

PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 16, 2025

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" -arr. Powell
"See What His Love Can Do" - arr. F. Ritter
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - arr. Linker

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 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" -arr. Hayes

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, forever brooding over your creation,

Come and watch over us.

God of changing events and surprising turns,

Come and journey with us.

God of inner depths and majestic heights,

Speak to us again.

Still Small Voice and eternal Mystery,

We are here to meet you.

* HYMN - 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

We long and love to sing your praise, O God, and we use what we have to bring you honor and glory. We praise you for your steadfast love, for the care you show to us and all creation, and for the gift of Jesus Christ which surpasses all gifts. Accept our humble gratitude and praise, gracious One, and strengthen our hearts and voices to continue proclaiming the honors of your name.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, we bear your holiness. You sowed your love in the depths of our being. You promised to be with us always and sent us out with Good News. How hesitant we have been. How timid has been our voice. How doubting has been our heart. We have hidden your holiness in low self-esteem. We have feared the stranger more than trusted your promise. We have narrowed the Good News to the personal and avoided confronting the evil that dwells in structures and practices. Let your love take deep root. Strengthen us to bear your holiness into all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.

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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, Pastor Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Karen Herrold; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Lengler;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Director of Youth Music, Andrew Vinton

Prayer Square

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

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, FORTINO FAMILY, FRAN GILCHRIST, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, HIMMELRIGHT FAMILY, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, ANITA LAUGHERY, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, TRISH MOORE, MARLA MULLINAX, DONNA POWERS, BILL AND JANE SANFORD, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

CELESTE EHRHARDT, GAMBER FAMILY, SHELIA GOLLHARDT, DR. KENT GROFF, BEAU MACGINNES, RONNIE MILLER, DENNIS S., WENDY SHOOP, FRANK SALLUSTI

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 and in honor of our families by the Hitz Family.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. MARGARET POTEET The Presbytery of Carlisle invites you to gather in worship as we celebrate the installation of the Rev. Margaret Poteet as Pastor of Paxton Presbyterian Church: Sunday, November 23rd, 4:30 pm at Paxton Presbyterian Church. A light reception will follow. All are welcome to this joyful celebration. **Please RSVP to the church office by Monday if you plan to attend to help with reception planning.**

PW THANK OFFERING “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43: 19 During the month of November, PW of Paxton will be collecting our annual Thank Offering. You may place your checks in the offering plate, clearly marked for PW Thank Offering or put them in the PW mailbox. Make your checks payable to **PW of Paxton**.

MONDAYS WITH MARGARET The congregation is invited to submit questions to Pastor Margaret to answer on Facebook through the month of November. You can leave questions in Abby’s mailbox and tune in on Paxton’s Facebook Stories on Mondays for the answers!

CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR MARGARET The PNC will be hosting several family friendly gatherings to offer Paxton members the opportunity to get to know Pastor Margaret better while in a small group setting. Please join us at one of the following gatherings: Monday Nov. 17 7-8:30pm at the home of Bob & Tara Frank; or Thursday Nov. 20 10:30am-12pm at the home of Mary & Gary Myers. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the church office by phone (717-561-0510) or email (office@paxtonchurch.org).

BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION! As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we invite *families of any description* – individuals, couples, friends, and households of all kinds – to light the Advent candles during worship this season. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office to choose your date.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS Poinsettias will again be used for the poinsettia tree and to decorate the sanctuary this December. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by completing the 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 for each plant purchased to simplify the printing of the dedication. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 7.

SOUP SUNDAY Come and enjoy a soup lunch after worship today. We will provide two soups (one being a vegetarian/gluten-free option), bread, crackers, and a dessert.

ANGEL TREE Paxton Church will again sponsor the Angel Tree, providing gifts for children in the Allison Hill Community Ministries After-school Program. The Angel Tree, located in the Gathering Room, holds ornaments representing each child and their gift request. To participate, select an ornament and record your name, along with the child’s name and number, on the clipboard. Please return your wrapped gift by **December 3**, securely attach the ornament to the package, and place it in the marked collection bin. Record the return date on the clipboard. We ask that the amount spent on each child to be \$40.00 so that all gifts are of the same approximate value. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Judy Schmidt at (717) 652-5781.

SANTA SHOP elves are busily working! We ask that all donations be donated by today, to give us time to get organized. (Our shops start December 2.) One thing we ask you to **KEEP BRINGING IN** are 2026 calendars. We’re a little short this year (Get it?) -The Elves

FOOD PANTRY Thank you so much for your generous contributions. We are looking good for Thanksgiving. The only food we need is canned chicken. I thank those of you who have called me and asked “what do you need?”. The Holy Spirit is at work here at Paxton.

COMMUNITY DINNER Thank you so much for a successful start to our community dinners! Our next dinner will be on December 10.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS The Christian Education ministry is collecting toilet paper and paper towel tubes for an upcoming craft. A donation bin is in Michelle's office. They are also collecting candy canes filled with pb cups, skittles, etc. for the upcoming jubilee night.

BRING YOUR OWN MUG Would you like to be more environmentally friendly while at church? Consider bringing in your own mug. A shelf in the upstairs kitchen is labeled for member mugs. Please wash, dry and return your mug to this shelf after use.

ANTHEM

THE APPLE TREE

-ARRANGED BY K. LEE SCOTT

The Tree of Life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His
beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory
which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasures dearly I have bought: I
missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary
with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I
will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive it keeps my dying faith alive; which
makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

November 16 - 23

Sunday, November 16	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Soup Sunday	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 AM	Youth Fellowship	
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, November 17	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:00 PM	Stewardship	Adult Classroom
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	Great Room
Tuesday, November 18	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry	Room 202
	11:45 AM	Staff Meeting	Room 202
	1:00 PM	Safety Meeting	Gathering Room
Wednesday, November 19	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 20	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Friday, November 21	9:00 AM	PPNS Classes	PPNS
	1:00 PM	Installation Set Up	Great Room
Sunday, November 23	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Agape Park
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Pastor Margaret's Installation	Sanctuary

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.

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	Cheryl Holtzman	Janice Hutchison
	Annette Kilpatrick	Nancy Lengler
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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

Session *Chair

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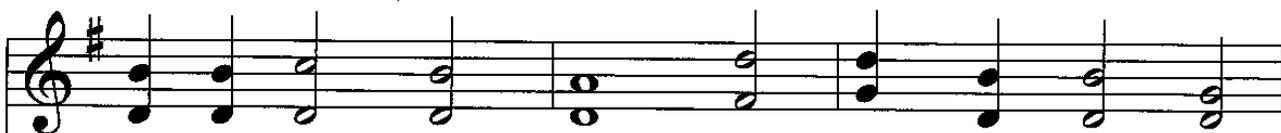
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their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



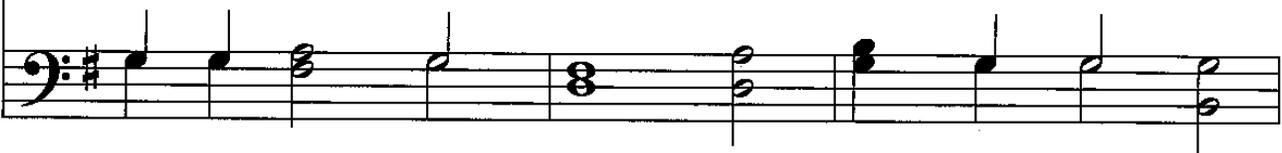
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures



of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more



sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.



Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.