



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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the good news is...
great love for God and neighbor

March 1, 2026 | 10:30AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

-arr. D. Wood
-arr. R. Haan

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

"Lead Me to Calvary"

-arr. H. Livingston Jr.

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Ruth C. Duck)

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.

Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* HYMN – 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of grace and mercy, your unending love and deep forgiveness leave us speechless when we truly pause to think about them. We praise you for your might and thank you for your gentleness. May your Spirit work within us during this time of worship. Be with us, inspire us, feed us, and equip us to continue your loving service to the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, 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

FIRST READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 25:35-40 (NT 35)

ANTHEM "Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends" -arr. Mack Wilberg

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 7:36-50 (NT 80)

SERMON

HYMN – 201 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

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 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



-arr. J. Spong

THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Traditional p.35)

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN – 498 "Loaves Were Broke, Words Were Spoken"

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE Festivity on "Holy Manna" -arr. D. Wagner

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.
Worship liturgy is adapted from prayers by Sarah Are Speed
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Directing our worship today:

*Preacher, Pastor Margaret Poteet; Worship Assistant, Craig Staudenmaier,
Conversation with Our Children, Margaret Poteet,
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce*

PRAYER SQUARE

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

Members

Jim Brillinger, the Brillinger Family, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Family of Bruce Cavanaugh, Fran Gilchrist, Shirley Grunden, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Jim Knight, Penny Knight, Nedra Maxwell, Joanne Miller, Gary Myers' family, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Dave, Altland, Atkins Family, Benitez Family, Betty Conte, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Helen Heidlebaugh, Mary Langley, Betty Palaski, Carol Poteet

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Square
please contact Janice at 717-418-1526 or momjakh@aol.com

Anthem

Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends

arranged by Mack Wilberg

Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends the light of home, the smile of friends, our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as the peaceful days of old, our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as in peaceful days of old. Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise, in sweet accord of solemn praise, the voices that have mingled long in joyous flow of mirth and song? For all the blessings life has brought, for all the sorrowing hours have taught, for all we mourn, for all we keep, the hands we clasp the loved that sleep. The noontide sunshine of the past, these brief, bright moments fading fast, the stars that gild our darkest years, the twilight ray from holier spheres. We thank Thee Father; let Thy grace our loving circle still embrace, Thy mercy shed its heavenly store, thy peace with us evermore. Amen!

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Lucy Vinton's 7th birthday by her parents, Andrew and Jess Vinton.

ROSEBUD The rosebud is placed in celebration of the birth of Heidi Hunter Bigood on January 11, 2026. Heidi is the daughter of Angel and Reed Bigood, and granddaughter of Happy and David Barber.

LENTEN MEALS AND DEVOTIONAL SERIES Join us in the Fellowship Hall at Paxton Presbyterian Church at 6:00PM on Wednesday evenings March 4, 11, 18 and 25 for our Lenten series. We'll share a meal and have a roundtable discussion using the Sanctified Art series, "Tell Me Something Good". Please let the office know if you would like a printed copy of the devotional booklet. You can scan the QR code for the digital version.

A NOTE ABOUT BULLETIN ART Artist Nicolette Faison reflected on the story of the woman anointing Jesus' feet by focusing on that woman's powerful presence. She writes, "Who else shows up to an event unannounced with expensive oils to not only anoint someone's feet but to then offer their tears and use their hair to wipe the feet clean? I don't think people comprehend the drama within that part of the story. This was an act of love, admiration, and prophecy. To me, this interpretation of the story gives the woman the attention she deserves." She also composed the image in a way that would evoke the stained-glass windows of churches that often tell the story of the gospel--"the good news of Jesus."



ABOUT TODAY'S ANTHEM The author of this hymn text is Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., a noted physician, professor, and a celebrated writer. Holmes's text is paired with the English folk tune "O Waly, Waly." The text looks to our past on lives filled with blessings and gives thanks to God for family, friends, wisdom gained through sorrow and the "brief, bright moments" that make life beautiful.

YOUTH SUNDAY Join our youth as they lead worship on Sunday, March 8th. "The Good News is... Together the Impossible is Possible." Youth Sunday this year will focus on the Feeding of the 5,000. Jesus took a small child's lunch and multiplied it to feed thousands showing his deep concern for our physical needs but also his ability to mobilize a movement. Come hear our youth share Jesus' compassion for community and collective care.

AS THE GOOD NEWS SAYS, EVERYONE IS FED.... Join us after Youth Sunday for lunch from the Food Truck, A Cheese Affair! You can order your food to go or please consider bringing it to fellowship hall to continue conversations about our collective good. We promise the Cheese Affair has food for all and accepts cash or card. Check out their menu on the bulletin board outside the office.

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

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.

CHOCOLATE EGGS are available for purchase outside of the library until sold out. We still have all flavors available, but raspberry are limited. Eggs and \$1.75 each. All proceeds benefit our Rise Against Hunger event.

CALLING ON ALL EASTER BUNNY ASSISTANTS It's time to fill Easter eggs for Paxton's annual easter egg hunt! A plastic bin of empty eggs can be found in Coffee Central. Fill up a bag to take home and stuff with candies, stickers, erasers, and little prizes. Please no peanut products. Return filled eggs to Michelle's office by March 22. Thank you.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER April 12 11:30-1:30 | Mission Committee's food packing event is fast approaching. The cost for 10,000 meals is \$4,100. Watch for opportunities to financially support this worthwhile cause. The volunteer sign-up poster is available in the Gathering Room. We need about 70 people to make this a success. Don't hesitate to contact Dawn Palmer with any questions.

IN SYMPATHY The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Bruce Cavanaugh on February 21, 2026, to his family, and his friends. Please hold them in your prayers. Service will be on March 3rd at 11:30AM with a visitation at 10:30AM. 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.

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday March 3, at 12pm in Room 101. Lesson 7 will be discussed.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY There will be no Children's Church or Nursery on Youth Sunday, March 8. Children are welcome to stay and take part in the service. We love a joyful noise!

PALM SATURDAY WORKSHOP

Families are encouraged to join us as we share the Easter Faith with our children on Saturday, March 29th from 9:30-11:30am

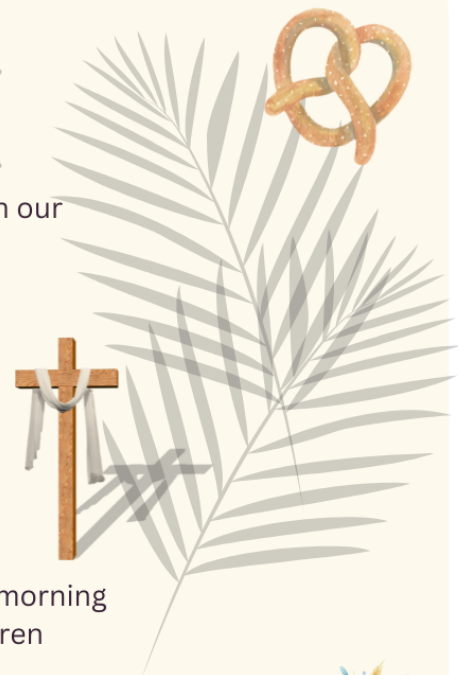
Experience the last week of Jesus' earthly life for and through the eyes of children.

- March in a Palm Sunday parade
- Make braided pretzels for Maundy Thursday
- Make a cross for Good Friday
- Prepare for Easter with an egg craft
- Make a colorful bracelet to wear on Easter

Designed to nurture children with the special days of Holy Week, this morning will also assist adults in discovering words and ways to help children participate and worship during this sacred time.

BREAKFAST SNACKS PROVIDED

ALL AGES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. BRING A FRIEND



March 1 - 8

Sunday, March 1	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	9:00 AM	Young Member Breakfast	Room 201
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, March 2	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	12:00 PM	Mission	Library
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
	6:30 PM	Christian Education	Zoom
Tuesday, March 3	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:45 AM	PW Board Meeting	Room 101
	10:30 AM	Cavanaugh Visitation and Service	Sanctuary/Great Room
Wednesday, March 4	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 AM	Property Management	Room 101
	6:00 PM	Lenten Dinner	
	7:30 PM	Worship and Music	Room 101
Thursday, March 5	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Friday, March 6	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 8	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS JUMP AHEAD AN HOUR	10:30 AM Youth Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
		11:30 AM Food Truck Lunch	Parking Lot
		1:00 PM Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room

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.



Worship Volunteers

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor	x105	Margaret Poteet	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
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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.



37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords are indicated above the staff: G (under G4), D (under A4-B4), G (under F#4-E4), Am (under D4), and D (under the final D4).

till shad-ows have van-ish-ed, all fear-ful-ness ban-ish-ed,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords are indicated above the staff: G (under G4), C (under A4-B4), G (under F#4-E4), D (under D4), and G (under the final D4).

as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!" tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.