

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Aaron Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship: (**responsively**)

By a descending dove, God revealed Jesus, God's only son, affirming that
We are one in Christ.

Just as Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, we are baptized in his name,
confirming that

We are one in Christ.

We celebrate the one baptism of our Lord, and our one baptism as children
of God, for

**We are one in Christ. Let us worship God, revealed in Christ, who
binds us together in love.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Purifying God, we know we are yours, and in you is abundant life, yet
we continue to forge our own paths, as if we know better than you. You
bless us with many gifts, yet we convince ourselves that our blessings
are simply from our hard work and luck. In you is rest and resurrection,
yet when we are tired and weary we seek renewal through possessions,
people, and chemicals. Forgive us when we reject your claim on our
lives. Remind us of the power of baptism, and help us remember that we
are your beloved children. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance (**responsively**)

Just as God called Jesus "beloved" at his baptism, so are we God's beloved
children. Through Christ Jesus we are made whole. Peace and pardon are
ours.

We are renewed in God's grace. Amen.

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 27 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction of New Members

Questions to the Member Candidates

To the Congregation:

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, we now receive these new members into
Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love and to assist them to be
Christ's faithful disciples.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into
Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love,
encourage, and support you and follow Christ.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Sermon

"Precious in His Sight"

Dr. Angel De La Cruz

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed - in unison - page 14 in blue hymnal

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 38

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

CLEAR

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

Jesus, name above all names; beautiful Savior, glorious Lord Emmanuel,
God is with us; blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

A warm welcome to all those visiting with us today. We pray you are blessed and encouraged as we worship together. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out the welcome card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

A nursery is available for your convenience located in the educational complex of the building.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Linda Prugh – 724-464-8861

GREETERS TODAY – Terri and Alexandra Maughan

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Travis Johns and Liam Scrips

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Mia Scrips

HOMEBOUND MEMBER - Jo Foster

Montage Mason, Room 226
5373 Merten Drive
Mason, Ohio 45040

VISITATION TEAMS FOR JANUARY

Elders – John and Dee Craig

Deacons – Joanie Riggle and Betsy Bertolino

Please use the yellow initial envelope in your 2025 offering envelopes to pay your yearly per capita amount of \$40.00.

The year-end offering statements are available in the front vestibule.

We are still collecting plastic! Please remember to save your plastic and bring it to the church collection bin located in the Upper Room vestibule.

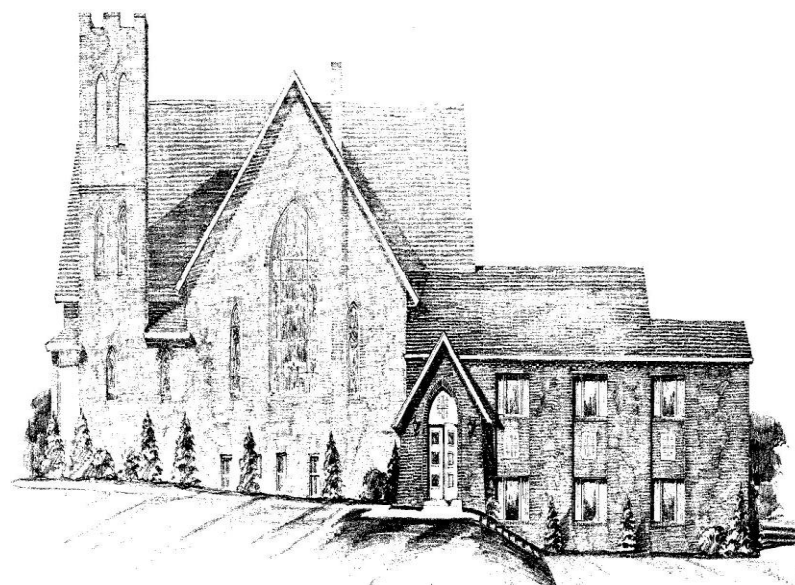
The 2025 Chancel flower calendar is now open for signups. All dates for the year are available. To secure your preferred date for donating flowers, please call Joanie at 724-954-1671. If you would like to request a date for chancel flowers, an organ arrangement, or a table arrangement, please schedule it with Joanie.

THIS WEEK

January 14 – All financial records are due the church office.

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

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Secretary Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

THIS WEEK

January 14 -10:00 – Office Prayer Time

COMING UP

January 26 - immediately after worship, the Elderton Presbyterian Church will hold its **annual congregational meeting**. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the church officers, receive the annual reports of the congregation, and conduct whatever business is necessary. The annual corporation meeting will also be held at this time. We hope everyone will make an effort to attend this meeting, thereby supporting the work of our church.

February 4 - Installation of Elders and Deacons during worship service.

In Our Prayers

Donna Howard asks for prayers for healing and calmness for her friend Darcie.

Cory Scrips asks for prayers for Alyssa Duplinsky. Alyssa had surgery and will be bedridden for a month.

Blythe Johns asks for prayers for her cousin, Dana, who had a stroke. Dana got medical care quickly and is doing well.

Jodi Klingensmith is asking for continued prayers for Doug's brother, Gary, as he will have surgery to have stents placed. Jodi also asks for prayers for Kayla Foster who is experiencing side effects caused by Ramsey Hunt Disease.

Miranda Schrecengost asks for prayers for the Alcantara family.

Bob Griffin asks for a prayer of protection over the volunteer fireman.

Our Joys

Nathan Johns has a joy that the congregation continues to grow in numbers.

Blythe Johns has joy for the family and friends who celebrated with her and Terry at their surprise 50th-anniversary party.

Pam Gaff has a joy that she will be a great-grandma. Pam asks for prayers for Isabelle and the baby as they both have heart issues.

Dee Craig celebrated her birthday on January 5.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome to our church family this morning

by affirmation of faith:

Justin Claypoole
Cierra Claypoole

by reaffirmation of faith:

Amy Blose
Barbara Johns
Mike Uptegraph
Holly Uptegraph
Kyle Uptegraph
Lindsey Uptegraph
