



Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 10:30 AM

3500 Sharon Street Harrisburg, PA 17111

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. *Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are searching, curious, uncertain, or sure.

Come, all who long for welcome, connection, and purpose.

We come, for Christ has invited us. "Come and see," he says.

In this space, there are no strangers, only fellow travelers.

No perfect people, only those seeking grace.

Here we belong. Here we are loved. Here we meet the living Christ.

Let us worship the God of welcome, who calls us by name and invites us home.

* HYMN - No. 301

"Let Us Build a House"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious and welcoming God, you called us into being and did not leave us alone. You met us in Jesus Christ, who did not demand perfection, but offered presence, love, and the invitation to follow. You are the One who says, "Come and see." We praise you for drawing near, again and again. In this gathering of your people, open our hearts to your hospitality, and help us reflect that welcome to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Loving God, you call us to share your welcome, but we admit we often draw lines and close doors. We judge where you extend grace and question who belongs. We have withheld kindness when it cost too much, and stayed silent when we could speak welcome. Forgive us. Break open our hearts. Make us more like Jesus – open to others, grounded in love, and eager to invite. (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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE LETTERS Galatians 3:23-29 (NT230)

ANTHEM “Rejoice, the Lord is King” -Dan Forrest

READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 1:35-42 (NT112)

SERMON “Love That Welcomes:
Before people believe, they need to belong”

HYMN - No. 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

* 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 WORD WELCOMES US

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN - No. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

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, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;
Worship Assistant, Karen Herrold; Conversation with Our Children, Michelle Sheppard;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

Anthem

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

-Dan Forrest

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING! YOUR GOD AND KING
ADORE, REJOICE, GIVE THANKS, AND SING AND TRIUMPH
EVERMORE! LIFT UP YOUR HEART! LIFT UP YOUR VOICE,
REJOICE, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE! ,

HIS KINGDOM CANNOT FAIL, HE RULES O'ER EARTH AND
HEAV'N, THE KEYS OF DEATH AND HELL ARE TO OUR
JESUS GIV'N: LIFT UP YOUR HEART! LIFT UP YOUR VOICE,
REJOICE, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!

REJOICE IN GLORIOUS HOPE, OUR LORD AND JUDGE
SHALL COME, AND TAKE HIS SERVANTS UP TO THEIR
ETERNAL HOME! LIFT UP YOUR HEART! LIFT UP YOUR
VOICE, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY,
LARRY BROWN, DAVE FOREMAN, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DAVE AND SALLY HOLT,
DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JO JACOBY, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT,
CHARLIE MORY, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, MARLA MULLINAX, DONNA
POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE
ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

BETTY CONTE, VIVIAN DAWSON, CINDY EARLE, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT
GROFF, FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, LINDA LEEDY, PENNY, PASTOR ANDY
SCOTT AND FAMILY, DANIELLE SIMS, CLIFF STERN, SAM WANUGA, CRISTY
WEIGEL, DAVID WEISS, RON WIX, LYNN BUCK WOODWARD, PRESBYTERY OF
CARLISLE NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES: INTERTWINED AND WORSHIP
LEADER REV. KEVIN LONG, AND THE CIRCLE WAY AND WORSHIP LEADER REV.
KELLY WIA NT.

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 celebration of three years partnership in Paxton's mission and ministry by Pastor Kent and Gwyn Rowland.

THE ROSEBUD is placed in celebration of the birth of Everett Joseph Makuch on April 29, 2025. Everett is the son of Jaylen and Makenzie, grandson of Meg and Greg Makuch, and great-grandson of Kittie Taylor and Gordon Blount.

COMING IN WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 11 Join us for week two of our Alive with Purpose series as we explore "This Beautiful Earth," a message of creation care and sacred responsibility rooted in Genesis 1:26–31 and Psalm 65:9–13. We'll reflect on what it means to be stewards, not owners, of God's good earth, and how the natural world sings of God's abundance. Pastor Kent will be preaching.

DEACON'S BASEBALL OUTING See the Weekend Update or Rich Lengler for details about the June 9th baseball outing. Forms are located on the bulletin board outside the office.

SOFTBALL AND GOLF Spring is in the air and the Paxton Softball Team can't wait to start our 17th season! Our season begins during the last week of April, check the bulletin for the schedule as opening day nears. Also, the Softball League's Annual Golf Outing is in its 12th year! If you like to participate or know golfers who'd like to play, please reach out! The funds raised support the league and our team. Please see the Weekend Update for more information. We hope to see you at the games or at the golf course!

HAVE YOU BEEN CONSIDERING THE CHURCH AS PART OF YOUR ESTATE PLAN? Late last month, the Rev. Ellie Johns- Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer for our area from the Presbyterian Foundation, gave an excellent presentation on points to consider and possible avenues to provide for the Church in your estate plan. Whether you were able to attend the program or not, Rev. Kelley provided packets containing materials addressing those issues for the congregation. If you would like one of those packets, please request one from the Church office or see Craig Staudenmaier or any member of the Stewardship Ministry.

COMING ATTRACTIONS Join with the Seekers' Adult Sunday School Class for fellowship and the beginning of a new lesson series, *Genesis to Revelation: The Psalms*. May 11 we'll be finishing the Hymns of Praise (Psalms 113-115, 117, 121, 134-135, 145-150), and May 18th we'll discuss the Songs of Zion (Psalms 15, 24, 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 122, 132).

50 Year Members - 2025

56 Sally Appleby	50 Jan Gough	68 Linda Mentzer
70 Lorna Baer	66 Charlotte Hanes	69 Joanne Miller
51 Steve Barnes	54 Jeffrey Herrold	52 Cindy Mory
56 Patricia Bowers	53 Janice Hess	60 Ken Myers
61 Cynthia Cavanaugh	65 Carol Himmelright	62 Dan Nardis
60 Karen Cirillo	57 James Holtzman	55 Larry Newhouse
52 Peg Cleckner	68 Arden Hoopes	63 Wanda Newhouse
52 Susan Coleman	77 Donald Hoopes	56 Dorothy Nichter
62 Bonnie Dando	51 Diane Jacobs	70 Fern Nickum
52 Kathy Dando	58 Dave Johnson	58 Donna Powers
63 JoAnn Dzink-Fox	60 Jay Kealey	59 Stephanie Sallusti
54 David Elder	69 John Killian	70 Jack Shaub
67 Phyllis Finger	62 James Knight	69 Kessey Smith
75 David Foreman	52 Michael Knight	57 Carol Steckbeck
62 Jeanne Fortino	63 Penny Knight	55 Patricia Stinner
58 Marilyn Gephart	60 Deborah Krekstein	50 Alice Taylor
52 John Gephart	52 Tom Leaver	65 Janet Walker
52 Susan Gephart	53 Conrad Lickel	51 David Wion
63 Marcia Gobrecht	56 George McCall	79 Lois Wolf

New Members

Fran Gilchrist	Marla Mullinax	Bethany Smith
Bob MacGinnes	Michelle Sheppard	Brenda Vinton
Jana MacGinnes	Mipper Slagel	Geoffery Vinton

May 4-11

Sunday, May 4	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	50 Year/New Member Luncheon	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
	2:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Monday, May 5	12:00 PM	Mission Ministry	<i>Library</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:00 PM	Christian Education	<i>Zoom</i>
	6:30 PM	Bethany @ Paxton Presbyterian	<i>Bethany Field</i>
Tuesday, May 6	10:15 AM	PW Board Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	12:00 PM	Unity Circle	<i>Room 202</i>
	5:30 PM	Troop 35 Cub Scouts	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:30 PM	Social Media Committee	
Wednesday, May 7	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	9:30 AM	Presbytery Committee Meeting	<i>Agape Park / Fellowship Hall</i>
	10:00 AM	Paxton Bylaws Committee	<i>Room 202</i>
	6:30 PM	Property Management	
Thursday, May 8	6:00 PM	Lion's Club Meeting	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
	7:30 PM	PNC	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Saturday, May 10	1:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
Sunday May 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</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.

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Judy Frankford	Brenda Vinton
Cheryl Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

Pastoral Nominating Committee

Bob Frank	Chairman
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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

Session *Chair

Kent Carter		Moderator
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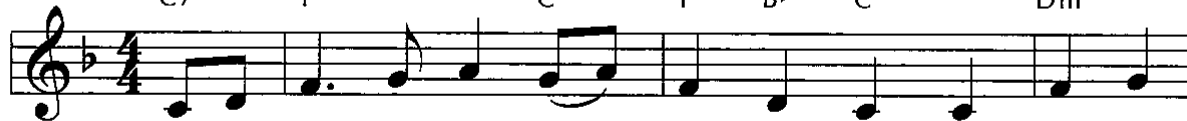


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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B \flat A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B \flat F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.