



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pentecost Sunday

May 24 2026 | 10:30 am

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Now Let us pray to God the Holy Ghost”
“Spirit of Faith Come Down”
“Spirit Song”

-arr. C. Ore
-arr. G. Martin
-arr. J. Carter

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

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

-arr. M. Hayes

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith by Ruth C. Duck)

The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN – 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

* OPENING PRAYER

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of 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 Numbers 11: 24-30 (OT 162)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Just As I Am” -Howard Helvey

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2: 1-21 (NT 144)

SERMON

HYMN –289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

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 “Verset on ‘O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing’”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



-arr. J.W. Kerr
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THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN –280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” -arr. J. Innes

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, Cindy Cavanaugh;
Conversation with Our Children, Sam Frank,
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Soloist, Tara Frank

Prayer Square

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

Members

Rick Bazdar, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Nancy Hutchison, Family of Shirley Grunden, Jo Jacoby, Annette Kilpatrick, Penny Knight, the Family of Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, the Poteet Family, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

David Altland, Atkins Family, Jim Bonawitz, Deb Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Kris Heimberger, Donna and Elvin Hitz, Carl Hoffman, Mary Langley, Terri Leary, Donna LeGay, Bob Marshall, Donna J. McGrow, Nathan Miller, the family of James Wix

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 and in loving memory of parents John and Millie Hitz and Jim and Eulene Cavanaugh.

THE QUILTS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY were made by Paxton Women's Sewing Circle. 25 will be delivered to Dauphin Co. Children and Youth. 25 will be delivered to Dauphin Co. Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and 20 to Randi's House of Angels (support for children who experienced domestic abuse). We take a break during the summer, but please donate the following items any time of the year: flannel sheets, thin blankets, juvenile or solid fabric, buttons

FAITHFUL FRIEND ADOPTION Vacation Bible School is July 13-16 and this year's theme, "Faithful Friends; Learning From God's Creatures" is going to be amazing! We will be studying God's word and learning about animals. Every evening we will have live animal presentations - Zoo America, Bunny Bonanza, Batz Farm and our own Paxton pets. To offset the cost of these groups, we are holding an Adopt A Friend fundraiser. Information can be found on the bulletin board outside the office.



VBS It's time to register for Paxton's Faithful Friends VBS where furry and faithful critters will help teach us every day about God's love and care. We can't wait! Use the QR code to sign up! Registrations are due by June 28. Volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

VBS HELP Calling all painters, crafters, decorators and VBS supporters.... If you are interested in helping prepare our space and prep crafts for VBS, please let Michelle know. We also welcome all who are interested to stay after church on May 31 for a working craft/decoration prep time. (no skills required) We will meet in fellowship hall from 12-1:30.

BOOK STUDY Paxton's summer book study will be Bruce Reyes-Chow's book, *Everything Good About God is True*. All are welcome to read along. You can pick up a book in Michelle's office. We will meet to discuss throughout the summer from 9-9:50am in room 101 on the following Sundays: June 14, 28, July 12, 26, and Aug 9, 23.

SAVE THE DATE June 8-12 Paxton will be hosting a Local Service Week. Throughout the week volunteers can choose to help with projects at Paxton and/or in the local community. See the insert for more information.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE IS COMING. PLEASE DROP OFF ALL CLOTHING BY NOON ON MAY 27th All men's, women's, and children's clothes for spring and summer 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). Questions? Call or text Norm at 717-712-7494.

T-SHIRT ORDER New Paxton T-shirts are available to order. Pick up an order form outside the office. T-shirts are a soft fabric, light blue color, long sleeve and short sleeve in child and adult sizes. Forms must be in by June 1st.

THANK YOU The Evangelism and Outreach Ministry would like to recognize our Paxtang Elementary School volunteers: Nancy Bingaman, LaVerne Collins, Peggy Elder, Tara Frank, Bill Gough, Susan Hair, Anita Laughery, Don Laughery, Judy Schmidt, and Rebecca Walsh. Thank you for your scheduled weekly commitment during the school year to support the students and to help them to achieve success. New volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested in helping for the 2026-27 school year should obtain their security clearances online from the Pa. State Police and the Central Dauphin School District. Any questions contact Cindy Cavanaugh (717)514-1239.

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 26/27 SCHOOL YEAR Paxton Presbyterian Nursery School is now enrolling children ages 2, 3 and 4 years old! Our play-based program is designed to spark imagination and lay a strong foundation for lifelong learning. For more information email Nicole, Nursery School Director, at nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org.

May 24-31

Sunday, May 24	10:30 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, May 25	ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, May 26	6:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Agape Park</i>
Wednesday, May 27	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:30 PM	Deacons	<i>Room 101</i>
Thursday, May 28	6:00 PM	TH Gala Rehearsal	<i>Great Room</i>
Friday, May 29	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday, May 31	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship – Music Appreciation Sunday	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Worship and Music Reception	<i>Great Room</i>
	11:30 AM	VBS Prep	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</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 MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

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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 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.



41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

289 On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.