry's breakfast for two meal bags to support Paxton's free little pantry. We are pleased to share that these resources have helped restock the pantry with various food items. Additionally, we have assembled 100 hygiene kits to be placed in the pantry as well. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this effort, making a positive impact in our community!

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your donations. This month we are very low on tuna, green beans, and soups (no chicken noodle, please!). As always we appreciate anything you wish to donate.

MISSION MINISTRY

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 13 - AUGUST 9

ITEMS NEEDED

BACKPACKS, LUNCH BAGS,
DRY ERASE MARKERS,
COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS,
1', 1.5' AND 2' BINDERS, CHILD
SCISSORS, COLORED
PENCILS, MARKERS,
CRAYONS, GLUE STICKS,
LIQUID GLUE, POST-IT NOTES,
INDEX CARDS

DROP-OFF LOCATION
BLUE BIN OUTSIDE
THE LIBRARY

SUPPORTING OUR
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
JOSHUA GROUP,
CENTER FOR
CHAMPIONS, AND
ALLISON HILL
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT!

August 2 -9

Sunday, August 2	10:00 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, August 3	12:00 PM	Mission Ministry	<i>Library</i>
	6:30 PM	Christian Education	<i>Zoom</i>
Friday, August 7	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	<i>Great Room</i>
Saturday, August 8	3:00 PM	Private Event	<i>Great Room</i>
Sunday, August 9	10:00 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	<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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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.



God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!

Bsus B *All* *E* *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

E *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

C#m *C#m/B* *A2*

Bsus *B* *(E)* *Fine* *A2* *E* *Bsus* *B*