

# Paxton Presbyterian Church

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**November 15, 2020**

Twenty-Fourth 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 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts will receive blessing from the Lord.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the king of glory may come in.

HYMN 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through 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

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

**719 Come, Labor On**

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)  
A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain  
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;  
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!  
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)  
Fm C7 Fm C Fm D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each  
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the  
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble  
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.  
sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

## 716 God, Whose Giving Know No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

### 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

### TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tara Frank, Soloist

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

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SERMON

"The Parable of the Talents"

Pastor John Green

HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

APOSTLE'S CREED

### TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 719 "Come, Labor On"

### TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**THERE ARE TWO FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** in the chancel this morning. One is placed in honor of all organ donors, by Pam and Louis Robertson. The other arrangement is placed in loving memory of our Pop, Michael E. Roland, from Kevin, Stephanie, Sarah, and Kylie Roland.

**NOVEMBER'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**— November 21 from 8:00-12:00. Rain date Saturday, 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, Shirley and Murv Gruden, Madeline Palmer*

*Friends: Denny Hatkevich, Bob Marut, Grant Hanes, David Weiss, Linda Molnar, Scott & Debra Mann, Marcy & John Hammann, Darlene Bohannon, Garland Turner, Brian Wallace, Sr., Taryn, Mary VanWhy*

## THE TRIUNE GOD

# 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.