PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



What's New?

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 10:00AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION "The God of Abraham Praise" arr. H. Hopson
"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" arr. D. Wood
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" E.L. Diemer

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 worshiping 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 "We Are Travelers on a Journey" arr. M. Hayes

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 138)

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

I give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Let us remember God's salvation.

On the day I called, God answered me.

From our ancestors and from generations yet to come,

All shall praise the Lord.

The Lord will fulfill God's purposes for us;

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

* HYMN – 51 "To Abraham and Sarah"

*OPENING PRAYER

Touch us, tender God, with the holiness of this morning. Let your fragrant oil of blessing pour over us and be felt as inward peace and a divine call. Bring forth in us confidence to speak your word, awareness to recognize your blessing and courage to build your kingdom of peace. Strengthen us to do your will and sing your praises. Amen.

*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 can be. We have often feared the stranger more than trusted your promise. We have narrowed the Good News to the personal and avoided confronting the evil that can dwell in structures and practices. Let your love take deep root. Strengthen us to bear your holiness into all the world. In Jesus' name. 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

READING FROM THE PROPHETS	Isaiah 51:1-6	(OT 833)
ANTHEM – Solo	"Cry No More"	Dan Forrest
READING FROM THE EPISTLES	Romans 12:1-13	(NT 196)
SERMON	"What's New?"	
HYMN – 716	"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"	

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	"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. D. Wood
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		(Traditional p.35)

THE WORD SENDS US

*HYMN – 700	"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"	
*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	arr. A. Jordan

*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, Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Nancy Lengler; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Lengler
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Soloist, Janet Hitz

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of school teachers past and present by Geoffrey and Brenda Vinton.

FINANCIAL TOWN HALL Please join the Budget and Finance Ministry on Sunday, August 23 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 in detail the mid-year reports. 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.

SUNDAE SUNDAY Come enjoy an an ice cream sundae and fellowship in our Great Room following church on August 23.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be held over the summer and will include vacation bible school lessons, scavenger hunts and nature walks. Parents, we encourage you to bring your families along to worship this summer!

NURSERY SCHOOL DONATIONS PPNS is gearing up for the next school year, and is 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!

MANY VOICES, ONE SONG Join folks from across the Presbytery of Carlisle for a big family reunion on August 30th at 4 pm! Members and friends of every worshiping community in the Presbytery are invited to gather for worship, a picnic meal, and fellowship that afternoon at Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Activities for all ages, from kids to adults, will be available and the guest preacher for the worship service is the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator of the 226th PC(USA) General Assembly. Please plan to join us!

COMING UP FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Youth fellowship pool party Sunday August 23 following worship. Please RSVP to Michelle. Fall kick-off to Sunday School begins Sept. 13 at 9am in Agape Park. We look forward to a new church year! Mark your calendar now for the Fall Fest on Saturday Oct 3 from 4-6pm.

1776 – PAXTANG On September 22 at 6:30 the Paxtang Historical Society and Paxton Church's Historical Commission will be presenting stories and tales of life in Paxtang during the 18th century. A brief meeting of the Paxtang Historical Society will be followed by the presentations. Come experience where we came from and how we became who we are today. Experience these tales in the Paxton Presbyertian Church, built in 1740.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Brethren Housing Association (BHA) is having a graduation celebration on Friday, August 28th from 5-7:30 to celebrate the 11 participants who have graduated from their transitional housing program, Transitions, over the last year. This is the first year they are going to be hosting it as an event and inviting donors and volunteers to help celebrate and see the impact of the work. They will also be having a catered meal from I&E, visiting goats, bouncy houses, and HBG Fire is bringing a truck and doing bucket rides.

Because BHA wants their staff to be able to enjoy the event, we are looking for about 10 volunteers who would be interested in helping serve food, monitor the bounce house and the other yard games, and help with some light clean up. Again that's coming up soon on Friday Aug. 28th from 4:30ish - 7:45ish. Please see Michelle or Jess Vinton if you are interested.

NURSERY Our church nursery needs a few caring people to join our Nursery Ministry Team! Come be a part of something little that makes a BIG difference. You would be helping create a safe, loving first experience for some of our youngest members and giving parents and Christian Education Members the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary. Sign up for one or two Sundays a year - that's all. No expertise needed, just a caring heart, a little patience, and a willingness to serve. Give it a try, whether you're a parent, grandparent, college student, empty nester, or simply someone who thinks tiny humans are pretty wonderful. A sign-up sheet is outside the church nursery.

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF Brunch items needed for an upcoming confirmation kick-off on Sept. 20th. If you would like to bless our new confirmation class and contribute a breakfast or lunch item, please see Michelle or sign up outside the office.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your donations. This month we are very low on creamy peanut butter, tuna, chicken, and Chef Boy-R-Dee. As always we appreciate anything you wish to donate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Share time with our children and youth this Fall during Sunday School. Did you enjoy VBS and adore our Paxton children? Come join them one Sunday a month or one Sunday a quarter. Be an aid to assist in lessons or a craft or come connect with our tween and teens. You will be well equipped with all you need in these rewarding ministry roles. Let Michelle know if you are interested.

JOIN THE PPNS TEAM Join our team! PPNS is looking for a Lead Teacher to join our 2-year-old team. Must love little ones. Monday through Thursday, 8:45am-11:45am. If interested contact Nicole at nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org or 717-561-0510.

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at noon in Room 202. Members, please bring your lesson book, a pen, and a packed lunch. It will be a planning session for the upcoming 2026-2027 year.

Prayer Square

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

Members

Nancy Bingaman, Jim Brillinger, Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Barb Greenwood, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby, Penny Knight, Family of Joanne Miller, Marla Mullinax, Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Family of Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Mick Cochran, Beth Coleman, Diane Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Lynn Harris, John Howard, Margaret Hoyt, Gary Kunder, Donna and Darrel Park, Rick Shoop, Bill Wertz, Scooter Ziebell

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

August 23 - 30

Sunday, August 23	10:00 AM	Worship	*Sanctuary*
	11:00 AM	Sundae Sunday	*Great Room*
	11:00 AM	Financial Townhall	*Great Room*
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	*Great Room*
	3:00 PM	Theatre Harrisburg Auditions	*Fellowship Hall*
Monday, August 24	6:00 PM	Theatre Harrisburg Auditions	*Fellowship Hall*
Tuesday, August 25	12:00 PM	PPNS Board Meeting	*Room 202*
	6:00 PM	Theatre Harrisburg Auditions	*Great Room*
Wednesday, August 26	6:30 PM	Deacons	*Room 101*
Friday, August 28	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	*Great Room*
Sunday, August 30	10:00 AM	Worship	*Sanctuary*
	1:00 PM	Nepali Worship	*Great Room*
	4:00 PM	Many Voices One Song	*2nd Pres. Carlisle*

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Rich Lengler '28*
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Diana Robertson '28*, Financial Liaison
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	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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Cindy Cavanaugh '28*			Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler '26*			Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt '27*			Mission
Gary Myers '26*			Nominating
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Craig Staudenmaier '28*			Stewardship
Sharon Webb '26*			Technology
Anita Laughery '27*	Bob Frank		Worship and Music

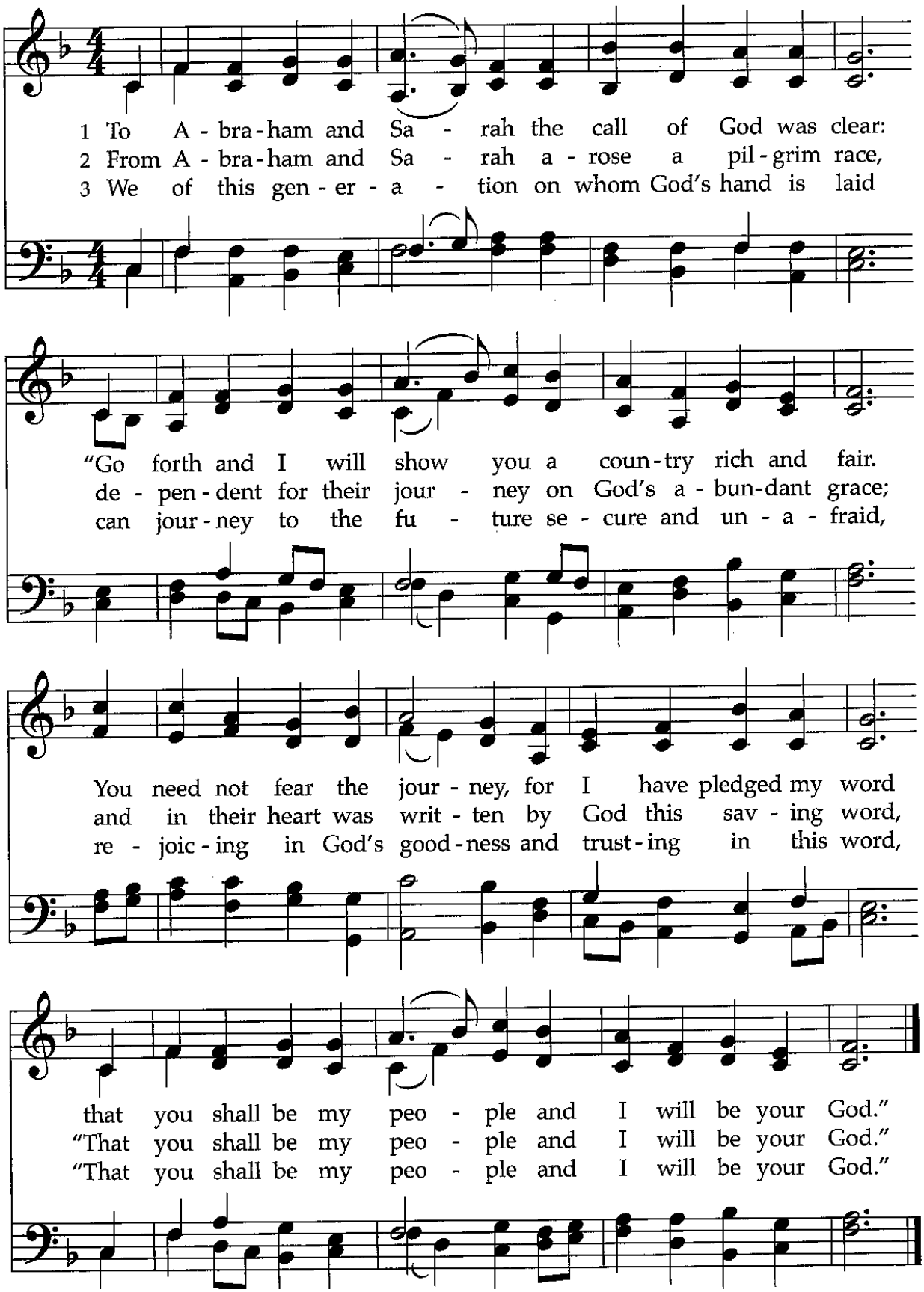
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their 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

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I Will Be Your God



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