

# Paxton Presbyterian Church

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**October 25, 2020**

*Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

**TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116:12,13

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

HYMN 687 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**Praise God. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

**275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

## **693 The Gift of Love**

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have no love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.**

### **TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

**This is the word of the Lord.**  
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

**This is the word of the Lord.**  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“And God Buried Moses”

Pastor John Green

HYMN 693 “The Gift of Love”

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** in the chancel this morning is in honor of my children and their families by Cathy Roland.

**OCTOBER'S COINS FOR CARING** will support the Bethesda Mission's Fall Food Drive. Since 1914 Bethesda Mission has been a missionary arm of the local church, reaching out to men, women and children of all races, nationalities, and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and discipling them in the Christian life. Thank you for sharing your spare change to support this voluntary mission opportunity.

**FALL LEAF RAKING**— Saturday, November 7 and 21 from 8:00-12:00. Rain dates are Saturday, November 14 and December 5.



## PRAYER SQUARE



*To keep our prayer square current we are asking you to resubmit requests due to the lapse of time since we last updated. Please keep the following church members in your prayers:*

*Chuck Cain, Molly Corl, Elsie Williams, Nedra Maxwell, Kathie Zimmerman,  
Nancy Wion, Wanda Newhouse, Blanche Skinner, Shirley and Murv Gruden*

*Friends: Denny Hatkevich, Lorrie Hallahan, Bob Marut, Grant Hanes, David Weiss,  
Linda Molnar, the Colonello family, Scott & Debra Mann, Marcy & John Hammann,  
Darlene Bohannon*

CELEBRATING TIME

## 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.