



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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AUGUST 10, 2025
3500 SHARON ST | 717-561-0510
HARRISBURG, PA

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved of God, come into the shelter of God's love.

God is our home, our refuge, our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Here we gather as strangers and friends, seeking welcome, seeking purpose.

In Christ, we are no longer strangers but members of God's household.

Let us worship God, who makes a home with us and among us.

Let us worship with joy, love, and hope!

* HYMN - No. 401 "Here in This Place"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Creating God, you are the architect of belonging, the maker of spaces filled with grace. From the wilderness to the cross, from the empty tomb to our gathering today, you have shown yourself to be a God who dwells with your people. We praise you for friendship, for fellowship, for the holy ground of community where your Spirit makes a home. Dwell among us now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Welcoming God, we confess that we sometimes shut the door of our hearts to you and to others. We forget that we are not owners but stewards of your love. We cling to comfort instead of opening our lives to strangers. Forgive us. Renew in us the desire to build your home of peace, friendship, and justice in all we do. (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 PROPHETS Isaiah 58:6-12 (OT842)

READING FROM THE REVELATION Revelation 21:1-4 (NT315)

ANTHEM “Home” -Phillip Phillips

READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 15:12-17 (NT134)

SERMON “Make This Place Your Home”

HYMN - No. 301 “Let Us Build a House”

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

ANTHEM “I Want to Live” -John Denver

THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN - No. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* HYMN - No. 765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

* 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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Please use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;
Worship Assistant, Jan Gough; *Conversation with Our Children*, Bethany Smith;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Soloists, Andrew Vinton and Matt Spencer

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, BARB GREENWOOD, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, CHARLIE MORY, MARLA AND DAVID MULLINAX DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

STEVEN BENTZ, KAREN CHIOCHANYONT, CORK DOWNEY, CELESTE EHRHARDT, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF, FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, LINDA LEEDY, JOANN MATHIS, DANIELLE SIMS, RYAN WALKER, CHRISTY WEIGLE, DAVID WEISS

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 honor of our parents, Bev and Scott Ziebell, 44 wedding by their kids, Travis and Emily, their son-in-law, Brian, their grandkids, and great-grandkids.

COMING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH August 17, Joe Calhoun is preaching. August 24 and August 31 Michelle is leading worship.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who lent games for our VBS. If you have not picked up your game, you can find it on the pink table in the Great Room. If you have any questions, please see Michelle.

MULTIFAITH PICNIC The multifaith community picnic organized by St. Catherine's Church is today at 1:30pm at the 40 & 8 Club on Chambers Hill Road. Please bring whatever summer picnic dish you wish: main, sides, salads, or dessert. Children and grandchildren are especially welcomed. Hope to see you all there.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MINISTRY TOWN HALL Please join the Budget and Finance Ministry on Sunday August 17, in the Great Room after the church service for an informational presentation on Paxton's finances. It has been six months since the last presentation, and we look forward to reviewing the midyear reports with you. After a brief presentation we will welcome questions and comments. If you have any questions that you would like us to include in the presentation, please email budgetandfinance@paxtonchurch.org or lenglersnj@comcast.net.

PAXTON CHURCH PICNIC You're invited to our Church-Wide Picnic hosted by the Board of Deacons! Join us after Worship on September 7 for food, fellowship and fun for all ages in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 2 at 12:00 noon in room 202 at the church. We resume our Bible Study with Lesson 3 of the book, Ten Women of the Bible. As a preface to the lesson on Abigail, you may read I Samuel 25. Carol Himmelright will lead the lesson. Hostess will be Carol McCall. Please bring a packed lunch and your lesson book and small change for the Least Coin collection. Dessert and beverages will be provided. If you have any questions please call Carol McCall 717-566-2786.

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!

ADULT CLASSROOM REFRESH

Property Management will be soliciting bids for a much-needed refresh of the Adult Classroom (101) as part of our continuing effort to maintain and improve our church campus. In addition to its use as a Sunday School room, it is also our primary meeting space for Session and their ministries, and Deacons and their committees.

Within the past few weeks, new LED lighting has been installed in this room as well as Fellowship Hall making both spaces much brighter and welcoming. Plans are made to do the same in Agape Park in time for the fall startup of classes.

It is our hope to have a deep clean done of the entire Adult Classroom, including closet space, as well as fresh paint, new carpet, drywall and new seating.

The estimated cost of this is \$20-\$25K.

We are inviting the congregation to participate in this endeavor through monetary donations toward the cost of this project. When making your donation please indicate that it should be directed toward the Room 101 refresh. Donations can be put in the collection plates at worship, mailed to the church @ 3500 Sharon Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111, or electronically via our giving QR code.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this project.

Geoffrey Vinton- Chair PMM



AUGUST 10-17

Sunday, August 10	9:15 AM	Summer Bible Study	<i>Adult Classroom</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:30 PM	Multifaith Picnic	<i>40 & 8 Club</i>
Tuesday, August 12	10:00 AM	Church Staff Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry Meeting	<i>Adult Classroom</i>
Wednesday, August 13	7:00 PM	Worship and Music Ministry	<i>Gathering Place</i>
Saturday, August 16	5:00 PM	Lower Paxton Variety Band	<i>The Grove</i>
Sunday, August 17	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Financial Townhall	<i>Great Room</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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

August 24

Join us after church for lemonade and fellowship!

10:00 AM Coffee Central Sunday Snacks will resume in September.

Concerts in the Grove

Lower Paxton Variety Band

August 16 at 5 pm.

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Interim Pastor	x105	Rev. Dr. Kent Carter (he/him)	pastor@paxtonchurch.org
Director of Faith Formation	x104	Michelle Sheppard	michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org
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Organist		Jeanne Bruce	
Director of Youth Music		Andrew Vinton	
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Board of Deacons

Tara Frank	Moderator	Merideth Staudenmaier	Secretary
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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

Kent Carter (he/him)		Moderator
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt*	Jan Gough	Mission
Gary Myers*	Janice Hutchison	Nominating
Jay Kealey*	Gary Myers	Personnel
Nino Giambrone*	Geoffrey Vinton*	Property Management
Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	Bob Frank	Worship and Music

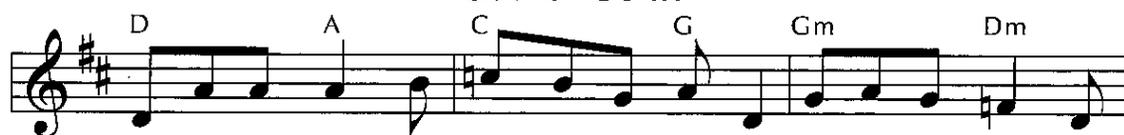
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



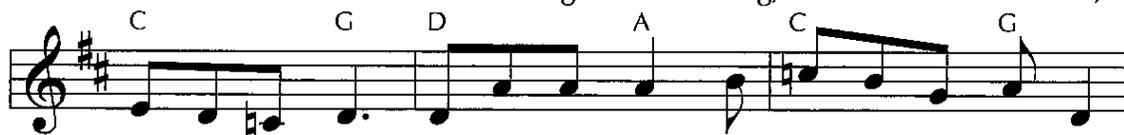
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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



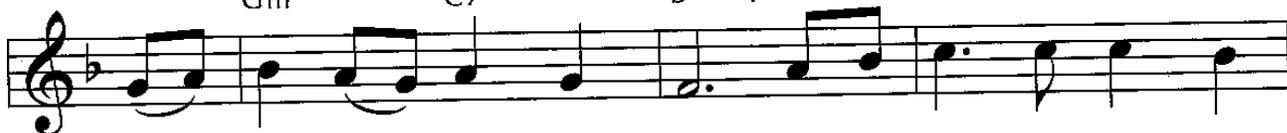
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



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

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



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

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.