



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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mercy body of believers
COMMUNITY unity service Jesus
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PRAYER ROOTED STUDY
church fellowship
radical father community God
justice worship MISSION purpose
WELCOME presbyterian humble grace

Sunday, May 25, 2025 | 10:30 AM
3500 Sharon Street Harrisburg, PA 17111
717.561.0510

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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!

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, walk the road with hearts open and eyes ready to see.

We come, like the disciples, longing to encounter Christ.

Let us gather around Scripture, prayer, and shared life.

Rooted in grace, we are renewed in Spirit.

This is the place. Now is the time. God is here.

Let us worship with joy and expectation!

* HYMN - No. 409

“God Is Here!”

[Sung to the tune of “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling.”]

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious and ever-present God, you meet us on the road, in the questions, in the breaking of bread. You teach us through ancient words and present moments. We praise you for the rhythms of grace that shape our lives – for worship that centers us, prayer that grounds us, study that transforms us, and fellowship that binds us together. Renew us in this hour, and plant us deeply in your love. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

* GOD’S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Loving God, we confess that we often rush past what is sacred. We neglect time for prayer, skip over Scripture, and keep fellowship at a distance. We settle for busyness instead of rootedness. Forgive us. Draw us back to your presence where we can walk, wonder, and be renewed. (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.***

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
MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, MARLA MULLINAX, DONNA POWERS,
LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE
ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

BETTY CONTE, CORK DOWNEY, DR. KENT GROFF, HELEN
HEIDLEBAUGH, LINDA LEEDY, ROB, ROBIN RITTERHOFF, PASTOR
ANDY SCOTT AND FAMILY, DANIELLE SIMS, SAM WANUGA, 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 by Bruce and Cindy Cavanaugh in memory of our parents, John and Millie Hitz, and sister, Kathleen.

COMING IN WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 1 When was the last time you heard a good story from the writer of the Chronicles books? Now, we are not speaking of the Chronicles of Narnia, but the books 1 and 2 Chronicles from the Old Testament. Next Sunday, we will hear King David sets out to help organize the Temple staff. Remember, David will not build the Temple, his son and successor, Solomon will. But David ends his kingship in a frenzy of organization. Our focus on Music Appreciation Sunday will be on the Temple musicians and singers. Anything there that we can benefit from today?

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.

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, June 3, at noon in the Great Room for their Annual Picnic. There will be no lesson but bring your picnic item. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"- Psalm 133:1

SPONSOR A GAME FOR VBS Vacation Bible School leaders are looking for a few favorites and a few new games to play this summer. A list of these games can be found outside the office with options to loan games or donate a new game to our VBS collection. Thank you.

REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible School is live, and you can find information and sign up links on the bulletin board outside the office, on our website, and on our social media. Please invite the children you know.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There is so much fun to be had sharing faith and fun with the children of our church and community. This year's Vacation Bible School is July 14-17th from 5-7:30pm (and a free meal before). Please consider joining us for a day or the week. Information can be found on the VBS bulletin board outside the office.

USHERS MEETING There will be a meeting for all current ushers as well as new ushers on 6/1/2025 following Worship. This will be a brief meeting, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please email Bob at bobfrank214@gmail.com.

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD The Renewed Hope Pantry opened in July 2024 and now serves over 300 families, many who are working but rely on the Pantry to help them bridge the gap between income and daily necessities. Through this food ministry, the pantry serves its neighbors with dignity, compassion, and stability. As the number of families relying on the Pantry increases the DDB is asking for help restocking its Pantry. Please see the sign outside the library for the list of specific items requested.



God calls Paxton Presbyterian Church, a body of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to demonstrate God's love in the world. We celebrate God's love by moving forward in Christ's work, always being open to change in obedience to his will through:

- Actively bringing people to Christ
- Being faithful stewards of God's gifts
- Generously using and sharing all that we have
- Nurturing faith through inspirational worship, prayer and study of the Gospel
- Being compassionate to all
- Lovingly serve humanity in mission to the local and global communities.

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN'S MISSION

Week 4 – “Rooted and Renewed”
We grow in Christ through rhythms of grace

Scripture: Luke 24:13–35, Acts 2:42

Reflect

- Which of the four pillars, worship, prayer, study, fellowship, feels strong in your life right now?

- Which one might God be inviting you to lean into more deeply this week?

This Week's Invitation

Choose one practice, worship, prayer, study, or fellowship, to live with greater intention this week. Be open to how Christ may be revealed in the rhythm of your life.

Live It Out: Rhythms of Grace

This week, consider deepening your spiritual rhythm through one of the four pillars:

- Set aside time each day for prayer, even just five minutes of stillness.
- Join a Bible study or spend time with Scripture on your own.
- Call or visit someone you haven't seen in a while and share fellowship.
- Be fully present in worship – whether on Sunday morning or in a quiet moment of gratitude during the week.

From the Sermon

“These are not passive practices – they’re transformative. They reorient us toward hope. They awaken us to grace. And they stir us to action.” – from the sermon, *Rooted and Renewed*

Remember

You don't need to add more to your calendar. You only need to open your heart. The road to Emmaus begins with a step, and Christ is already walking with you.

Summer Worship Series: Members' Choice

What would you like to experience in worship this summer?

Do you have scripture passages you are curious about or cause you many questions?

Is there a passage that stumps you? Would you like to try to stump Pastor Kent with a passage or Bible story?

Help Pastor Kent choose scripture to focus upon during the summer Sundays of July and August.

The congregation is invited to participate in selecting passages of scripture for the sermon and liturgy each Sunday worship service. Included in the bulletin are note cards to choose your selections. You may write the scripture reference or name a story. You choose. You do not have to give your name. If you do, however, Pastor Kent can follow up with you. You may also send your choices to the church at office@paxtonchurch.org with 'summer worship' in the subject line or calling and leaving a message. We will begin on June 29.

MAY 25-JUNE 8

Sunday, May 25	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 26	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:30 PM	PNC	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Tuesday, May 27	10:00 AM	Paxton Bylaws Committee	<i>Room 202</i>
	11:45 AM	Church Staff Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:00 PM	Paxton @ LifePoint- Blue	<i>Brightbill Park</i>
Wednesday, May 28	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:30 PM	Deacons	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Thursday, May 29	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, June 1	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Usher Meeting	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	3:00 PM	Piano Recital	<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.

The office will be closed on May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day.

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Interim Pastor	x105	Rev. Dr. Kent Carter (he/him)	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
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Tara Frank	Moderator
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Linette Burd	Deb Trephan
Judy Frankford	Brenda Vinton
Cheryl Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

Pastoral Nominating Committee

Bob Frank	Chairman
Nancy Bingaman	Secretary
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	Bill Gough
	Mary Myers
	Don Laughery

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

Kent Carter (he/him)		Moderator
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt*	Jan Gough	Mission
Gary Myers*	Janice Hutchison	Nominating
Jay Kealey*	Gary Myers	Personnel
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Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	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 Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.