



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE BREAD OF HEAVEN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
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HARRISBURG, PA

* 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 (OT66)

ANTHEM "You've Got a Friend/What a Friend We Have in Jesus" -arr. Mick Cochran

READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 6:22-37 (NT119)

SERMON "What Is It?"

HYMN - 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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.*

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



* Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" - arr. Emma Lou Diemer

THE WORD SEALS US

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

- * HYMN - 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
- * INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
- * SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE "The God of Abraham and Praise" -arr. John 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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†Adapted from Psalm 98

Please use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Pastor Margaret Poteet; Worship Assistant, Erin Giambrone; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Bingaman; Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FRAN GILCHRIST, 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

FRIENDS

LUCA CARL, KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, DR. KENT GROFF, HELEN HEIDELBAUGH, JJ JACKSON, LINDA LEEDY, MONICA MANGAU, SUSAN REDWOOD, DANIELLE SIMS, DENNIS VERONIKIS, CHRISTY AND BOB WEIGLE, BILL W.

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

ANTHEM

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND/WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS -ARR. BY MICK COCHRAN

When you're down and troubled, and you need some love and care; and nothing, nothing is going right. Close your eyes and think of me, and soon I will be there; to brighten up even your darkest night.

Refrain:

You just call my name a you know wherever I am I'll come running to see you again. Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall, all you have to do is call, and I'll be there, yes I'll be there. You've got a friend.

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

When the sky above you grows dark and full of clouds; and that old north wind begins to blow. Keep your head together and call my name out loud; soon you'll hear me knocking at your door.

Refrain

Now it's so good to know that you've got a friend, when people can be so cold.? They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you, and steal your soul if you let them. Oh, but don't you let them.

Refrain

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family members we've lost - Robert, Joan, and Pamela Pletz, and James Govelovich.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY One of today's minute for ministry highlights the purpose of the Peace and Global Witness Offering. You can find more information in the insert in today's bulletin. Please use the envelope for your gift, collected between September 14 and October 5.

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!

DEACONS HOCKEY OUTING The Deacons are sponsoring another outing to a Hershey Bears game on Sunday, November 9. Prices are \$25/ticket and \$15 for prepaid parking. Based on current Ticketmaster prices, this represents a savings of \$15.10/ticket and \$7.10 over advance parking purchased online. An order form is linked to the Weekend Update email. Forms also are posted for your use on the bulletin board outside the church office. Feel free to contact Rich Lengler (rclengler@comcast.net) with any questions.

PPNS FUNDRAISER Support PPNS programs and take a night off of cooking! Purchase subs/sandwiches from R&K Subs while supporting a wonderful cause. Order forms are available in the office. Orders and payment are due by Monday, September 29th. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, October 8th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

PAXTANG ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEERS The Evangelism and Outreach Ministry began Paxton Volunteers as a group of members working as "tutors and helpers" with Paxtang Elementary and we are looking for more help! We will be starting up again later this fall. The commitment is an hour a week helping small groups with math and reading skills. Clearances are mandatory for all volunteers. Please think about this important service and contact Janice Hutchison if you are interested in joining the group.

PW SEPTEMBER COLLECTION This month we are supporting Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are filled to the brim with useful and fun items for children in third world countries. Our part is to collect the top two most useful items – Pencils and Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes. Drop your donations in the bin in the Gathering Room today!

VOLUNTEER WITH CEM Join Our Christian Education Ministry this year. Can you share in faith and fun with our children and youth? Opportunities exist as lesson teachers, craft and activity helpers, aides during sunday school, children's church leaders, nursery workers and more! If you can give a little time on a Sunday morning once a month or once a quarter, please talk with Michelle. All the resources and encouragement you need will be provided!

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that there is an hour on Thursday nights, just an hour during the week that many Paxton folk regularly meet to have fun? They laugh, they sing, and enjoy each other's company. And YES, it's The adult choir. I bet I know a few things about choir that you would be surprised about.

Do you have to be able to read music? NO
Do you have to have previous choral experience? NO
Do you have to have good sight-reading skills? NO
Does your voice have to be in perfect shape? NO

Do you enjoy singing and lifting your voice to the Lord? If your answer is yes, I'm inviting you to visit us from 7:30 – 8:30 any Thursday night beginning September 11. You are welcome to come and sing or just observe to see what it's all about. If you have questions, please call, text, email, pull me aside or yell across the room!!!! The choir would be thrilled to welcome you!

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September 14 - 21

Sunday, September 14	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, September 15	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:00 PM	Stewardship	<i>Room 202</i>
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	<i>Great Room</i>
Tuesday, September 16	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
Wednesday, September 17	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	7:00 PM	Session	<i>Adult Classroom</i>
Thursday, September 18	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
Friday, September 19	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
Sunday, September 21	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</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.

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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.



Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.



God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)

F

Dm

B \flat



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

F

Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)

B \flat

F

C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

(F \sharp m)

(Bm)

(G)

(A)

(D)

Dm

Am

Dm

B \flat

C

F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)

Dm

B \flat

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.