



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE
URGENCY
OF **LOVE**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 10:00AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

R. Lau

arr. F. Ritter

**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

"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

arr. L. Shackley

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

***"I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."***

As we gather here today,

let us worship the Lord,

who continues to be our God

and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

* HYMN – 550

"Give Praise to the Lord"

*OPENING PRAYER

With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to dwell in us anew and to center our humble worship on your great glory. Amen.

*PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord. Forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12:1-14

(OT 72)

ANTHEM – Duet

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. J. Raney

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 13:8-14

(NT 197)

SERMON

“The Urgency of Love”

HYMN – 377

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

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY

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 First Day of the Week”

arr. C. Ore

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Wondrous Love”

R. Lau

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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Directing our worship today: Preacher, Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Janice Hutchison; Conversation with Our Children, Margaret Poteet
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Pianists, Merideth Staudenmaier and Laurie Bassler

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill's mother, Marian Sanford, by Bill and Jane Sanford.

QUILTS IN THE SANCTUARY The PW Sewing Circle presents 30 lap quilts which will be given to Randi's House of Angels. This charity supports children who have lived with domestic abuse.

LABOR DAY The office will be closed September 7, 2026.

COMMUNITY MEAL Everyone is welcome at our Community Meal on September 9, from 5-6:30p. Check out the sign up sheet outside the office or talk to Linette if you would like to volunteer.

CHURCH PICNIC will be September 13 following worship in Fellowship Hall. There will be some outdoor games for kids and adults.

1776 – PAXTANG On September 22 at 6:30 the Paxtang Historical Society and Paxton Church's Historical Commission will be presenting stories and tales of life in Paxtang during the 18th century. A brief meeting of the Paxtang Historical Society will be followed by the presentations. Come experience where we came from and how we became who we are today. Experience these tales in the Paxton Presbyterian Church, built in 1740.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your donations. This month we are very low on creamy peanut butter, tuna, chicken, and Chef Boy-R-Dee. As always we appreciate anything you wish to donate.

CHANCEL FLOWER ORDERS Flower forms are available outside of the office. Please turn in your form when you sign up. Unless your form says otherwise, all orders are placed with the church's preferred florist before the first Sunday of the month.

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? Would you like to bring comfort to a child who lives in poverty, in crisis, or in a shelter? The PW Sewing Circle has an idea for you! We are looking for sewers who will take a packet, and sew a quilt back using three large pieces of flannel. All you have to do is straighten the long sides, sew together and press! If you're interested, please take a packet from the box in the Gathering Room at church.

NURSERY SCHOOL DONATIONS PPNS is gearing up for the next school year, and is seeking donations for their classrooms. Please scan the QR code to access their Amazon Wishlist or contact Nicole for more information. Thank you so much for your support of the nursery school!



PW is always looking for flannel, old flannel bed sheets, bath sheets, thin blankets, and cotton fabric.

GET INVOLVED Sue Beckley here asking if you enjoy singing and lifting your voice to the Lord? If your answer is yes, I'm inviting you to visit the choir from 7:30-8:30 PM any Thursday night beginning September 17 in the choir room.

Do you have to be able to read music? **NO**

Do you have to have previous choral experience? **NO**

Do you have to have good sight-reading skills? **NO**

Does your voice have to be in perfect shape? **NO**

You are welcome to come and sing or just observe to see what it's all about. If you have questions, please call, text, or pull me aside! The choir would be thrilled to welcome you!

PENCILS AND TOOTHBRUSHES- These are two very important items in every Operation Christmas Child shoebox! To support Shippensburg Presbyterian Women's Assn., Paxton PW is collecting pencils and individually wrapped toothbrushes through the month of September! They assemble their boxes in early October. Look for the drop-off box in the Gathering Room — and *THANKS!*

COMING UP FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Fall kick-off to Sunday School begins Sept. 13 at 9am in Agape Park. We look forward to a new church year! Mark your calendar now for the Fall Fest on Saturday Oct 3 from 4-6pm. Sign up for the Trunk or Treat outside the office!

NURSERY Our church nursery needs a few caring people to join our Nursery Ministry Team! Come be a part of something little that makes a BIG difference. You would be helping create a safe, loving first experience for some of our youngest members and giving parents and Christian Education Members the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary. Sign up for one or two Sundays a year - that's all. No expertise needed, just a caring heart, a little patience, and a willingness to serve. Give it a try, whether you're a parent, grandparent, college student, empty nester, or simply someone who thinks tiny humans are wonderful. A sign-up sheet is outside the church nursery.

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF Brunch items needed for an upcoming confirmation kick-off on Sept. 20th. If you would like to bless our new confirmation class and contribute a breakfast or lunch item, please see Michelle or sign up outside the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Share time with our children and youth this Fall during Sunday School. Did you enjoy VBS and adore our Paxton children? Come join them one Sunday a month or one Sunday a quarter. Be an aid to assist in lessons or a craft or come connect with our tween and teens. You will be well equipped with all you need in these rewarding ministry roles. Let Michelle know if you are interested.

THANK YOU It felt like Christmas when I went down to the pantry cupboards. Thank you all for being so generous in donating food for our pantry. You donated exactly what was needed and always needed those proteins. Our next need will be soup. Soups that can be used as a meal are our biggest need as well as all kinds of chicken noodle. As always, anything you would like to contribute is always used and appreciated by our clients

September 6 - 13

Sunday, September 6	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
Monday, September 7	ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, September 8	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry	Room 201
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry	Room 101
Wednesday, September 9	9:00 AM	PPNS Orientation	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Evangelism and Outreach	Room 201
	10:30 AM	Property Management	Room 101
	5:00 PM	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, September 10	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
Friday, September 11	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	10:00 AM	Personnel Meeting	Room 101
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Great Room
Sunday, September 13	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
Kick-Off Sunday	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Church Picnic	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7

Prayer Square

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

Members

Nancy Bingaman, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Barb Greenwood, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Family of Joanne Miller, Marla Mullinax, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, John Howard, Gary Kunder, Robin Neidig, Donna and Darrel Park, Chad Strausburgh, Jeff Turner, Scooter Ziebell

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

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Pastor	x105	Margaret Poteet	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
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Organist		Jeanne Bruce	
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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
Nancy Bingaman '28*		Christian Education
Cindy Cavanaugh '28*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler '26*		Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt '27*		Mission
Gary Myers '26*		Nominating
Jay Kealey '26*	Gary Myers	Personnel
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

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

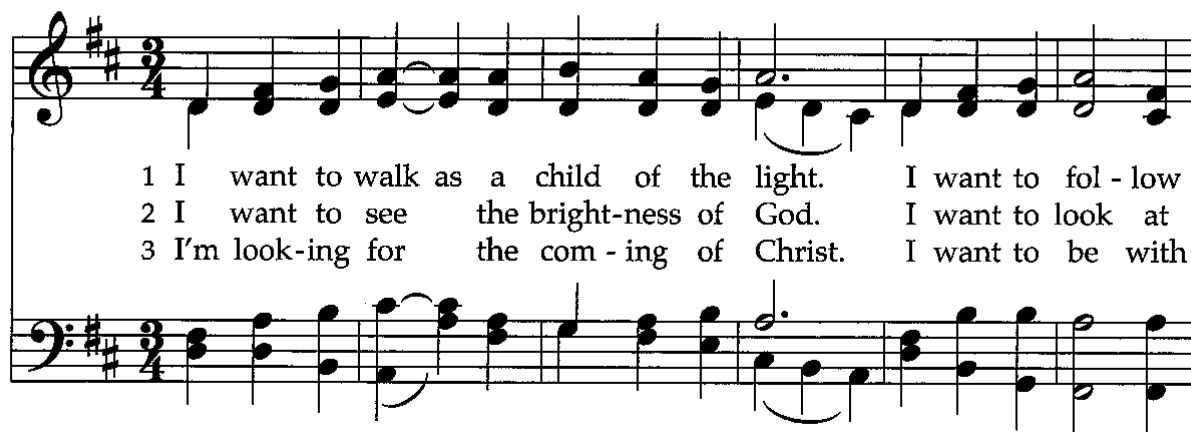
1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

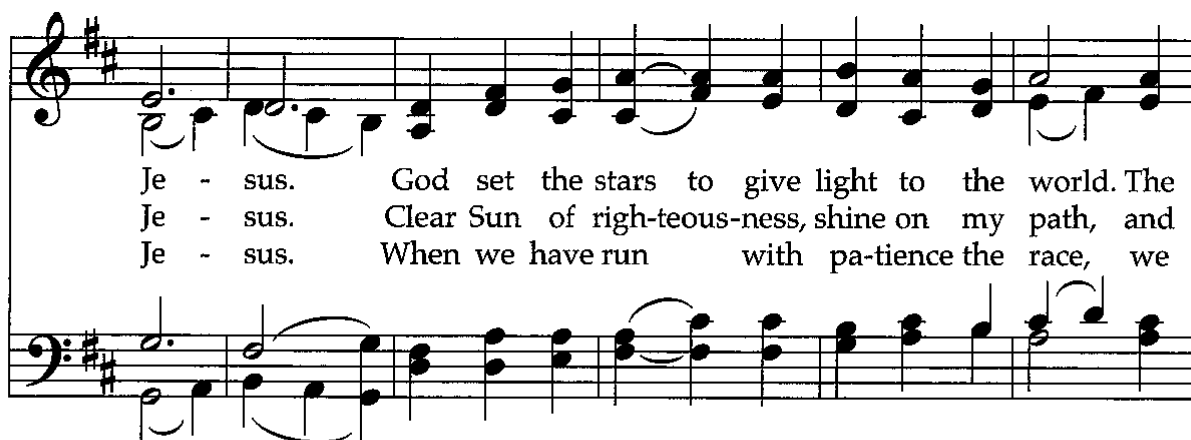
a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

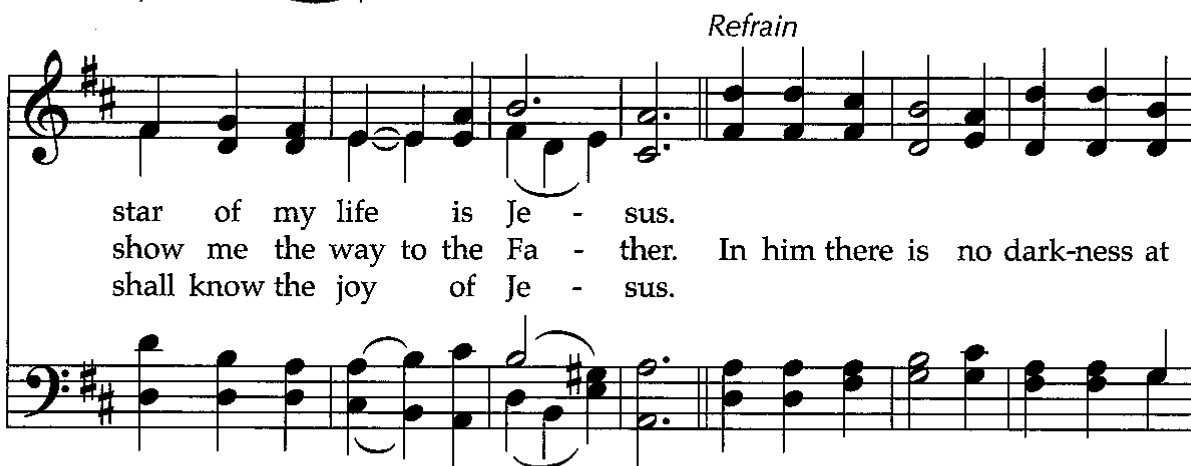


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

This musical score is for the hymn 'A New Heaven and a New Earth'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.'

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

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!

This musical score is for the hymn 'Arise, Your Light Is Come!'. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: '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!'

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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.

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