



# PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Way You Mean to Go On"

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
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HARRISBURG, PA

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

- arr. Fred Bock

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

- arr. Emma Lou Diemer

### 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!***

### MUSIC INTERLUDE

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

-McNeill arr. Carl Seal

## THE WORD GATHERS US

### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

**Here. Now. In the midst of our routines.**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.**

**Amen!**

### \* HYMN - 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

### \* PRAYER OF PRAISE

***Almighty God, you rule over all, you are mighty to save, and your love is unfailing. We praise you this day for your steadfast presence among us, and pray that you would train our hearts and minds to offer you alone our worship. Help us serve you and your people with compassion and joy. All glory and honor are yours, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.***

### \* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray.*** (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 113:1-8

(OT692)

ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

-by Tom Fettke

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 16:1-13

(NT96)

SERMON

"The Way You Mean to Go On"

HYMN - 697

"Take My Life"

## 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

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

- arr. Wilbur

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

-Traditional (p. 35)

## THE WORD SENDS US

\* HYMN - 703

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

\* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

-arr. Don Hustad

SCAN HERE  
TO GIVE  
VIRTUALLY





\*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, Pastor Margaret Poteet;  
Worship Assistant, Kittie Taylor; *Conversation with Our Children*, Margaret Poteet;  
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce

## ANTHEM

THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME

-BY TOM FETTKE

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! The Majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

# Prayer Square

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

## MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, 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

LUCA CARL, KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, DR. KENT GROFF, HELEN HEIDELBAUGH, JJ JACKSON, LINDA LEEDY, MONICA MANGAU, SUSAN REDWOOD, DANIELLE SIMS, DENNIS VERONIKIS, CHRISTY AND BOB WEIGLE,

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 in loving memory of Reverend John Hutchison and in honor of Nancy Hutchison's 101 birthday by Janice Hutchison.

**MATERIALS NEEDED** The PW Sewing Circle needs your old flannel sheets, or thin blankets!! To make the comfort lap quilts for Harrisburg's children, we have tops, we have bottoms, but no middles!! Consider donating your soft fuzzy stuff today!

**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](mailto:rclengler@comcast.net)) with any questions.

**PPNS FUNDRAISER** Support PPNS programs and take a night off of cooking! Purchase subs/sandwiches from R&K Subs while supporting a wonderful cause. Order forms are available in the office. Orders and payment are due by Monday, September 29th. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, October 8th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

**PAXTANG ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEERS** The Evangelism and Outreach Ministry began Paxton Volunteers as a group of members working as "tutors and helpers" with Paxtang Elementary and we are looking for more help! We will be starting up again later this fall. The commitment is an hour a week helping small groups with math and reading skills. Clearances are mandatory for all volunteers. Please think about this important service and contact Janice Hutchison if you are interested in joining the group.

**RUBIX CUBE** The Christian Education Ministry is looking for a few rubix cubes. 2x2, 4x4 and the standard rubix cube. If you have any or would like to gift a cube, please see Michelle.

**PW SEPTEMBER COLLECTION** This month we are supporting Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are filled to the brim with useful and fun items for children in third world countries. Our part is to collect the top two most useful items – Pencils and Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes. Drop your donations in the bin in the Gathering Room today!

**SAFETY AND SECURITY SPOTLIGHT** As students begin a new school year, they learn safety drills and protocols. We, too, can stay up to date on emergency protocols at Paxton to keep members, staff and visitors safe. October is national fire prevention month and so our focus is on fire, smoke and gas leak emergencies. Here are the steps to take should you detect smoke, fire or the smell of gas in the building: Activate one of the manual fire alarms throughout the building. Initiate evacuation procedures for all occupants of the building (evacuation plans are in every room of the church) Call 911 with name, phone number and location. Only after evacuating and calling 911, should a fire extinguisher be used by someone who feels physically capable, knows how to use a fire extinguisher and feels the best course of action is to attempt to extinguish the fire.

**PILLOWS WITH A PURPOSE** Join the Stewardship committee for a "Pillows with a Purpose" stuffing party on Tuesday, October 7th from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Great Room. We will once again be stuffing pillows for UPMC breast cancer patients. The local UPMC centers give each new patient a pillow to use after their lumpectomy or mastectomy 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 100% cotton fabric in cheery patterns by October 5 as well. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. You can also reach out to Nancy Bingaman or Mary Myers with questions. Thank you!

**CURRENT ATTRACTIONS** The Seekers' Adult Sunday School Class is providing a welcoming, inspiring video- based presentation of The Bible With and Without Jesus. We are exploring some of the Hebrew Bible passages that figure most prominently in the New Testament to understand how Christians and Jews have understood them throughout history. When: 9:00-10:00 A.M., September 21: Adam and Eve, September 28: "A Virgin will Conceive and Bear a Child"

**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!

## September 21 - 28

Sunday, September 21	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, September 22	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, September 23	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	12:45 PM	Covenant Christian Academy Visit	Paxton
	6:30 PM	Pack 36 Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 24	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Paxton Bylaws	Room 202
	6:30 PM	Deacons	Adult Classroom
Thursday, September 25	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	12:00 PM	PPNS Board Meeting	Room 202
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Paxtang Lions	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Friday, September 26	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
Sunday, September 28	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
	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.**



## Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

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## Board of Deacons

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## 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
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Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
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Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	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.





# 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

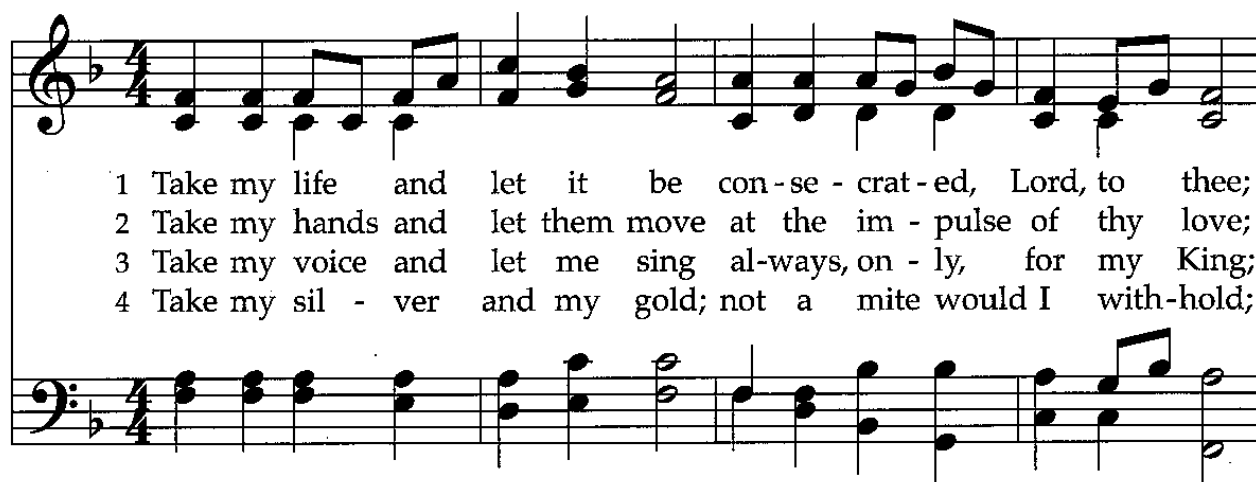
and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

# Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

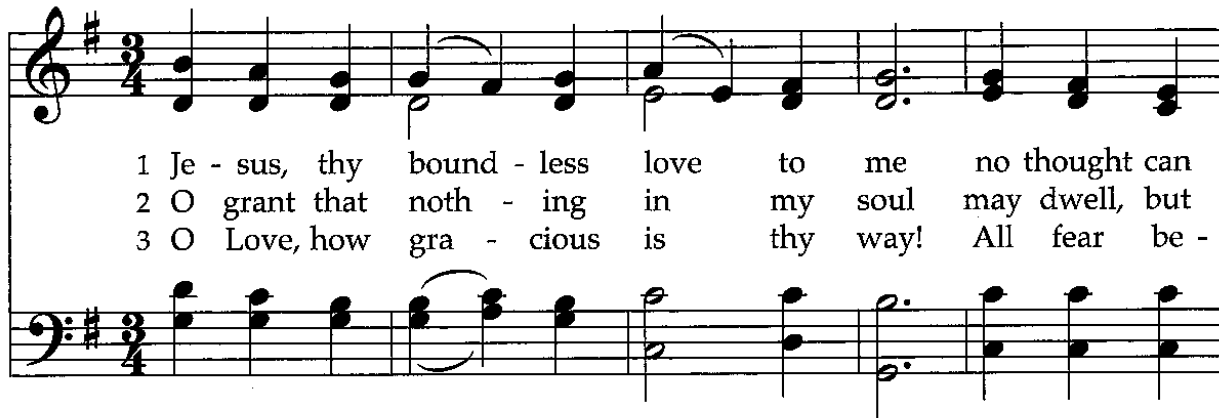


cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

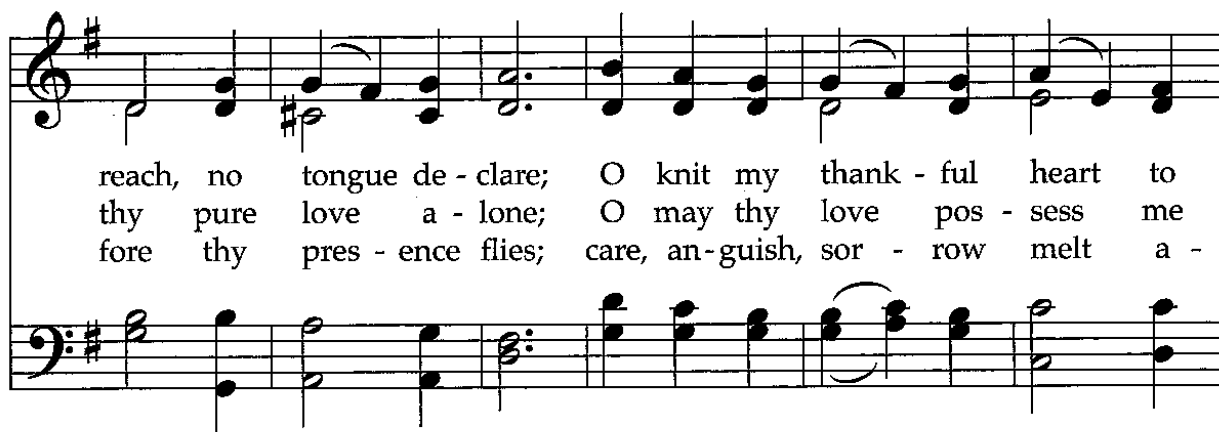
5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

# 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



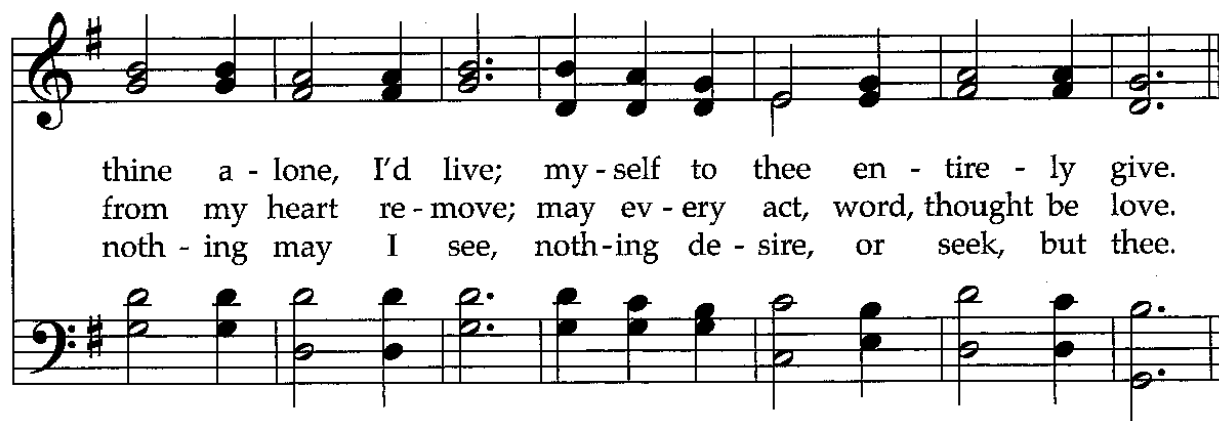
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.