

PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Finding Unity

OCTOBER 5, 2025
3500 SHARON ST | 717-561-0510
HARRISBURG, PA

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Finlandia"

-Sibelius, arr. by Bish

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

- arr. G. Martin

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!

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

-arr. L. Larson

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
sing the glory of God's name;
give the Lord glorious praise.

***All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.***

Let us worship God!

* HYMN -267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* PRAYER OF PRAISES

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you honor. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, and ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS§

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen. (silent confession)

* 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

Psalm 103

(OT681)

ANTHEM

“On Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

-by Craig Courtney

READING FROM THE LETTERS

Philippians 2:1-11

(NT240)

SERMON

"Finding Unity"

HYMN – 497

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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

“Lord Speak to Me”

-arr. D. Hegarty

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

...Therefore we praise you, Joining our voices with the heavenly choirs And with all the faithful of every time and place, Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements
Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

- * HYMN -372 "O For a World"
- * INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
- * SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE "We Bear the Strain of Earthly Care" -Glaser, arr. L. Smith

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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†Note: based on Psalm 66

§Note: Corporate Prayers written by Dr. Charles A. Wiley III

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, Nancy Lengler; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Lengler;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FRAN GILCHRIST, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, CORK DOWNEY, CELESTE EHRHARDT, DR. KENT GROFF, SHERRY HOWER, JJ JACKSON, DOROTHY KINSEY, LINDA LEEDY, MONICA MANGAU, SUSAN REDWOOD, DANIELLE SIMS, RITA TOONES, DENNIS VERONIKIS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE PLEASE
CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR MOMJAKH@AOL.COM

ANTHEM

ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD

-BYCRAIG COURTNEY

One faith, one hope one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift
in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and
faith, one God and Father of all, one
God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for
the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of
Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we
lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Marvin and Jean Herrold by the Gough and Herrold families.

DEACONS HOCKEY OUTING The Deacons are sponsoring another outing to a Hershey Bears game on Sunday, November 9. Prices are \$25/ticket and \$15 for prepaid parking. Based on current Ticketmaster prices, this represents a savings of \$15.10/ticket and \$7.10 over advance parking purchased online. An order form is linked to the Weekend Update email. Forms also are posted for your use on the bulletin board outside the church office. Feel free to contact Rich Lengler (rclengler@comcast.net) with any questions.

PILLOWS WITH A PURPOSE Join the Stewardship committee for a "Pillows with a Purpose" stuffing party on Tuesday, October 7 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. No sewing skills are required, just come and help stuff the 8x12 inch pillows! We are happy to accept donations of 100% cotton fabric in cheery patterns by October 5 as well. Please RSVP with the office. You can also reach out to Nancy Bingaman or Mary Myers with questions. Thank you!

CANDY NEEDED! The Christian Education and Outreach Ministries are in need of candy donations for the Fall Festival. If you'd like to help, bring any Halloween candy of your choice to a marked box in Michelle's office. Thank you!

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at noon in room 202. We will have a guest speaker. The hostess is Jeanne Fortino. Please bring change for Least Coin offering and a packed lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. We will resume our lessons on Esther in Ten Women of the Bible Chapter 4, in November.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING a reminder that you still can contribute to Presbyterian Special Offering, Peace and Global Witness. Envelopes can be found in pew racks and then placed in offering plates.

FALL FEST Join us on October 18 from 4p-6p for Paxton's Fall Fest. There will be Trunk-or-Treat, food trucks, a bounce house, a pumpkin patch, and crafts. All activities are free except for the food trucks. Volunteers are also needed, please use the following link to sign up: <https://sugeni.us/ecjH>.

BOOK STUDY The Christian Education Ministry will be offering a book study this Fall of Colby Martin's book, *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*. All are welcome to attend (discussions will be zoom and in person) which will begin in October. Date and time TBD by participants. Book price is \$13 paid to the church. Please RSVP by TODAY to sign up.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING Sunday, October 12 at 4 PM - In these times when the world is hurting so much, join us to pause for a contemplative service of prayer as we bring the needs of our world and our community to God and seek Christ's peace.

SAFETY AND SECURITY SPOTLIGHT As students learn safety drills at school, we can also stay informed about Paxton's emergency protocols to keep everyone safe. October is National Fire Prevention Month, so our focus is on fire, smoke, and gas leak emergencies. If you detect any of these, activate a manual fire alarm and begin evacuation (plans are posted in each room). Call 911 with your name, number, and location. Only after evacuating and calling 911 should a fire extinguisher be used — by someone physically capable, trained, and confident that using it is the safest option. Let's stay prepared and keep Paxton safe.

PW OCTOBER COLLECTION It's October and PW is collecting Outies and Undies for children! We are collecting used coats and jackets, used or new hats & gloves, and new underwear and socks. Clean out your closets and share the wealth! The items will be delivered to the Family Coordinator of the Harrisburg School District.

IT'S COMING--OCTOBER 26 You've likely seen the colorful "It's Coming!" posters — now the mystery is solved! They announce this year's Consecration (Pledge) Sunday and celebratory luncheon. Rev. Kristal Smith of Carlisle Presbytery will preach on stewardship. On October 12 and 19, you'll be asked to complete a luncheon reservation card for October 26 so we can plan accordingly. Throughout the month, watch for stewardship letters from the ministry team and fellow members. Please mark your calendars! If you won't be at church on the 12th or 19th but plan to attend the luncheon, contact the church office or a Stewardship Ministry member.

PW NEEDS YOUR HELP As we get ready for our Soup Sale fundraiser, we need help in cleaning out the freezer downstairs. If you or your organization has put things there in the past, please check to see if it is still good. We will be cleaning some out to make room for the frozen soup we get. If you don't want yours thrown out, please label and date it, so we know what to keep.

SOUP SALE The Presbyterian Women's annual Soup Sale is Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need both soup makers and buyers! Instructions for soup makers are in the Weekend Update. Frozen soup can be placed in the downstairs freezer anytime, with the soup type and include your name on the ingredients card. Fresh soup may be brought in October 30&31 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. to the downstairs kitchen fridge. Helpers are also needed on November 1 to retrieve soup and assist with bagging. Sign up on the PW bulletin board in October. Thank you!

SANTA SHOP The Paxton Women's Association has decided to continue our very popular *Santa Shop* project! This will be our 21st year. Traveling shops will be held during the first two weeks of December at Harrisburg churches and programs to allow children in poverty to shop free for gifts for their entire family. It's a wonderful project, and we hope you can become part of it.

IN SYMPATHY The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Robert Rustay on September 29, 2025, to his family, and his 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.

October 5 - 12

Sunday, October 5	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, October 6	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	12:00 PM	Mission Ministry	Library
	1:00 PM	Paxtang Civic Club	Adult Classroom
	6:00 PM	Christian Education Ministry	
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, October 7	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	10:15 AM	PW Board Meeting	Room 202
	11:45 AM	Staff Meeting	Room 201
	12:00 PM	Unity Circle	Room 202
	6:30 PM	Pillow Stuffing	Great Room
	6:30 PM	Pack 36 Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 8	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Evangelism and Outreach Ministry	Room 202
	6:30 PM	Worship and Music	Room 202
Thursday, October 9	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Friday, October 10	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Sunday, October 12	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
	4:00 PM	Service of Prayer and Healing	Sanctuary

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.

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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

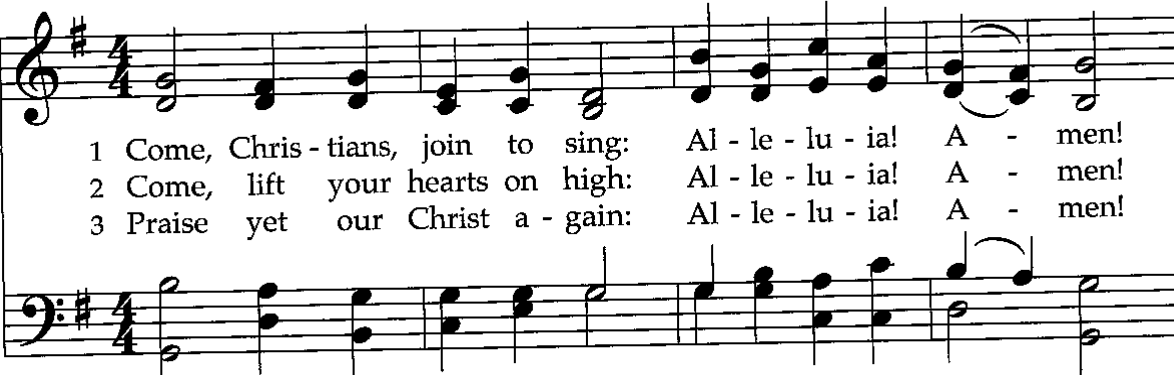
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At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



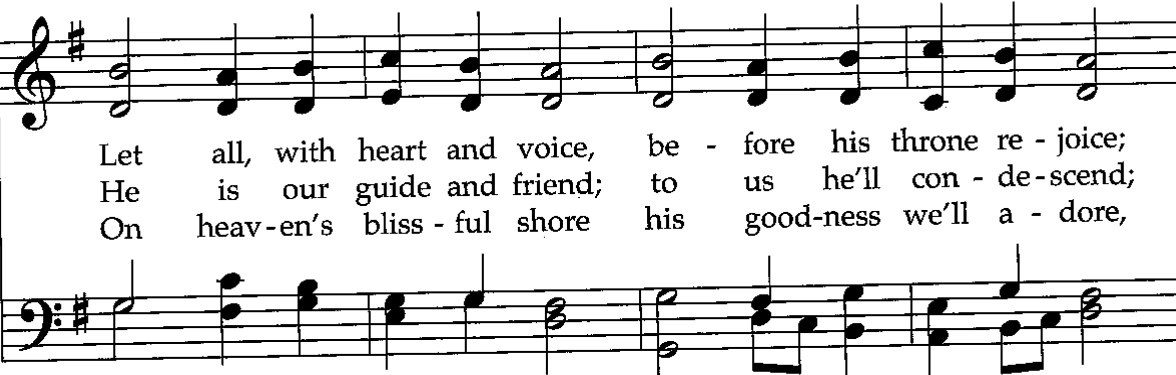
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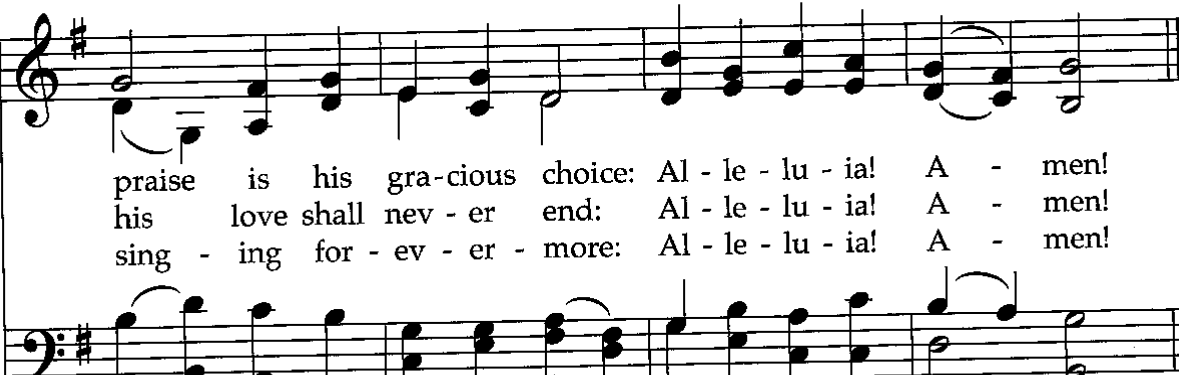
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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!

497 Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain C G Am Am7 F G7 C

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

F G7 C Am F G7 C Last time

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

G G7 C F

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks,
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your hearts
 3 Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him - self
 4 Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread

G C Bdim7 E7

hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 for the life of the world. Come to the One who is
 in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, ho - ly
 and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Am Am7 D D7 Gsus G7 to Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - ery breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.