



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

-arr. J. Linker

“O Spirit of Life”

-arr. D. Cherwin

“I want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

- arr. M. Burkhardt

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

“Carry the Light”

-arr. L. Larson

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Ruth C. Duck)

The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

God's word is sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey.

Teach us, O God, your holy way, for it is life to us.

Accept our offerings of praise, O God. The earth is full of your steadfast love.

Teach us your statutes!

Amen.

* HYMN – 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Great is your faithfulness, O God. This morning we bring you praise for the mercies you have shown. The gifts of life, of love, of mercy, and of belonging are too great for us to fully comprehend, but we offer our gratitude in the best ways we know how. We pray that your Holy Spirit would continue to be with us in this time of worship, that all of our praises and all of our prayers may bring you glory, and that we would leave this place to be your joyful witnesses in all the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

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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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 and Owen Damrauer;
Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Bingaman;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Director of Youth Music, Andrew Vinton

ANTHEM

A WINTER CAROL

-SETTING BY FRED GRAMANN

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heav'ns all coldly clear;
through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead
and drear. And yet God's love is not withdrawn; His life within the keen air
breaths; His beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with
glitt'ring wreaths.

And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts
are keen, home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light
within. O God! who gives the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous
rays, us warmly in thy love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days.

Prayer Square

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Bruce Cavanaugh, Fran Gilchrist, Shirley
Grunden, Don Hoopes, Nancy Hutchison, Larry and Annette Kilpatrick, Jim Knight,
Penny Knight, Robert Martin, Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, Donna Powers,
Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Ray Baker, Betty Conte, Shelia Gorlhard, Will Green, Susan Grieco, Dr. and Mrs. Kent
Groff, Steve and Debbie Huzar, J. Jackson, Joey Koch, Janet Neff, Carol Poteet,
Frank Sallusti, Bill W.

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 Frank, Thelma, Victoria, and David Downey by Jeanne and John Fortino, and in honor of Jerry Bingaman's recent retirement by Nancy Bingaman.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026 Offering Envelopes are available. They may be picked up after worship or from the church office during the week.

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.

CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG SALE Forms are now available outside the office and will be due with payment by February 1. This year all proceeds will go toward the cost of the Rise Against Hunger event in April.

SOUP SUNDAY Evangelism and Outreach will be hosting Soup Sunday on January 25 and February 22. Please come and enjoy some soup and fellowship following services on those dates. 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!

FOOD PANTRY Due to the cold weather and school vacations we are currently very low on soups (especially the hearty ones that can serve as a meal, we have plenty of cream soups) and fruit, especially kid favorites like applesauce. In another couple of weeks, we will be out of toilet paper. Thank you for all the tuna and peanut butter; that has been a big help.

FINANCE AND BUDGET MINISTRY TOWN HALL Please join the Budget and Finance Ministry on Sunday, February 1 in the Great Room after worship for an informational presentation on Paxton's finances. It has been six months since the last presentation, and we look forward to reviewing in detail the end-of-year reports with you prior to the Annual Meeting on February 22. After a brief presentation we will welcome questions and comments. If you have any questions ahead of the town hall, please email treasurer@paxtonchurch.org or lenglersnj@comcast.net by January 31.

BYLAW QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION After the Budget and Finance Town Hall on February 1, the Bylaws Committee will welcome questions and comments regarding the revised Bylaws for Paxton Presbyterian Church that have been approved by Session and will be on the agenda for congregational approval at the Annual Meeting. Copies of the revised Bylaws will be made available in mid-January.

PER CAPITA This year's Per Capita amount has been set for \$34.66. Your gift allows PCUSA locally, regionally and nationally to work for justice and peace, care for the hungry and homeless, and spread the word and love of the Lord. Please mark your donation "per capita" and place in the offering or mail to the church office.

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD VOLUNTEERS The 2026 Downtown Daily Bread sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please contact Judy Schmidt with questions at 717-652-5781.

THANK YOU, The Stewardship Ministry extends heartfelt gratitude to the congregation for their generous support of the Breakfast for Two meal bags, which raised a total of \$606. These funds will be dedicated to creating future meal bags for our Free Little Pantry, ensuring we can continue to serve those in need. Thank you for your kindness and commitment to this important cause.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR NEEDED Looking for someone that is willing to tutor a first-grade student in math and reading on a weekly basis. Please contact Dawn Palmer 717-877-9013 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

PW BOOK SHARE PW invites you to peruse the BOOK SHARE TABLE in the Great Room! Bring your unwanted books and magazines or take-home new reading material!

COINS FOR CARING January's Coins for Caring will be going toward our Rise Against Hunger Event in April.

IN SYMPATHY The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Linda "Minta" Wolfe on December 20, 2025, to her family and her friends. Please hold them in your prayers. Service arrangements are pending. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

January 18 - 25

Sunday, January 18	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, January 19	ALL DAY	Office Closed	
	9:15 AM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	3:00 PM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	6:00 PM	Stewardship	Library
Tuesday, January 20	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	3:00 PM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	6:00 PM	<i>UnClobber</i> Book Club	Room 101
Wednesday, January 21	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	3:30 PM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	7:00 PM	Session	Room 101
Thursday, January 22	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	4:00 PM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Friday, January 23	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	3:30 PM	Piano Lessons	Great Room
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 25	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Soup Sunday	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	Piano Recital	Great Room
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall

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 JANUARY 19 IN OBSERVENCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

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
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Custodian		Mary Bowers	

Board of Deacons

Sally Appleby '28* Jim Bruce '26 Linette Burd '26 Judy Frankford '27 Cheryl Holtzman '26 Rich Lengler '28*	Sue McLain '26 Merideth Staudenmaier '28* Diana Robertson '28* Deb Trephan '27 Brenda Vinton '27 Bev Ziebell '27
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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 Kitti Taylor Nancy Bingaman '28 Cindy Cavanaugh '28 Nancy Lengler '26* Judy Schmidt '27* Gary Myers '26* Jay Kealey '26* Nino Giambrone '27* Craig Staudenmaier '28* Sharon Webb '26* Anita Laughery '27*	Moderator Clerk of Session Christian Education Evangelism and Outreach Budget and Finance Mission Nominating Personnel Property Management Stewardship Technology Worship and Music
Gary Myers Bob Frank '28* Geoffrey Vinton '27* Bob Frank	

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.



39 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!

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

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 배 푸 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

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

