



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 8, 2026 | 10:30 AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"
"Light Abode, Celestial Salem"
"Lead, Kindly Light"

-arr. D. Wood
-arr. R. Powell
- arr. D. Wood

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

"This Little Light of Mine"

-arr. M. Rinehart

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 112)

Praise the Lord!

***Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.***

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Rise up, O people,

and let us praise our God!

* HYMN – 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness" vv.1-2,5

* PRAYER OF PRAISE (written by Jeff Shrowder)

Christ, our light, we praise and worship you for your faithful presence. You bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is anxiety, and life where there is death. May we sense your nearness during this time, and be strengthened by it to carry it from this place to the world. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. (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.***

Prayer Square

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

Members

Rich Bazdar, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Bruce Cavanaugh, Fran Gilchrist, Shirley Grunden, Don Hoopes, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Jim Knight, Penny Knight, Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, Wanda Newhouse, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Atkins Family, Ray Baker, Benitez Family, Betty Conte, Will Green, Susan Grieco, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Helen Heidlebaugh, Steve and Debbie Huzar, Janet Neff, Carol Poteet, 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

LORD, HERE AM I

-BY JOHN NESS BLACK

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find my way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity and bring me again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lillie and Tom Daniels in recognition of their 81st anniversary on February 12 by their family: Judy, Tom Jr., MaryAnn, and Mark Daniels.

THE BODY OF CHRIST STICKS TOGETHER Check out the bulletin board across from the office to join in the fun!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are accepting dues during January and February. These dues support the ministries we contribute to and help fund PW activities in our church and community, including Santa Shop, Valentine's Day "Love Letters," and the Sewing Circle. If you are a woman, you are a member of PW. There is no set amount — please give what you are able. Checks should be made payable to PW of Paxton, with "PW dues" in the memo line. Cash donations may be placed in PW envelopes in the gathering room. Please include your name. Dues may be left in the PW mailbox.

SOUP SUNDAY Evangelism and Outreach will be hosting Soup Sunday on February 22. Please come and enjoy some soup and fellowship following services. We provide 2 soups, including vegetarian and gluten free options, as well as mac and cheese for the children. If you are interested in making a soup for a crowd (you will be reimbursed) please contact Linette Burd (717-608-7845). See you there!

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL Enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year opens in February. For more information or to schedule a tour please contact Nicole at nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org or 717-561-0510.

SEEKERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is providing a welcoming, inspiring video-based presentation of THE CALL: The life and Message of the Apostle Paul. For the next six Sundays, we will be doing a video journey to the lands where the Apostle Paul traveled, preached, suffered, and triumphed. We will also be exploring why Paul is second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith. Each of the six lessons has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith that we can learn from to strengthen our own Christian faith.

HIP-HOP CLASS A church wide hip-hop class is being offered Friday, February 20 from 6-7:30pm in The Great Room. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. This is a fun introduction to hip-hop and dance as exercise. The class is \$5 a person (pay at the door) or \$10 a family. Invite friends! See Michelle for questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, February 22, 2026. At the meeting, the congregation will receive the 2025 Annual Report and vote on proposed new Bylaws for the congregation.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS Lilys, tulips and hyacinths will be used again this year for the Easter flower tree in the chancel and to decorate the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by completing a 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 order form for each plant purchased to simplify the printing of the dedication. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, March 22.

VALENTINE LOVE LETTERS for the women at Bethesda Mission are due today. Please give to Barb Greenwood or drop in the collection box in the Gathering Room. Thanks!

MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE!! Paxton's antique armoire is a treasure in the Gathering Room. But — horrors! — the key has disappeared! We searched the floor, but there was no key! If you know what happened to the key, please let the office know. If you have old keys, please bring them in to see if they unlock the armoire.

BOOK SHARE is waiting for YOU in the Great Room.

PPNS FUNDRAISER The nursery school will be running a fundraiser with GH from February 6th to February 23rd. Orders will arrive the week of March 23rd, in time for Easter! Catalogs and order forms are available in the office.

CHOCOLATE EGGS It's not too late to order your chocolate eggs! We will continue to take orders throughout the Lenten season. Order forms are available in the wall rack outside the office. All proceeds go to support our Rise Against Hunger event.

IN SYMPATHY The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Phyllis Finger on February 4, 2026, to her family and her 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.

TACKLE HUNGER

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026



What if every person watching the Big Game brought just \$1 or 1 can of food to worship for our Free Little Pantry?



Sunday February 8



10:30 Worship

Items most Needed:

hearty soups, canned fruit, applesauce, pasta and pasta sauce, proteins such as Chef Boyardee meals, toilet paper, etc.,



Paxton Presbyterian Church
Mission & Christian Education Ministry



Check expiration dates.

No glass jars or items too large for the pantry. Thanks!

February 8 - 15

Sunday, February 8	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, February 9	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	<i>Great Room</i>
Tuesday, February 10	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry	<i>Room 202</i>
	11:45 AM	Staff Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry	<i>Room 101</i>
Wednesday, February 11	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	10:00 AM	Evangelism and Outreach Ministry	<i>Room 202</i>
	5:00 PM	Community Dinner	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	7:00 PM	Session	<i>Room 101</i>
Thursday, February 12	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
Friday, February 13	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	<i>PPNS</i>
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday, February 15	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<i>Agape Park</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship	<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.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor	x105	Margaret Poteet	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
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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	Moderator
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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.



Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!

