



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A VISIBLE YES



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 10:30AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

September 27, 2026

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

"O Spirit of Life"

arr. R. Powell

arr. E. L. Diemer

arr. D. Cherwein

**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

Rich Lengler

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. C.G. Allen

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship because we love God.

All creation praises God's goodness and love.

We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN – 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

*OPENING PRAYER

Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. We praise you for your love that works for respect, connection and peace among neighbors and nations in this divided world. Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can worship and praise you with the whole Church that bears Jesus' name. Amen.

*PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, we know that in so many ways

We have run from you,

We have ignored your call,

We have closed our eyes to your presence,

We have disbelieved your mercy,

We have disregarded your words,

We have belittled ourselves,

We have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.

* 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 EPISTLES

Philippians 2:1-13

(NT 240)

ANTHEM

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 21:23-32

(NT 28)

SERMON

“A Visible Yes”

HYMN – 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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.***

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



* Prayer of Dedication

OFFERTORY

“Tis the Gift to Be Simple”

arr. R. Powell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional p.35)

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 300

“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“How Firm A Foundation”

arr. C. Hamlin

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, Michelle Sheppard;
Worship Assistant, Madeleine Heimberger; Conversation with Our Children, Jessica Vinton;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Paul Myers' 50th birthday.

TODAY'S ANTHEM This hymn became especially beloved after F. Melius Christiansen's 1919 choral arrangement, which became the signature anthem for The St. Olaf Choir.

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 has kicked off the new year, but is still 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.

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!*

R&K SALE Take a night off cooking and support PPNS! Order forms are available in the office until October 2nd. Payment is due at time of order. You can pick up orders on October 14th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

SOUP SALE During the month of October, soup makers will be bringing in frozen soups for the PW Soup Sale in early November. Please help us by removing from the lower-level freezer as much as possible. We especially need the top two shelves cleared. Thank you, Presbyterian Women

USHER APPRECIATION Next Sunday, Oct. 4, we will recognize and thank Paxton's past and present ushers during worship. Please join us afterward in the Great Room for an Usher Appreciation Reception honoring everyone who has served Paxton Church as an usher. Cake and light refreshments will be served.

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALL INVITED!

FALL Festival



FAMILY FRIENDLY
FOOD TRUCK



ICE CREAM
BARS AND
SANDWICHES

TRUNK OR TREAT-FOOD TRUCKS
BOUNCE HOUSE-SCAVENGER HUNT-CRAFTS



TRUNK OR TREAT
BRING A BAG FOR CANDY!



BIGGER THAN EVER
BOUNCE HOUSE

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OPPORTUNITIES

FUN CRAFTS



FUN FOR KIDS!

FUN FOR ADULTS!

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OCTOBER, 2026
4-6PM

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PILLOWS WITH A PURPOSE Join the Stewardship committee for a “Pillows with a Purpose” stuffing party on Tuesday, October 27th 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. The pillows are given to patients after a biopsy or surgery. No sewing skills are required, just come and help stuff the 8x12 inch pillows and enjoy the conversation with others! (If you can use a needle and thread, we may recruit you to sew up the hole.) Please join us and help make a difference for women who are going through breast cancer surgery. We are happy to accept donations of poly-fil and 100% cotton fabric in cheery patterns by October 11th as well. Please let Nancy Bingaman or Mary Myers if you plan to attend.

FOOD PANTRY A most sincere thank you for the food you have donated this summer and how you are refilling our cupboard for the Fall and starting of school. Our biggest need for the fall at this time is soup. The hardy soups you can use as a meal are most used but good old chicken noodle is the favorite. All varieties are appreciated. There is only 2 cans of Hunt/Delmonte large can pasta sauce. Canned veggies and fruit can always be used. Special thanks to you Costco, BJ shoppers, Amazon folks for your “case” donations too.

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son: Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

September 27 - October 4

Sunday, September 27	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room
Monday, September 28	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:30 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, September 29	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:30 PM	Christian Education	Zoom
Wednesday, September 30	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 1	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Friday, October 2	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Great Room
Saturday, October 3	4:00 PM	Fall Fest	
Sunday, October 4	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	Great Room

Prayer Square

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Family of Nancy Hutchison,
Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Marla Mullinax,
Donna Powers, Kris Scott, Elsie Williams, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Brenda Alwine, Warren Bolay, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Freddie Lee Hall, Gary Kunder,
Bob Marshall, Robin Neidig, Jean Ort, Amy Sciotti, 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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Board of Deacons

Sally Appleby '28*	Sue McLain '26
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Cheryl Holtzman '26	Brenda Vinton '27
Rich Lengler '28*	Bev Ziebell '27

Stephen Ministry

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

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

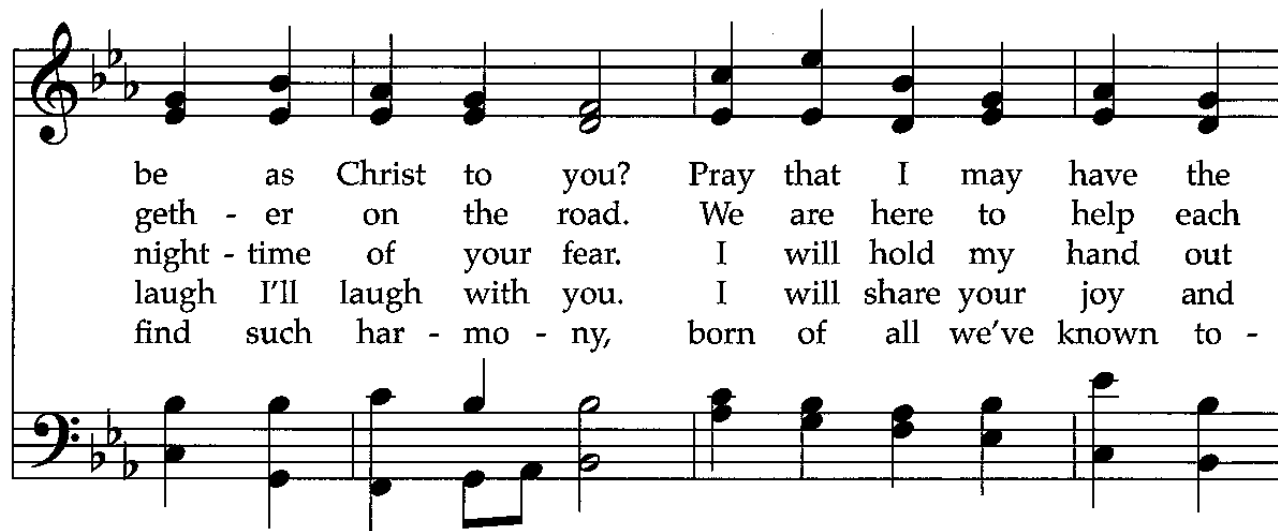
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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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,



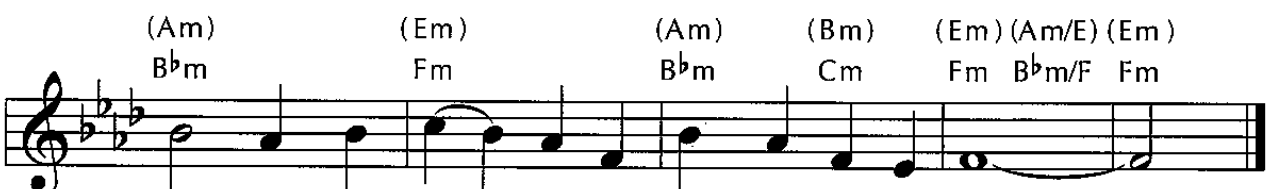
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



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.