



Heights and Depths

February 15, 2026 | 10:30 AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

-arr. D. Johnson

"Jesus, My All, to Heaven Has Gone"

-arr. R. Powell

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

- arr. G. Sewell

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

"How Beautiful"

-arr. L. Larson

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

The Lord is King;

The Lord is exalted over all the peoples.

Let us praise God's great and holy name.

Holy is the Lord!

Worship God at the holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

* HYMN – 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, stay silent when we should cry out, act when we should wait, and stay idle when we should move. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (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

AGAPE SINGERS	"God is Always There"	Toni Sullivan
CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES	Exodus 24:12-18	(OT 87)
ANTHEM	"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"	Mark Dawson
READING FROM THE GOSPELS	Matthew 17:1-9	(NT 22)
SERMON	"Heights and Depths"	
HYMN – 193	"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"	

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



-arr. D. Johnson

(traditional p. 35)

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN – 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

-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, Pastor Margaret Poteet; Worship Assistant, Kitty Taylor
Conversation with Our Children, Michelle Sheppard,
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce*

Prayer Square

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

Members

Rich Bazdar, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Bruce Cavanaugh, family of Phyllis Finger, Fran Gilchrist, Shirley Grunden, Don Hoopes, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Jim Knight, Penny Knight, Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, Wanda Newhouse, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Atkins Family, Ray Baker, Benitez Family, Betty Conte, Will Green, Susan Grieco, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Helen Heidlebaugh, Steve and Debbie Huzar, Mary Langley, Janet Neff, Betty Palaski, Carol Poteet, Frank Sallusti

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

AGAPE SINGERS

GOD IS ALWAYS THERE

TONI SULLIVAN

I have feelings deep inside that I want to share. I can pray and talk to God.

God is always there.

When I'm feeling sad inside, thinking no one cares, I can pray and talk to God.

God is always there.

When I'm feeling all alone, and I'm feeling scared, I can pray and talk to God.

God is always there.

When my heart is full of love, joy is in the air, I can pray and talk to God.

God is always there

Thank you, God, for your loving care. Thank you, God, you are always there.

ANTHEM

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

ARR. BY MARK DAWSON

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his alter call; Praise
him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all
majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

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

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of renewal, repentance, and preparation leading up to Easter. During our 7:00 pm service on Wednesday, February 18th, we will engage in thoughtful prayers, hymns, and scripture readings, fostering an atmosphere of contemplation and unity. Join us as we start Sanctified Art's new series, "Tell Me Something Good".

LENTEN MEALS AND DEVOTIONAL SERIES Join us in Fellowship Hall at Paxton Presbyterian Church at 6:00PM on Wednesday evenings February 25, March 4, 11, and 25 for our Lenten series. We'll share a meal and have a roundtable discussion using the Sanctified Art series, "Tell Me Something Good". Please let the office know if you would like a printed copy of the devotional booklet. You can scan the QR code for the digital version.



THE BODY OF CHRIST STICKS TOGETHER Check out the bulletin board across from the office to join in the fun!

BOOK SHARE is waiting for YOU in the Great Room. The last day is TODAY!

PPNS FUNDRAISER The nursery school will be running a fundraiser with GH from February 6th to February 23rd. Orders will arrive the week of March 23rd, in time for Easter! Catalogs and order forms are available in the office.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! What a generous congregation you are! Sincere thanks to you and our youth for the food you contributed to our "Souper Bowl" collection for our Little Free Pantry. We have enough food to hopefully last the winter. We'll let you know when we are running low.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are accepting dues during January and February. These dues support the ministries we contribute to and help fund PW activities in our church and community, including Santa Shop, Valentine's Day "Love Letters," and the Sewing Circle. If you are a woman, you are a member of PW. There is no set amount — please give what you are able. Checks should be made payable to PW of Paxton, with "PW dues" in the memo line. Cash donations may be placed in PW envelopes in the gathering room. Please include your name. Dues may be left in the PW mailbox.

SOUP SUNDAY Evangelism and Outreach will be hosting Soup Sunday on February 22. Please come and enjoy some soup and fellowship following services. We provide 2 soups, including vegetarian and gluten free options, as well as mac and cheese for the children. If you are interested in making a soup for a crowd (you will be reimbursed) please contact Linette Burd (717-608-7845). See you there!

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL Enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year opens in February. For more information or to schedule a tour please contact Nicole at nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org or 717-561-0510.

SEEKERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is providing a welcoming, inspiring video-based presentation of THE CALL: The life and Message of the Apostle Paul. For the next six Sundays, we will be doing a video journey to the lands where the Apostle Paul traveled, preached, suffered, and triumphed. We will also be exploring why Paul is second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith. Each of the six lessons has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith that we can learn from to strengthen our own Christian faith.

HIP-HOP CLASS A church wide hip-hop class is being offered Friday, February 20 from 6-7:30pm in The Great Room. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. This is a fun introduction to hip-hop and dance as exercise. The class is \$5 a person (pay at the door) or \$10 a family. Invite friends! See Michelle for questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, February 22, 2026. At the meeting, the congregation will receive the 2025 Annual Report and vote on proposed new Bylaws for the congregation.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS Lilys, tulips and hyacinths will be used again this year for the Easter flower tree in the chancel and to decorate the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by completing a form and returning it to the church office or placing it in the offering plate. Additional forms can be found outside the office. Each plant is \$10.00 with checks payable to Paxton Presbyterian Church accompanying each order. Please complete one order form for each plant purchased to simplify the printing of the dedication. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, March 22.

MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE!! Paxton's antique armoire is a treasure in the Gathering Room. But — horrors! — the key has disappeared! We searched the floor, but there was no key! If you know what happened to the key, please let the office know. If you have old keys, please bring them in to see if they unlock the armoire.

CHOCOLATE EGGS It's not too late to order your chocolate eggs! We will continue to take orders throughout the Lenten season. Order forms are available in the wall rack outside the office. All proceeds go to support our Rise Against Hunger event.

February 15 -22

Sunday, February 15	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, February 16	ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:00 PM	Stewardship	Library
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, February 17	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Wednesday, February 18	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 19	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Friday, February 20	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Hip-Hop Class	Great Room
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 22	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Soup Sunday	Fellowship
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room

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.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY**



Worship Volunteers

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

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	
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Financial Office/Treasurer	x102	John Palmer	treasurer@paxtonchurch.org
Nursery School Director	x103	Nicole Evenhuis	nurseryschooldirector@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 Liason
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.



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

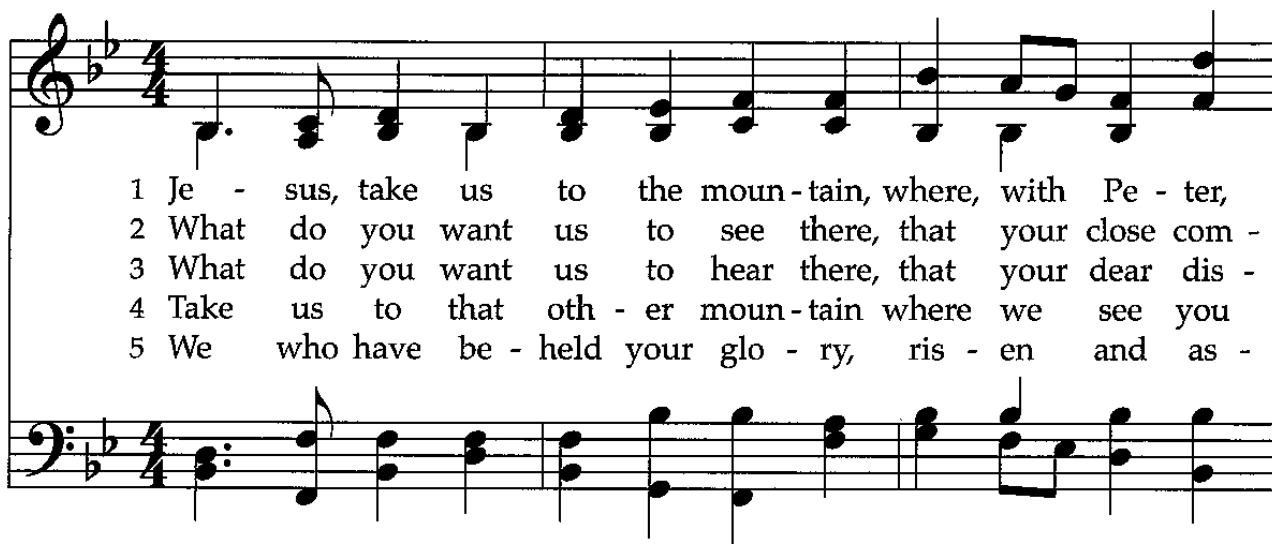
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

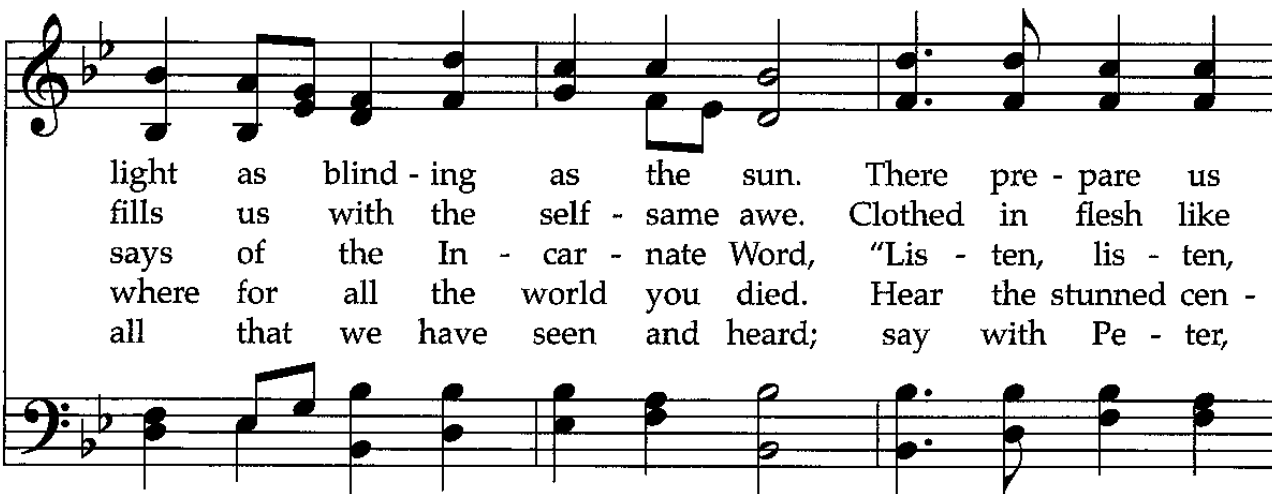
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal melody in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. It contains 12 measures of music, ending with a double bar line. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major (one flat) with a bass clef. It contains 12 measures of music, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.