

# The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

## **Christian Character in a time of turmoil and division**

How to rejoice in every situation, overcome our anxieties and conflicts, reach out to others, show compassion to the poor, control our attitudes and our tongues are among the topics covered by the nine fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5. We cannot transform ourselves. Only through the work of the **Holy Spirit** can we change and grow in Christ. Who is the **Holy Spirit**? How can we become Spirit-filled and equipped to live our lives with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Let us start our journey together.

**March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2020**

**Mondays 10:00-11:30 am**

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To confirm your plan to attend.

Inexpensive materials (\$10) will be available by the first week in March.

Paxton Presbyterian Church

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## February 23, 2020 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

HYMN TUNE PRELUDES

arr. H. Willan

“Caithness, Bishopthorpe, Dundee, Nicea”

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

### TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

**So my soul longs for you, O God.**

My soul thirsts for God,

**For the waters of the living God.**

\* HYMN 662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your lights and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

MORNING PRAYER



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Typically received during the season of Lent (February 26 - April 12) the offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need near and far. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. OGHS envelopes will be in PACE and in the church pew racks. Please consider a donation. Thank you.

## SERMON HELP



### It's an Egg-Citing time of year!



The egg team is at it again, making milk and dark chocolate Peanut Butter eggs as well as dark chocolate Butter Cream, Coconut Cream, Raspberry and Orange Eggs. The sale of eggs will begin Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and eggs will be on sale until we run out. The cost of an egg will remain at \$1.25.

Funds raised from the egg sale will benefit the Church World Service (CWS) School Kit project of Mission and Outreach. CWS Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world – especially in the aftermath of disasters. On Sunday, April 26, the congregation will be assembling School Kits for Church World Service (the CROP Walk people.) More details will follow on this exciting new Mission project.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of all the mission projects at Paxton.

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9 (NT Page 18)

**This is the word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Transforming Moments"

Pastor Green

HYMN 191 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (Please join the choir in singing this new Transfiguration hymn)

\* APOSTLE'S CREED (Hymnal page 35)

## TO SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM Meditation on "Let Us Break Bread" Paxton Ringers arr. Wagner

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life.

**People: Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.**

Leader: Guiding His children, He leads us.

**People: Visiting the sick, He heals us.**

Leader: Dying on the cross, He saves us.

**People: Risen from the dead, He gives new life.**

Leader: Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

SANCTUS (Sung by Choir)

Gounod

**Unison: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung by Choir)

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE COMMUNION

*As we celebrate communion, we have the opportunity to serve one another. This reflects our belief in the priesthood of all believers. When you pass the tray to the person next to you, quietly say, "The body of Christ broken for you," or, "The blood of Christ shed for you." An appropriate response is simply, "Amen." There should be no rush; take time to serve one another.*

Bread: In silence, wait and receive together

Cup: You may receive as you are served.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" Paxton Ringers & Adult Choir Hopson

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal Page 606)

#### **TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME**

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 515 "I Come with Joy"

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Adult Choir arr. Proulx

POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Call" G. Martin

\* Those who are able may stand.

## MARKER/CRAYON RECYCLING



During February and March, the Mission committee will be collecting old, broken, unwanted crayons and old, dried up markers/highlighters. These items will be sent to be recycled, keeping them out of landfills. Look for the collection bin in the Gathering Room to deposit your old markers and crayons. Thank you for helping us protect our beautiful planet.

### **PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SECURITY UPDATE/REMINDERS FOR 2020**

- Sunday and PM Sanctuary Services will follow our newly (2019) implemented security measures which include locking all Church Doors (including the Sanctuary) during worship services. Locking will occur approximately 15 minutes after the start of the Service.
- Ushers will monitor all doors during the Service, and late entry to Worship Services will be through the Boyd Doors.
- Non emergency exits during the service shall be through the Parlor.
- All Members are reminded to review Evacuation and Lockdown Emergency Information Cards that have been placed in all pews within the Sanctuary.

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ministers ~ All Members

SESSION

**Erika Hanes** (Clerk of Session)

Connie Cochran	Evangelism & Membership
LaVerne Collins*	Christian Education
Jan Gough	Christian Education
Karen Herrold*	Mission & Outreach
Doug Hitz*	Stewardship & Finance
Don Laughery*	Pastoral Relations & Staff
Robert Martin	Worship & Music
Cindy Mory*	Worship & Music
Gary Myers*	Pastoral Relations & Staff
John Palmer*	Property Management
Mike Rotz*	Property Management
Kristian Stennett*	Evangelism & Membership
Kitti Taylor	Stewardship & Finance

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cathy Roland ~ Moderator  
Sue McLain ~ Vice-Moderator

Nan Bonnet	Erin Peck
Tara Frank	Leigh Ramsey
Marti Greiner	Louis Robertson
Jim Holtzman	Pam Robertson
Brenda Martin	Leigh Shannon
John Moyer	Bev Ziebell
Hung Nuuyen	

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

STEPHEN LEADERS    STEPHEN MINISTERS


Helen Heidelbaugh	Ronald Brinkley
Gary Myers	Karen Herrold
Jane Rising	Cheryl Holtzman
Jane Sanford	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 23	EGG SALE BEGINS
	9:00 Sunday School
	10:00 Worship
	11:00 Sunday Snacks
	4:00 Service of Healing & Wholeness
Wed 26	8:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	9:30 Sewing
	7:30 <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thur 27	6:00 Lion's
	6:15 Bells
	7:30 Adult Choir
Sat 29	5:00 Family Game Night
Sun 1	9:00 Sunday School
	10:00 Worship
	11:00 Sunday Snacks
	M & O Meeting



During the month of February  
The Deacons will be collecting  
**PASTA, PASTA SAUCE & JELLO**  
for the Ecumenical Food Pantry

**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*

**THE LECTOR** this morning is Elder Erika Hanes. Erika is the Clerk of Session.

**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 February: Tom Clark, Captain; Bob Frank, Norm Daniels, Dave Elder, Rebecca Haner, Ryan Haskins, John Palmer, William Sanford, Scott Cranston.

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

**THERE ARE TWO FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** in the chancel this morning. One is place in memory of Mr. & Mrs. T. Robert Kealey by their loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The other arrangement is placed by Doug and Janet Hitz in celebration of Rachel's 17th birthday and in honor of her chosen charity, Four Diamonds Childhood Cancer Support and Research. If you are able, please consider donating at <https://www.fourdiamonds.org>

**FEBRUARY'S COINS FOR CARING** ~ The coins for caring will be used for Paxton's Church World Service school supply bags project . It will help us purchase supplies and the shipping of the bags to areas suffering from disasters and crisis. Thank You.

**VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED** to prepare Lenten Meal on Wednesday, March 25. If you are will to help please contact Bev Ziebell or the church office.

**THANK YOU!**

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to Nan Bonnet for playing the harpsichord during last Sunday's worship service. Her name was inadvertently omitted from the bulletin.



FEBRUARY 26  
7:30pm WORSHIP

### 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, Nancy Wion, Christopher Bruce Family & Vera, Sally Killian, Linda Brillinger, Elsie Williams, Paul and Dottie Remaly, Brenda Brinkley, Barbara Mark, Harvey Roberts, Bert Wood, Isabelle Smith, Hank Jongsma, Cathy Roland, Nancy Bingaman

**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, Scott Witmer, Lynn Fry.

**February 23** — Rob Hess, Joe Colonello, Janet Keener, Aliyah Myers, safe travels for those visiting ill relatives

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:00—8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Seekers

**GAMES, DINNER & MORE GAMES!**



**Presbyterian Women** are comprised of **ALL** women of the church. We support local women's missions, such as: YWCA, *Silence of Mary House*, *Bethesda Mission for Women and Children* and *Lighthouse Ministries*. We help raise money for these mission efforts through the Soup Sale and our dues. (The Giant

Gift Card Sales are a separate effort and that money has been used to help with long term maintenance.)

We are collecting **dues** during the **months of January and February**. The monies received in dues help to finance all the efforts of Presbyterian Women, including the above ministries, Presbytery ministries, Santa Shop, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day cards, Sewing Circle, the Fall Tea and many other things. Please consider contributing your dues to Presbyterian Women. You can decide on the amount. ***Make the check payable to PW of Paxton or put cash in one of the envelopes in the gathering room addressed to PW of Paxton.*** ***Please include your name***, so we know who has paid. You can put it in the offering plate, drop it in the office or give it to one of us at the Giant table. Thank you so much for helping us in our efforts to support women in our church and in our community.



It's time to make **Mother's Day cards** for US soldiers on foreign soil. Every year PW volunteers send thousands of cards and envelopes to soldiers who have no access to buy a card for Mother, Grandmother, or Wife/ Girlfriend. In the past 2 years we've sent the cards to sailors on a submarine. If you wish to help, grab a take-home packet. You'll find these in the Gathering Room. All finished cards must be returned by March 15.

PW collects cancelled stamps at the Giant table. We also appreciate your used card fronts or blank notecards.