



# PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Bloom Where  
You're  
Planted**

October 12, 2025

**3500 Sharon Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17111  
717-561-0510**





\*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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†Note: based on Psalm 111

**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, Anita Laughery; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Bingaman;  
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

## ANTHEM

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

-BY MARK HAYES

From everlasting to everlasting is the Lord's love with those who fear him and His righteousness with the children to a hundred generations, and with those who keep His covenants and are walking in his ways.  
The Lord's love is everlasting to everlasting.

As a mother has compassion on the children that she has cradled, so our Father has compassion on the children He created. And the Lord is slow to anger, and abounding in great love. The Lord's passion is everlasting to everlasting.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals my diseases; He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

He satisfies my desires with good things, so my youth is renewed like the eagles!  
The Lord's love is everlasting!

## Prayer Square

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

### MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FRAN GILCHRIST, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, DONNA POWERS, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

### FRIENDS

KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, CORK DOWNEY, CELESTE EHRHARDT, DR. KENT GROFF, SHERRY HOWER, JJ JACKSON, DOROTHY KINSEY, LINDA LEEDY, BUD SHOLLY, DANIELLE SIMS, RITA TOONES, DENNIS VERONIKIS

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 loving memory of Clarence and Inez Hoopes, by the Hoopes family

**OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed Monday, October 13, in observation of Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.

**CANDY NEEDED!** The Christian Education and Outreach Ministries are in need of candy donations for the Fall Festival. If you'd like to help, bring any Halloween candy of your choice to a marked box in Michelle's office. Thank you!

**FALL FEST** Join us on October 18 from 4p-6p for Paxton's Fall Fest. There will be Trunk-or-Treat, food trucks, a bounce house, a pumpkin patch, and crafts. All activities are free except for the food trucks. Volunteers are also needed, please use the following link to sign up: <https://sugeni.us/ecjH>.

**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING** This afternoon at 4 PM - In these times when the world is hurting so much, join us to pause for a contemplative service of prayer as we bring the needs of our world and our community to God and seek Christ's peace.

**PW OCTOBER COLLECTION** It's October and PW is collecting Outies and Undies for children! We are collecting used coats and jackets, used or new hats & gloves, and new underwear and socks. Clean out your closets and share the wealth! The items will be delivered to the Family Coordinator of the Harrisburg School District.

**IT'S COMING--OCTOBER 26** You've likely seen the colorful "It's Coming!" posters—now the mystery is solved! They announce this year's Consecration (Pledge) Sunday and celebratory luncheon. Rev. Kristal Smith of Carlisle Presbytery will preach on stewardship. On October 12 and 19, you'll be asked to complete a luncheon reservation card for October 26 so we can plan accordingly. Throughout the month, watch for stewardship letters from the ministry team and fellow members. Please mark your calendars! If you won't be at church on the 19th but plan to attend the luncheon, contact the church office or a Stewardship Ministry member.

**PW NEEDS YOUR HELP** As we get ready for our Soup Sale fundraiser, we need help in cleaning out the freezer downstairs. If you or your organization has put things there in the past, please check to see if it is still good. We will be cleaning some out to make room for the frozen soup we get. If you don't want yours thrown out, please label and date it, so we know what to keep.

**SOUP SALE** The Presbyterian Women's annual Soup Sale is Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need both soup makers and buyers! Instructions for soup makers are in the Weekend Update. Frozen soup can be placed in the downstairs freezer anytime, with the soup type and include your name on the ingredients card. Fresh soup may be brought in October 30&31 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. to the downstairs kitchen fridge. Helpers are also needed on November 1 to retrieve soup and assist with bagging. Sign up on the PW bulletin board in October. Thank you!

**SANTA SHOP** The Paxton Women's Association has decided to continue our very popular *Santa Shop* project! This will be our 21st year. Traveling shops will be held during the first two weeks of December at Harrisburg churches and programs to allow children in poverty to shop free for gifts for their entire family. It's a wonderful project, and we hope you can become part of it.

**PAXTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY** There will be a meeting to discuss the Paxtang Historical Society's direction and where we are going in the future. All are invited – members and non-members. Any questions please contact John Fortino at 717-564-2036. The meeting will be at 6:30PM, Monday, October 27, 2025, at Paxton Presbyterian in the Great Room.

**USHER TRAINING** All ushers are strongly encouraged to attend a brief usher training on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 9:30AM in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in becoming an usher is invited to join this training session.

**COMMUNITY MEALS KICK-OFF** Our first community meal will be held on Wednesday, November 12 from 5pm-6:30pm. Take out meals will be available if needed. Please consider lending a hand to help make this new endeavor a success. If you can give your time, please contact Dawn Palmer 717-877-9013. All are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Our next Rise Against Hunger event will be on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Please mark your calendars now so you will be available to join the fun!

**LOVE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS** If you would like to bless a college student this Fall, the Christian Education Ministry is collecting encouraging notes and \$20 Door Dash gift cards to be sent to students in early November. Student's names can be found on the bulletin board outside the office. Notes and gift cards should be put in Michelle's mailbox by Nov 2.

**COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE** (formerly the Poor and Homeless) All men's, women's, and children's items are needed including pants, shirts, jackets, coats, shoes, underwear, socks, and dresses. Additionally, sheets, towels, and washcloths can be used. Please drop off the clothing at Norm Daniels' house (500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111) by 5:00 p.m. October 29th. Questions? Call or text Norm at 717-712-7494.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** Thank you so much for your generous contributions. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for additional updates as we move to a monthly newsletter. Currently, we are very short on: peanut butter, chicken, fruit, beans, and surprisingly canned vegetables of all kinds. We also have very little soup for the colder weeks coming up. I am glad people are eating and eating healthily and that is all due to your kindness. Thanks again!

## October 12 - 19

Sunday, October 12	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
	4:00 PM	Service of Prayer and Healing	Sanctuary
Monday, October 13	<b>ALL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 14	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry Meeting	Adult Classroom
Wednesday, October 15	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 AM	Paxton Bylaws Committee	Room 202
	7:00 PM	Session	Adult Classroom
Thursday, October 16	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Friday, October 17	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Saturday, October 18	4:00 PM	Fall Fest	
Sunday, October 19	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Kitchen/Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	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.**

## Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor	x105	Margaret Poteet	<a href="mailto:pastor@paxtonchurch.org">pastor@paxtonchurch.org</a>
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## Board of Deacons

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## 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
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
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Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	Bob Frank	Worship and Music

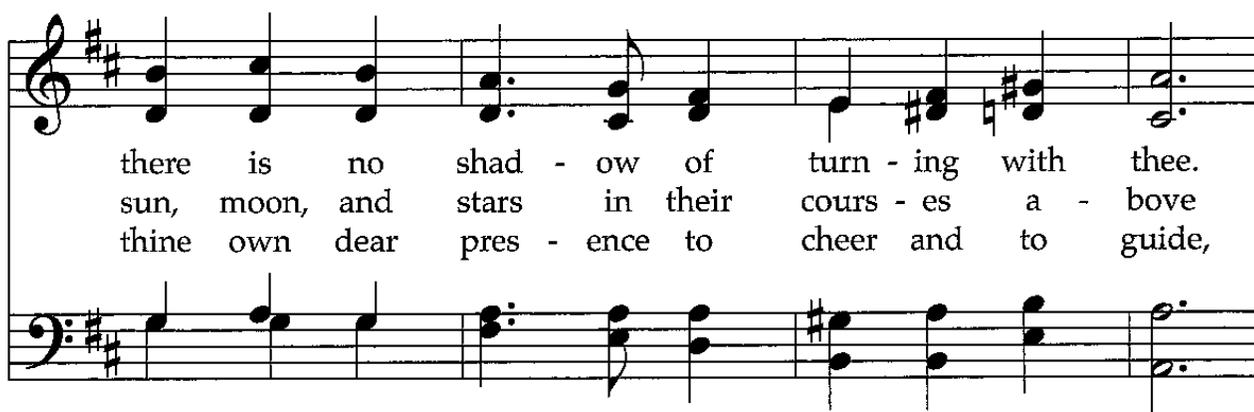
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

# Though I May Speak

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## The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.

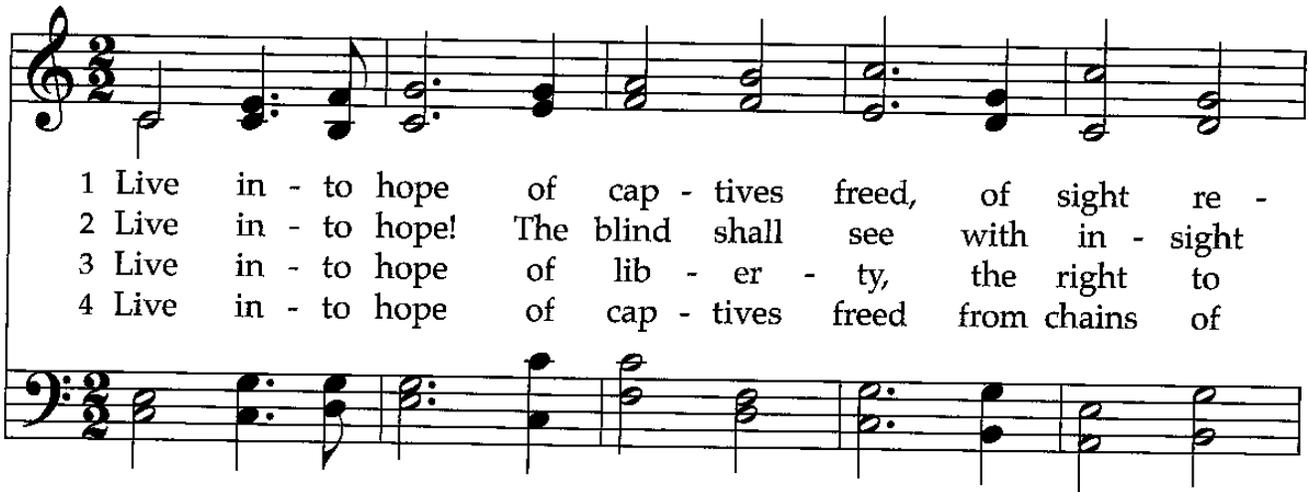


and have not love, my words are vain,  
but not be given by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

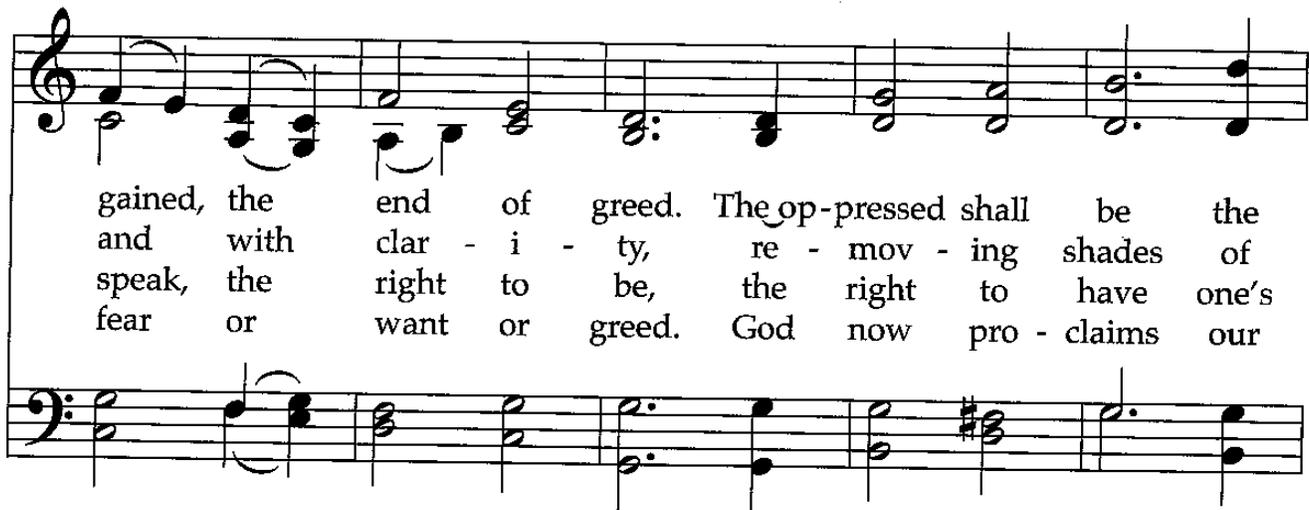


as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

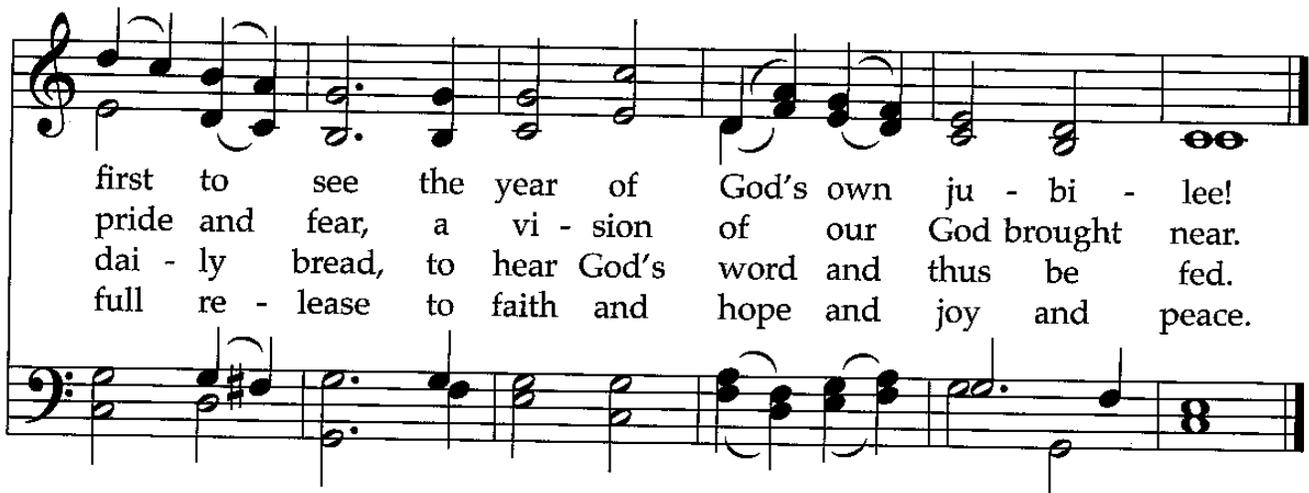
## Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.