

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT PAXTON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

10:00 **Music Sunday**

11:00 **Soup Sunday** in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 **Loaves & Fishes** (assembling gift bags for shelter women)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:15 Nursery School Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 **Bell Sunday** Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30pm **Christmas Eve** Worship

10:00pm **Christmas Eve Communion** Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:00 Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30pm **New Year's Eve Communion** Worship

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE PART OF THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND READING.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 23, 30 AND JANUARY 6, 2019.

Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732



3500 Sharon Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111

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December 16, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Music for Worship

PREUDE "Carol Prelude" arr. G. Pollock
"Angel Carols" arr. L. Smith
Organ—Piano, Merideth Staudenmaier

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

"Away in a Manger" ~ Little Lambs and Kids Connection

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

(Please read the following responsively after the reader finishes the prayer.)

Rejoice in the Lord always; Again, I say, Rejoice!

* CAROL 140 "Once in Royal David's City"
Deborah Chengpiny, Verse 1
All—Verses, 2,3,4
"He Is Born" ~ Paxton Handbells arr. Rucker

CAROL 147 "The First Nowell" (Verses 1 & 2)
"What Sweeter Music Can We Bring" Mark Hayes
Adult Choir ~ Diane Jacobs, Soprano

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing,
The birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May, if we may ask the reason say:

The Darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome Him;
The nobler part of all the house, here is the heart.

Which we will give Him, and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath,
To do Him honor who's our King, Lord of all this reveling.

Refrain:

*We see him come, and know Him ours, who with His sunshine and His show'rs
Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.*

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)



Please join us today for soup following the worship service. We will be having White Chicken Chili by Janet and Doug Hitz and Vegetarian Vegetable by Linette Burd.

2018 Santa Shop Schedule

To sign up, email Barb Greenwood at bosakgreenwood@hotmail.com OR sign on the poster in the Gathering Room.

Date	we arrive at:	Agency (estimated hours)
Mon 12/17	9:00am	Loaves and Fishes Workshop, Paxton Church
Tues 12/18	6:00pm	Center for Champions (2) 251 Verbeke St. HBG

Loaves and Fishes is part of Santa Shop where we make up gift bags for women in shelters. Each year we make 175! We use leftovers from our Santa Shop gifts. Will you VOLUNTEER to help make the gift bags on Monday 12/17, at 9am? We will meet in Fellowship Hall downstairs at church.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Youth Fellowship will be caroling this evening from 6:30 –8:00 PM.

Also, mark your calendars for the ANNUAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 6TH FROM 8:00-9:30 AM

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SESSION

Erika Hanes (Clerk of Session)

Happy Barber	David McPherson
Connie Cochran	Gary Myers
Erin Giambone	Lisa Pletz
Rebecca Haner	Blanche Skinner
Doug Hitz	Jason Skrinak
Don Laughery	Merideth Staudenmaier
Rich Lengler	Kristian Stennett

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pam & Louis Robertson (Co-Moderator)

Nan Bonnet	Sue McLain
Linette Burd	Wanda Newhouse
Jerry Davies	Cathy Roland
Linda Flowers	Joy Stennett
Nino Giambone	Bev Ziebell
Marti Greiner	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun	16	9:00	Church School
		9:30	Blood Pressure
		10:00	Worship/MUSIC SUNDAY
		11:00	Soup Sunday
		6:30	YF Caroling
Mon	17	9:00	Loaves and Fishes Workshop
		10:00	Advent Prayers
		6:30	Pilates
Tues	18	9:30	Staff Meeting
		6:00	Food Bank
Wed	19	6:45	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		7:00	Session
Thurs	20	6:15	Bells
		7:30	Adult Choir
Fri	21	9:15	PPNS Christmas Program
Sun	23	9:00	Adult Church School
		10:00	Worship
		11:00	Sunday Snacks
	24 & 25		Church Office Closed

Paxton Church Staff

Pastor, The Reverend John W. Green
Director of Music, Richard Fowler
Organist, Jeanne Bruce
Christian Education Administrator, Jo Jacoby
Office Staff, JoAnn Snyder, Judy Frankford
Treasurer, Laurence A. Kilpatrick, CPA
Wedding Coordinator, Peg Elder
Custodian, Mary Bowers

“Strange Way to Save the World” Clark, Harris, Koch, arr. Cochran
 Adult Choir ~ Mick Cochran, Soloist

“The Breath of Heaven” (Mary’s Song) Amy Grant
 Rachel Hitz ~ Soloist

“Oh Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” arr. Timothy Bandy
 Adult Choir ~ Merideth Staudenmaier, Keyboard

CAROL 147 “The First Nowell” (Verses 3 & 4)

“Infant Holy” Folk Melody, arr. Cochran

“Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow” Spiritual, arr. Cochran

Paxton Singers

Sam Frank, Soloist ~ Joe Frank, Alto Saxophone

John Haskins, Tenor Saxophone ~ Aaron Bingaman, Trumpet

CAROL 147 “The First Nowell” (Verses 5 & 6)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “What Child Is This” arr. C. Ore

* HYMN OF DEDICATION (Tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

**As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to thee, our heavenly King. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” arr. Behnke
 Paxtones & Chimers

“Go Tell It On the Mountain” arr. Duncan
 Paxtones

* CAROL 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

BENEDICTION

“Away In a Manger” arr. Gilbert Martin
 All Choirs

We are a Stephen Ministry Church

For confidential referral, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister please contact a leader.

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Helen Heidelbaugh
 Gary Myers
 Jane Rising
 Jane Sanford

Carol Anderson
 LaVerne Collins
 Karen Herrold
 Cheryl Holtzman
 Janice Hutchison
 Annette Kilpatrick
 Bill LaDieu
 Donna Leaver
 Nancy Lengler
 Steve Miller
 Kathy Woodbridge



POSTLUDE "Tocatta on 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'"

arr. D. Bish

Jeanne Bruce, Organ

Richard Fowler, Director of Music

Cindy Green, Director of Paxton Chimers & Handbells

Patty Bowers, Happy Barber ~ Little Lambs Teachers

Melissa Dougherty, Mikey McAnulty ~ Kids Connection Teachers

John Green, Pastor

THANK YOU FOR VISITING WITH US TODAY! We are happy to share this Sunday with you and hope you come back soon! Please fill out the yellow card and be sure to include your name, address, and phone number for our records. If you are interested in membership at Paxton Church, please indicate this when the friendship folder is passed or speak to the Pastor or Lector following worship.

THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT in the chancel this morning is placed in loving memory of Kyle Frankford by Judy Frankford and family.

THE USHERS joyfully serving the month of December: Stephen Brindle, Captain, Judy Frankford, Bill Gough, Thomas Leaver, Steve Miller, Gary Myers, Molly Reinhart, Calvin Snyder, Marshall Snyder, Kitti Taylor, Robert Woodbridge.

TODAY Pastor Green will greet at the parlor door, the lector will greet at the south door and an usher will greet at the porch door.

THE TWO RED CANDLES on the communion table represent the Highland United Presbyterian Church in Newport and the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg. Please remember them in your prayers this week.

COINS FOR CARING in December will benefit Rise Against Hunger which Paxton has supported for the last two years by packing nutritious meals for hungry people in developing countries. Another Rise Against Hunger event is scheduled here at Paxton on April 28, 2019. In the meantime thank you for sharing your spare change to support this voluntary mission opportunity.

REMINDER! Next Sunday is Bell Sunday! Bring your favorite bell to ring during the refrain of the hymns.



PRAYER SQUARE



As Christians we are called to pray for everyone in a difficult time of life. To protect the privacy of those for whom we are praying we ask that permission be received before a name is placed for prayer request. We will keep the names in the Prayer Square for two weeks. If you would like them to be included longer, please call the church office or submit another prayer request.

Please keep the following members of Paxton in your prayers: Jo Cain, Kathie Zimmerman, Kacey Bowers, Nancy Wion, Christopher Bruce Family & Vera, Gwen Casey, Louis Robertson, Marian Birth, Sally Killian, Barb Foreman, Linda Brillinger, Paul Remaly, Jane Rising

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are offered for the Powers family on the recent passing of Donna's son, Michael Powers.

Continued Prayers: Krista Baer, Jim Gischel, Carmen DeLuccia, Erin Francis-Friel, Lori Giroux, Kathy Clark, Fred Purvis, Joyce Burd, Greg Brazil, Lynn McWatters, Dennis Otte, Ron McWatters, Anya Zvorsky, Connie March, Jenny Watt Rasmussen

December 16 - Darlene Bohannon, Rodney Hockenberry, Agatha Loyacano, Jan Burrows, Bill Harro, George Scheindler and family, Kimberly Myers, Claire Jamison, Carl Rovenolt, Loraine Johnson, Kathleen Kuhn

This week we will be praying for the Presbytery of Carlisle.

THANK YOU! Winnie Lenker would like to thank you, her Paxton friends, for your cards, flowers and visits—they mean a lot!

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Property Management Ministry asked me to remind the congregation not to park in the no-parking zone by the red door. This includes taking care not to straddle the red no-parking lines with your vehicle when using an adjacent parking spot. The red door is intended as an accessible entrance and we want to make sure that individuals have a clear path of ingress and egress when using that door. Thank you. *Rich Lengler, Chair*