

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT PAXTON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

10:00am *Worship—Children's Choir Sing*

11:00am *Soup Sunday*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 ~ Carols Around the Campfire ~ 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00am *Worship ~ Music and Bell Sunday*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ Christmas Eve

6:30pm *Family Worship*

10:00pm *Communion Worship*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 ~ Carol Sing ~ 9:45

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~ New Year's Eve Communion Worship ~ 7:30pm



BELLS,
CAROLS
&
CHOIRS

*Sunday, December 22
During Worship*



*Paxton's Annual
Music & Bell Sunday*

Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732



Third Sunday in Advent

3500 Sharon Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111

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December 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Time: 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

PRELUDE "Partita on 'How Brightly Shines the Morning Star'" J. Bender

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

SPECIAL MUSIC from "NEW STAR"

Kids Connection and Little Lambs ~ Mari & Joe McAnulty, Violin

TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Patty Bowers and Family

* HYMN 140 "Once in Royal David's City"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek the things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

(Please pause for a moment of silent confession.)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal Page 581)

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

It's That Time Again to Sing Carols Around the Campfire! On Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00, Paxton will hold its annual Carol Sing Around the Fire led by members of our choir. Since it will be held at night around the campfire in the woods, remember to bring warm clothing, a flashlight, and good cheer. We offer a crackling fire, hot chocolate, soup, hotdogs, fine voices and great camaraderie. If you have some Christmas cookies you are willing to share, please bring them because cookies are always welcome!!! It is also possible that Santa may make an appearance. There is something very special about Christmas Carols outside in the dark night around a fire; the smell of burning wood, hot chocolate, and hotdogs surrounding us; and the warm glow of the Season while you share it with friends. No response is necessary but it would be helpful to us for our planning. For responses or questions, contact Norm Daniels at 717-561-0613 or nld500@aol.com. If you have not come in the past, why not make this the year you do.

SANTA SHOPS are rolling along! Tonight we will be at the Bethesda Shelter for Women and Children.

Monday- Camp Curtin YMCA (need more helpers at 4:15pm)

Tuesday- Loaves & Fishes workshop here at church 9:30am

Wednesday- The Neighborhood Center at 9:30am and at 3:30pm (need more help at 3:30pm)

Please check the sign-up poster in the Gathering Room!

What is Loaves and Fishes? On Tuesday volunteers are asked to gather in Fellowship Hall to assemble gift bags from our Santa Shop leftovers! 175 gift bags will be delivered to women-in-crisis at Shalom House, Bethesda Shelter, and the YWCA Shelter.



COME TO WORSHIP ~ AT 9:45

ON DECEMBER 29TH

JOIN IN THE CAROL SING!

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Website: www.paxtonchurch.org
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Ministers ~ All Members

SESSION

Erika Hanes (Clerk of Session)

Connie Cochran	Evangelism & Membership
LaVerne Collins*	Christian Education
Erin Giambrone*	Mission & Outreach
Doug Hitz*	Stewardship & Finance
Don Laughery	Pastoral Relations & Staff
Rich Lengler*	Property Management
Robert Martin	Stewardship & Finance
David McPherson	Worship & Music
Cindy Mory*	Worship & Music
Gary Myers*	Pastoral Relations & Staff
Blanche Skinner	Property Management
Kristian Stennett*	Evangelism & Membership
Kitti Taylor	Christian Education

*Chair

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pam & Louis Robertson (Co-Moderators)

Nan Bonnet	Sue McLain
Linette Burd	John Moyer
Judy Daniels	Wanda Newhouse
Linda Flowers	Leigh Ramsey
Nino Giambrone	Cathy Roland
Marti Greiner	Joy Stennett
Jim Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

We are a Stephen Ministry Church
thankful for our Stephen Ministers
and Leaders

STEPHEN LEADERS STEPHEN MINISTERS

Helen Heidelbaugh	Ronald Brinkley
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Jane Sanford	Cheryl Holtzman
	Janice Hutchison
	Annette Kilpatrick
	Bill LaDieu
	Donna Leaver
	Nancy Lengler
	Steve Miller
	Kathy Woodbridge



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun	15	9:00	Sunday School
		9:30	Blood Pressure Screening
		10:00	Worship—Advent III
		11:00	Soup Sunday
Tues	17	9:30	Staff Mtg.
		6:00	Carol Sing
		6:15	Stewardship & Finance
Wed	18	8:00	Men’s Fellowship
		7:00	Session
		7:30	Deacons
Thur	19	6:15	Bells
		7:30	Adult Choir
Fri	20	9:15	Nursery School Christmas Prg.
Sun	22	9:00	Sunday School
		10:00	Music & Bell Service ~Advent IV
		11:00	Sunday Snacks

Please keep the Paxton Church Staff in your prayers.

Pastor, The Reverend John W. Green
Director of Youth & Children’s Ministries, Shawn Gray
Director of Music, Richard Fowler
Organist, Jeanne Bruce
Children’s Music Leader, Melissa Dougherty
Treasurer, Laurence A. Kilpatrick, CPA
Office Staff, JoAnn Snyder, Financial Secretary
Judy Frankford, Church Secretary
Wedding Coordinator, Peg Elder
Custodian, Mary Bowers

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT Page 663)
This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Which Way to the Manger of the Christ Child” Singing Chimettes Wolfe

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-11 (NT Page 2)
This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Rugged Christmas Spirit” Pastor Green

HYMN 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

* APOSTLE’S CREED (Hymnal page 35)

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Brightest and Best” Southern Harmony, arr. Kirchner
 Adult Choir ~ Joe McAnulty, Fiddle ~ Jeff Campbell, Bass

* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal Page 606)

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 147 “The First Noel” (verses 1, 2 & 6)

* BENEDECTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE “Hope of the World, Mary’s Child” Adult Choir Ainger

POSTLUDE Variations on: 1. “Veni Emmanuel” arr. D. Lasky
 2. “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” arr. J. Linker

* Those who are able may stand.

THE LECTOR this morning is Elder Bob Martin. Bob is a member of the Stewardship and Finance Ministry.

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

THERE ARE TWO FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS in the chancel this morning. One is placed in loving memory of Jane's mother, Susan Leahy, by Bill and Jane Sanford. The other arrangement is placed in loving memory of Thomas K. Haner, Sr., Trey Haner, and loved ones, by the Haner family.

DECEMBER'S COINS FOR CARING ~ Since 1981, the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen on Harrisburg's Allison Hill has been a respite for the hungry and a model example of the Church's care for those in need. December's Coins for Caring will support the soup kitchen and help feed our hungry neighbors. Thank you for voluntarily sharing your spare change during this Christmas season.

TODAY IS SOUP SUNDAY! The menu is chicken corn soup by Patty Bowers and vegetarian surprise by Louis and Pam Robertson.

GIANT CARD SALES for December 29 will be pre-orders only.

Sign up TODAY!

Thank you so much! PW of Paxton

SERMON HELP



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.

Please keep the following members of Paxton in your prayers: Jo & Chuck Cain, Kathie Zimmerman, Kacey Bowers, Nancy Wion, Christopher Bruce Family & Vera, Sally Killian, Linda Brillinger, Elsie Williams, Paul and Dottie Remaly, Brenda Brinkley, Barbara Mark, Harvey Roberts, Jan Watt, Bert Wood, Travis Ziebell, John Moyer, Isabelle Smith, Bob Greenwood, Nancy Bingaman, Kris Scott, Hank Jongsma, Bob Martin

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, Anya Zvorsky, Carolyn Watt, Vicki Mays

December 15— Rob Hess, Virginia Toomey, Joe Colonello, Marci Hammann, Nikki Mac Isaac, Scott Witmer, Bill & Judy Clark, Janet Keener, Carol Tonne, Connie Buck, Rev. David Cook, Darleen Bohannon