



FEBRUARY

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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY– NEWSLETTER – 2022

PASTORS PAGE

“To Him Be the Glory”

Hello Elderton Presbyterian Church. Well, we are off into another year. February brings a bitter cold along with its wintery mix. It is also one of the darkest months of the year. From time to time it has been my habit to devotionally look at the different Catechism’s available to the Presbyterian Church (USA). I thought that for the next couple of months you would like to take a journey with me through the Larger Westminster Catechism. Maybe we could take one or two of the questions and reflect on it for the month. Let’s begin with the first question found in the Larger Westminster Catechism.

WLC 1. What is the chief and highest end of man?

A. Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him forever.

We may think of many reasons why we exist. Some may think they exist to acquire wealth and power. Some may think the human race does not exist for any purpose outside of itself. Some wrongfully conclude that there is no real purpose in life, for they exist only by chance (life evolved by chance, they say). Others, thinking more narrowly, conclude they exist for the good of society, for the continuance of their family name, etc. (Lim 2017).

Yet, the answer to the question has nothing to do with the aforementioned. The word “end” in the question means the purpose for which something exists. Our catechism states that the end of humanity is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. The word of God clearly states ³⁶***For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*** We find fulfillment and meaning in this life through a conscious effort of glorifying God.

Our aim in life is to live our lives pleasing God in all we do and say. To be a good Christian husband is to glorify God. To be a good Christian wife is to glorify God. To love your neighbor as yourself is to glorify God. One who is consciously seeking to glorify God will also enjoy God and find God to be his chief happiness both in this life and in the life to come.¹ We must use our lives to bring honor to God in all we do. This is what pleases God.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,

Angel

¹ Lim, JJ. The Westminster Larger Catechism: A Brief Commentary (The Westminster Standards) (p. 2). Pilgrim Covenant Church. Kindle Edition.

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

(Mark Your Calendars)

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

If the date assigned to you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE** with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change.

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open doors into the sanctuary and close when the service begins. They should also get the collection plates before the service begins; the collection plates are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
February 6	Krista and Grant Johnston	Liam Scrips
February 13	Joanie and Brett Riggle	Jonah Scrips
February 20	Brenda and Brynn Salley	Travis Johns
February 27	Dave and Kris Hilty	MaKayla Scrips
March 6	Gary and Leandra Saltsman	Mia Scrips

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 6 and 13 - open
February 20 and 27 – open
March 6 and 13 – Shirley Schall
March 20 and 27 - open

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.



We will be receiving new members on **February 20, 2022**, during worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, Please call the church office 724-354-3117.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

FEBRUARY 13

Following worship service.

*Strawberry shortcake and ice cream
Soup, Sandwiches, and beverage*

**Free Will Offering
For PW Missions**



**FEBRUARY 19, 2022
ELDERTON FIREHALL**

Annual Pancake, Buckwheat cake and
Sausage Supper
4:00-7:00

Dinner prices will be \$10.00 for adults and
kiddos 5-12 yrs old \$5.00

This is an all you can eat dinner.

Please attend to support our local fireman!



FEBRUARY 13, 2022

This year for the Souper Bowl of Caring,
we will take a collection
as you leave the sanctuary.

The children will be at the doors holding
soup pots for you to drop your donation in.

This offering will remain
at our food bank!

Thank you for helping those who
suffer from hunger!

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
TEAM JERSEY,
T-SHIRT, SWEATSHIRT
OR TEAM COLORS
TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
WORSHIP SERVICE**



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

God is our refuge and strength



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 12, 2021. Courtesy of State Farm (CC BY 2.0)

As night fell on December 10, powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by morning. In the wake of these catastrophic storms, it is the role of people of faith to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God to help to rebuild the lives of those who have experienced significant loss. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. Text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT: • Gift of the Heart Kits are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season (pcusa.info/heart).

- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: *As we learn of another natural disaster, we pray. For those experiencing loss, may they feel comfort only your Holy Spirit can bring. We pray for wisdom and strength as they work to restore and repair their communities. May we heed your call, o God, to be co-creators with you in the caring of creation. May the hope, peace and love of the Christ child comfort and keep us all.*

—Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.





BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL



"January Highlights"

January blew in with lots of snow and fun activities at Butterfly Hill!!! The children returned to preschool full of energy with fun stories about Christmas, sled riding and snowball fights.

The Butterflies do a letter of the week. On Friday's they bring a share item that starts with the letter of the week. D was one of our letters in January.

"One child was concerned he wouldn't be able to find something starting the letter D. The teacher advised to get Mom to help you. Look in the dictionary. He looked at her and said 'What is a dictionary?' ".
I guess we forget technology has taken over!

The Caterpillars class had an "indoor snowball fight". They used large marshmallows - watch out teachers, they were the #1 target! They also made a snow storm using the parachute and marshmallows. The children were very excited.

The Toddler Time children had a great month painting with ice, learning about winter animals and how they live in the cold. Their favorite activity this month was the "light table".

Butterfly Hill is open for Registration for the 2022-2023 preschool year. The available spots are filling up fast! Both the Butterflies and Caterpillar morning classes are full.

"See how very much our Heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called His children. 1John 3:1"



Due to copier malfunction, the following report was omitted from the 2021 annual report.
Please add it to your annual report. If you need a copy please see Susan.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2021

Presbyterian Women are an important part of the Elderton Presbyterian church, not only with planning and serving meals, but also in the role of leadership.

Throughout 2021, the Presbyterian Women:

1. Held a monthly Bible Study
2. Sponsored C.W.S. Blanket Sunday starting March 1st and continuing through the month of March. The amount received was \$1910.00
3. Thank Offering – PW donated \$300.00, Synod Mission Project \$200.00
4. The women also participated in the Angel Tree gift giving project
5. The congregation provided 9 cleanup buckets for Church World Service.
6. Served 5 funeral dinners.

We ended our year with a Christmas gathering on December 8, 2021 we met at 1:00 at Nancy's home. Eight ladies enjoyed good food, great games and great fellowship.

I want to thank all the women for the time and talents they provide and the congregation for the support they provide to Presbyterian Women and all of their projects.

Nancy Schrecengost, Moderator of Presbyterian Women

We extend our sincere appreciation to these elders and deacons who have faithfully served us.

Elders:

Terry Johns – 6 years

Deacons:

Gary Henderson – 6 years

Terri Maughan – 6 years

Tom Wingard – 6 years

Brian Dyott – 3 years



THE SESSION OR BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2022

Dee Craig
Sarah Pritt
Dewey Hixenbaugh
Marcia Elgin

Class of 2023

Jennifer Johns
Chester Schall
John Craig
Nancy Schrecengost

Class of 2024

Blythe Johns
Tom Spencer
Susan Schrecengost
Heather Bell

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022

Jeff Elgin
Shawnee Hohl
Linda Richardson
Joanie Riggle

Class of 2023

Cory Scrips
Nathan Johns
Travis Anderson
Barb Spangler

Class of 2024

Ryan Scrips
Betsy Bertolino
Donna Howard
Dave Smail

CORPORATION OFFICERS

President –Nathan Johns
Vice President- Chester Schall
Secretary- Linda Richardson
Treasurer- Mark Schrecengost
Financial Secretary – Tom Spencer
Auditors- Sheila Brumbaugh, Betsy Bertolino,
Laurie Pritt, Linda Prugh, Alt- Sue Quinn

COMMITTEES FOR 2022

CLERK OF SESSION- DEE CRAIG

DEACON'S MODERATOR- CORY SCRIPS

1. **FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP/MISSION**

ELDERS: TOM SPENCER (CHAIRPERSON), CHESTER SCHALL, DEWEY HIXENBAUGH

DEACONS: NATHAN JOHNS, LINDA RICHARDSON, TRAVIS ANDERSON

AT-LARGE: ERIC SCHRECENGOST, MARK SCHRECENGOST, PEG ROWAN

2. **MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

ELDERS: BLYTHE JOHNS (CHAIRPERSON), SARAH PRITT, DEE CRAIG

DEACONS: NATHAN JOHNS, LINDA RICHARDSON, BARB SPANGLER

AT-LARGE: CASSIE CLOWSER

CHOIR DIRECTOR: BLYTHE JOHNS

MUSIC COORDINATOR: CASSIE CLOWSER

BELLS: DEE CRAIG

3. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

ELDERS: SUSAN SCHRECENGOST (CHAIRPERSON), JENNIFER JOHNS, HEATHER BELL

DEACONS: JOANIE RIGGLE, DONNA HOWARD, TRAVIS ANDERSON

AT-LARGE: HANNAH SCHRECENGOST, CHARLENE DE LA CRUZ, KATHY JO SCRIPS

4. **CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EVANGELISM**

ELDERS: NANCY SCHRECENGOST (CHAIRPERSON) MARCIA ELGIN, JOHN CRAIG

DEACONS: BETSY BERTOLINO, SHAWNEE HOHL, JEFF ELGIN

AT-LARGE: LOIS BROWN

5. **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

NANCY SCHRECENGOST

6. **PERSONNEL**

ELDERS: CHESTER SCHALL (CHAIRPERSON) , TOM SPENCER, HEATHER BELL

DEACONS: DONNA HOWARD, BARB SPANGLER, RYAN SCRIPS

7. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

ELDERS: JOHN CRAIG (CHAIRPERSON), MARCIA ELGIN, SUSAN SCHRECENGOST

DEACONS: JEFF ELGIN, SHAWNEE HOHL, DAVE SMAIL

AT-LARGE: SANDY WINGARD

8. **DEACONS (SUBCOMMITTEES)**

PROPERTY- CORY SCRIPS, NATHAN JOHNS, TRAVIS ANDERSON, DAVE SMAIL, JEFF ELGIN

FOOD BANK- TERRI MAUGHAN

FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBURARY ANNIVERSARIES

Emira Shipley – 1st
John Speer – 4th
Madilyn Silvis – 5th
Scott Craig – 8th
Brian Schall – 11th
Kai Shultz – 11th
Matt Brown – 12th
Joe Bertolino – 14th
Shelby Clowser – 14th
Nicholas Schall – 15th
Bob Coleman - 17th
Dave Dyott – 18th
Aaron Quinn – 18th
Jillian Shaffer – 20th
Brandi Bertolino – 21st
Janet (Mrs. Don) L. Rearick – 23rd
Linda Lynch 26th
Amanda Perry – 26th
Haley Brumbaugh – 26th
Donna Howard – 27th
Paige Beers – 27th
Ashton Beers – 27th
Sarah Pritt – 28th

Melvin (Buster) and Lori Rodgers – 7th, 1981
Paul and Marilyn Meyers – 17th, 1968



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3	4	5
6 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	7	8	9	10 6:00 – Deacons Meeting 6:30 – Session Meeting	11	12
13 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service  Strawberry Social following worship service	 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19  Pancake Supper 4:00-7:00 Elderton Firehall
20 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service Hunger Offering	21	22	23	24 6:00 – Ch Ed meeting	25	26
27 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	28					