

# PAXTON

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Reign of Christ Sunday*  
November 23, 2025

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"  
"Come Thou Almighty King"  
"Meditation on "St. Columba"

-arr. M. McDonald  
- arr. G. Martin  
- E. Broughton

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!***

MUSIC INTERLUDE

"We Gather Together"

-arr. Carter

## THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,  
***a very present help in trouble.***

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
***the God of Jacob is our refuge.***

Therefore we will not fear.

***Let us worship God!***

\* HYMN - 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

\* PRAYER OF PRAISE

***Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.***

\* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

\* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

***Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we consistently loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. (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

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS                      Jeremiah 23:1-6    (OT 887)

ANTHEM    “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”                      -Susan Naylor Callaway

READING FROM THE LETTERS                      Colossians 1:11-20    (NT 244)

SERMON    “What Is It All For?”

HYMN – 268    “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

## 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    “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

SCAN HERE  
TO GIVE  
VIRTUALLY



-arr. L. Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## THE WORD SENDS US

\* HYMN – 321    “The Church’s One Foundation”

\* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE    “Toccata on “Jesus Shall Reign”    -G. Pollock

\*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, Janice Hutchison; Conversation with Our Children, Margaret Poteet;  
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;  
Director of Youth Music, Andrew Vinton

# Prayer Square

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

## Members

Nancy Bingaman, Jim Brillinger, Brenda Brinkley, Dave Foreman, Fortino Family, Fran Gilchrist, Shirley Grunden, Himmelright Family, Don Hoopes, Nancy Hutchison, Larry and Annette Kilpatrick, Jim Knight, Penny Knight, Anita Laughery, Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, Trish Moore, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

## Friends

Celeste Ehrhardt, Gamber Family, Dr. Kent Groff, J Jackson, Joey Koch, Beau MacGinnes, Ronnie Miller, Linda Molner, Dennis S., Wendy Shoop, Frank Sallusti

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

## ANTHEM

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

-SUSAN NAYLOR CALLAWAY

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Lord praise to Christ our King; Alleluia!

Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

## NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Charles and Luella Newhouse and Nevin and Ruth Rovenolt, and other family by Larry and Wanda Newhouse.

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. MARGARET POTEET** The Presbytery of Carlisle invites you to gather in worship as we celebrate the installation of the Rev. Margaret Poteet as Pastor of Paxton Presbyterian Church: Today at 4:30 pm at Paxton Presbyterian Church. A light reception will follow. All are welcome to this joyful celebration.

**PW THANK OFFERING** “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43: 19 During the month of November, PW of Paxton will be collecting our annual Thank Offering. You may place your checks in the offering plate, clearly marked for PW Thank Offering or put them in the PW mailbox. Make your checks payable to **PW of Paxton**.

**BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION!** As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we invite *families of any description* — individuals, couples, friends, and households of all kinds — to light the Advent candles during worship this season. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office to choose your date.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** Poinsettias will again be used for the poinsettia tree and to decorate the sanctuary this December. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by completing the 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 for each plant purchased to simplify the printing of the dedication. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 7.

**SANTA SHOP** elves are busily working! We ask that all donations be donated by today, to give us time to get organized. (Our shops start December 2.) One thing we ask you to **KEEP BRINGING IN** are 2026 calendars. We’re a little short this year (Get it?) -The Elves

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you so much for your generous contributions. We are looking good for Thanksgiving. The only food we need is canned chicken. I thank those of you who have called me and asked, “what do you need?”. The Holy Spirit is at work here at Paxton.

**UNITY CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, December 2 at 12:00 noon. Our study is Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the Max Lucado book. Our lesson leader is Carol Himmelright. Please bring a dozen or more Christmas cookies to share, pack a bag lunch, and bring your lesson book and change for the Least Coin collection. Beverages will be provided.

**THANK YOU** The Stewardship Ministry would like to thank all those who participated in Consecration Sunday and who have completed and submitted their pledge information for 2026. If you still need a pledge card, please contact the office to obtain one. You can turn your pledge card in by mailing it in, dropping it off at the office, or giving it to a member of the Stewardship Ministry or an usher on Sunday.

**REMINDER** There will not be Sunday School classes or Children's Church next Sunday, Nov. 30.

**SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is starting a new video-based presentation that situates the birth story of Jesus within the context of other miraculous births in Scripture and, by doing so, brings to light important layers of meaning that would otherwise be lost to us. This study will enrich your experience of Advent and deepen your understanding of how Jesus' birth fits within his tradition. They meet on Sundays at 9AM in Room 101.

**DECEMBER 7TH  
4:00-7PM**

*Paxton Presbyterian Church*

# **CHRISTMAS JUBILEE**

**Hot Cocoa  
and Cookies  
Around the  
Fire in the  
Cabin**

**Live Nativity  
and Carols in  
Upper Grove  
starting at  
6:20pm**

**JOIN US FOR**  
Dinner  
Calming Coloring  
Crafts For All Ages  
Family Scavenger Hunt  
Gingerbread Houses  
Visit with Santa

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## November 23 - 30

Sunday, November 23	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Downstairs</i>
	4:30 PM	Pastor Margaret's Installation	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, November 24	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	<i>Great Room</i>
Tuesday, November 25	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Lions	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, November 26	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:30 PM	Deacons	<i>Room 101</i>
Thursday, November 27	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, November 28	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, November 30	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Fellowship Hall</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 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 27 & 28 IN  
OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.**

## 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

Tara Frank '25	Moderator	Merideth Staudenmaier '25	Secretary
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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
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Karen Herrold '25*	Christian Education
Janice Hutchison '25*	Evangelism and Outreach
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Craig Staudenmaier '25*	Stewardship
Sharon Webb '26*	Technology
Anita Laughery '27*	Worship and Music
Bob Frank '25	

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.



# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



## The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

