



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 4, 2026

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"The Heavens Declare God's Glory"

"Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants"

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

arr. R. Powell

J. Cruger

W. Sherwin

**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!

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Stewardship

USHER APPRECIATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

R. Swift

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All around the world,

People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

All over the earth,

People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

All around the world,

Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.

Throughout this day, across many lands,

Siblings touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

All around the world,

People sing, and we join the unending chorus of praise.

* HYMN – 23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God: You desire that in every place people should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or argument. Let our observance of Communion this day be a faithful reflection of your peace-making and our striving toward oneness—with one another and with you. Help us in this hour of worship to bury ancient quarrels, to be purged of all envy or resentment, and to reach some concrete resolve toward becoming more faithful members of our Lord's body, of his ecumenical church. We pray in the name of him who keeps praying "that they may all be one...so that the world may believe." Amen.

*PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, gentle and loving Parent, we rejoice that you have made us in love and for love. You placed in us a desire for companionship and trusted us to form holy and lasting relationships. Yet we confess our errors and our struggles. Worry has replaced joy. Calendars have replaced spontaneity. Fear has kept bonds from deepening. Forgive us, tender God, when we have sought to remake others to fit our needs, or spoken the hasty word and flung the hurtful dart.

Holy God, refashion us in love and for love so all our relationships are marked with love, joy, and peace. 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

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 19

(OT 613)

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 22:1-14

(NT 29)

SERMON

“Journey to Generosity: A Great Invitation”

HYMN – 503

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



C. Van Hulse

THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Traditional p.35)

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.

Sanctus

(See p. 5)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

“Prayer of Communion”

arr. Mary McDonald

Prayers After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 765

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. R. Powell

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.

The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

CCLI#2707192

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Pastor Margaret Poteet;

Worship Assistant, Nancy Bingaman; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Bingaman;

Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God with thanks for Carolyn and Dan Barber for the 70th wedding anniversary from friends and family.

USHER APPRECIATION Please join us in the Great Room after worship today for an Usher Appreciation Reception honoring everyone who has served Paxton Church as an usher. Cake and light refreshments will be served.

SOUP SALE Presbyterian Women's annual Soup Sale will be held Saturday, November 7 downstairs in Fellowship Hall from 9AM until 12PM. We need soup makers as well as soup buyers. Instructions for soup makers are in the October Newsletter. We also need some helpers on the day of the Soup Sale to get the soup from the freezer and help bag the soup for the customers. There will be a sign-up sheet for helpers on the PW bulletin board in October.

PILLOWS WITH A PURPOSE Join the Stewardship committee for a “Pillows with a Purpose” stuffing party on Tuesday, October 27th from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Great Room. We will once again be stuffing pillows for UPMC and Penn State Health breast cancer patients. The pillows are given to patients after a biopsy or surgery. No sewing skills are required, just come and help stuff the 8x12 inch pillows and enjoy the conversation with others! (If you can use a needle and thread, we may recruit you to sew up the hole.) Please join us and help make a difference for women who are going through breast cancer surgery. We are happy to accept donations of poly-fil and 100% cotton fabric in cheery patterns by October 11th as well. Please let Nancy Bingaman or Mary Myers if you plan to attend.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY We begin our ***Journey to Generosity*** this morning! We will consider God's call to be faithful stewards of all that God has given to us--money, time, and talent--over the next few weeks. It will culminate with an opportunity to make your giving commitment to the church for 2027 on October 25. Following worship, we will enjoy a celebratory luncheon with entertainment from our members. In addition, displays from the church ministries highlighting the various programs and projects your pledges support will be available to view. Mark your calendars now and stay alert for additional information in the weeks to come!

ABOUT TODAY'S HYMN Mary McDonald has very cleverly written these words of the anthem to the tune of “Abide with Me.” To me this adds another layer of prayer as we commune today for the Lord to abide with us.

SANCTUS

Gounod

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Ho - ly,

Ho - ly,

Ho - ly,

Ho - ly,

S

A

T

B

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly, —

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly, —

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly, —

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly, —

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God of Sa - ba - oth, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of

God of Sa - ba - oth, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of

God of Sa - ba - oth, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of

Lord God of Sa - ba - oth, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of

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S Sa - ba-oth, Glo - ry be__ to Thy Ho - ly name. Ho - san-na, Ho -

A Sa - ba-oth, Glo - ry be__ to Thy Ho - ly name. Ho - san-na, Ho -

T Sa - ba-oth, Glo - ry be__ to Thy Ho - ly name. Ho - san-na, Ho -

B Sa - ba-oth, Glo - ry be to Thy Ho - ly name. Ho - san-na, Ho -

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S san - na__ in the high - est__ A - men.__ A -

A san - na__ in the high - est__ A - men.__ A -

T san - na__ in the high - est__ A - men.__ A -

B san - na__ in the high - est__ A - men.__ A -

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S men.__

A men.__

T men.__

B men.__

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Prayer of Communion

arr. Mary McDonald

Here at your table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel you near, in loving pow'r. Calling our thoughts away from self and sin, as to our banquet hall, we enter in.

Bless the bread, Lord; bless the wine: your grace poured out for us from heaven's vine. We break the bread, Lord, and pour the wine. Help us remember, to remember, O love divine!

Come, then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray. Touch with your holy hand this sacred day. Making this earthly life full of your grace till in the home of heav'n, we find our place.

Bless the bread, Lord; bless the wine: your grace poured out for us from heaven's vine. We break the bread, Lord, and pour the wine. Help us to remember, O love divine. Amen



Prayer Square

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Family of Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Donna Powers, Kris Scott, Elsie Williams, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Brenda Alwine, Warren Bolay, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Freddie Lee Hall, Gary Kunder, Bob Marshall, Robin Neidig, Jean Ort, Amy Sciotti, Scooter Ziebell

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

October 4 - 11

Sunday, October 4	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Usher Appreciation	Great Room
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
Monday, October 5	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	12:00 PM	Mission Meeting	Library
	1:00 PM	Civic Club	Room 101
	6:30 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, October 6	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	10:15 AM	PW Board Meeting	Room 202
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 7	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	11:00 AM	Hutchison Service	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Property Management	Room 101
	6:30 PM	Worship and Music	Room 202
Thursday, October 8	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Friday, October 9	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Great Room
Sunday, October 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room

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Stephen Leaders	Gary Myers	Jane Sanford
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	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
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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.

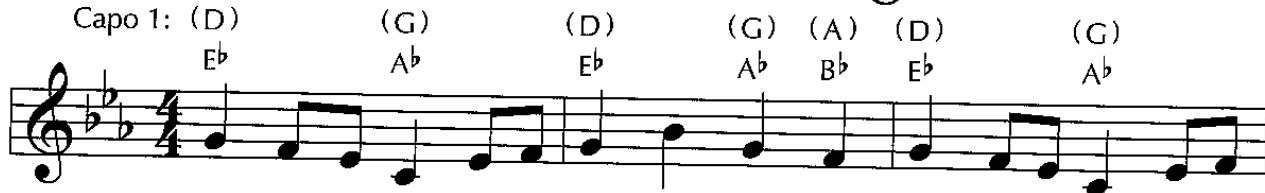


CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D)



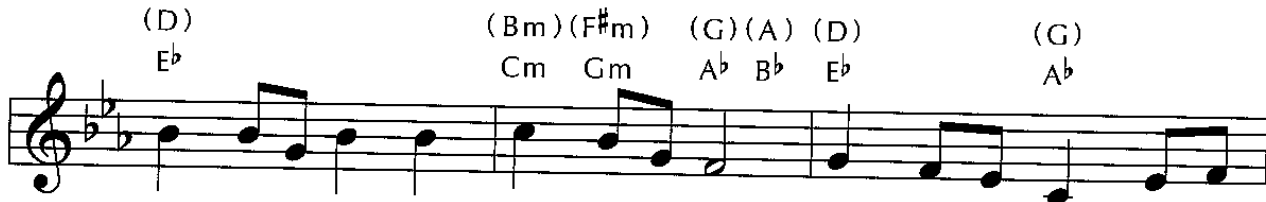
1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
 give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
 vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,

yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.