

Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**ACOLYTE** – Mia Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

Choral Introit

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

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee.

**So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory.**

Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee.

**So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 554           “Let All Things Now Living”           ASH GROVE

\***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem

“God Is So Good”  
Soloist – Kathy Jo Scrips

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings  
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon – Kathy Jo Scrips

\*Hymn No. 359           “More Love to Thee, O Christ”           MORE LOVE TO THEE

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 7-9; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Luke 23:43

Message                           “Give, Save, Spend”                           Cory Scrips

**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. 375                           “Lord of All Good”                           TOULON

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response:

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

\*Postlude”

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(\*) Congregation Standing

**A warm welcome to all those visiting with us today, we are pleased you are here. As we unite in worship, we pray you are blessed and encouraged as we aim to create an uplifting service for everyone. To connect with you and provide any support you may need, we kindly ask you to fill out the welcome card in the pew racks. Please place it in the offering plate when you are done.**

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

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

**GREETERS TODAY** – Travis Johns and Liam Scrips

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Charlene De La Cruz and Laurie Pritt

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – Liam Scrips

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Nancy Rupert  
Grey's Colonial Acres Home  
272 Colonial Drive  
Kittanning, PA 16201

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR JANUARY**

Elders – John and Dee Craig

Deacons – Joanie Riggle and Betsy Bertolino

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We want to thank Cory Scrips for sharing the word of God with us this morning.

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We would like to congratulate Laney (Johnston) and Josh Brown on the birth of their daughter, Maren Margaret Brown. We also would like to congratulate grandparents, Krista and Mike Johnston, great-grandparents, Linda and Roger Richardson, and great-great-grandmother, Peg Rowan.

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We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Chet and Brenda Schall on the death of Brenda's mother-in-law, Sue Sommerville.

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We will collect a special offering to benefit those affected by the California fires. Dr. Angel's friend and colleague, John Shaver, lost his home and the church he ministered, Community United Methodist Church, in Pacific Palisades.

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

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

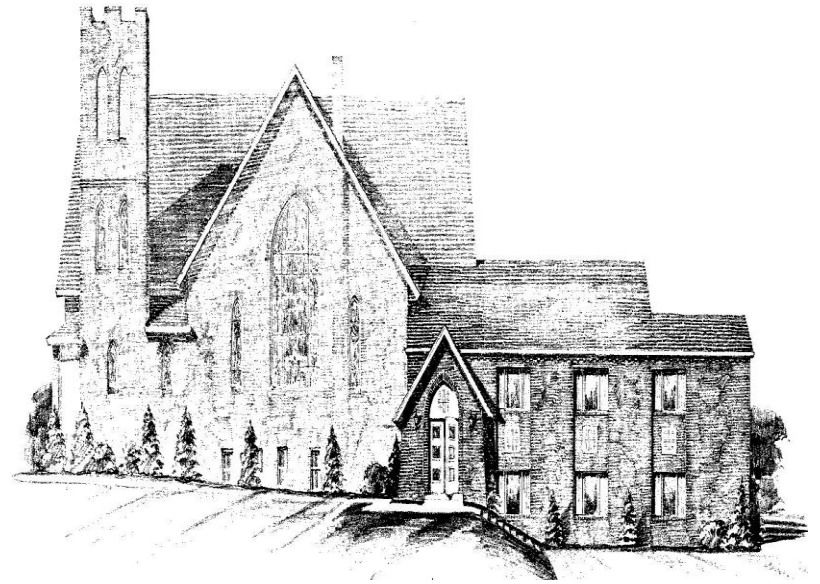
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We are still collecting plastic! Please continue to save your plastic, bring it to the church collection bin in the Upper Room vestibule.

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**THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**115 North Main Street  
Elderton, PA 15736**



**WORSHIP - 10:30 AM**

**Pastor – Rev. Dr. Angel De La Cruz**

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**Church Email - [preschurch@eldertonpa.org](mailto:preschurch@eldertonpa.org)**

**Secretary Office Hours:**

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

## THIS WEEK

**January 21 – 10:00** – office prayer time

**January 23 – 6:00** – Butterfly Hill Preschool Board meeting

**January 23** – Please note we will not have a Ch Ed meeting

**January 25 – 4:00 – 7:00** - All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner – Elderton Firehall

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## NEXT WEEK

**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 yearly 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.

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## COMING UP

**February 9** - We will welcome new members during the worship service. If you would like to join Elderton Presbyterian Church, please contact the church office at 724-354-3117 or speak with Angel or Susan.

**February 9 – “Souper” Bowl of Caring** – the youth will be at the doors collecting for the “Souper” Bowl of Caring. The money collected will stay at our food bank; the total received will be called into the National Headquarters.

**February 9** – Following the worship service there will be a soup and sandwich luncheon, a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the “Souper Bowl of Caring”

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The food bank needs the following items (not limited to): laundry soap, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, and canned chicken. Please bring your donations to the church.

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## In Our Prayers

Amber Pinkerton asks for continued prayers for her grandma, Mary Lou Shaffer.

Cory Scrips asks for prayers for Ryan, who has been sick all week, and for Mia, who is also not feeling well.

## In Our Prayers

Joe Scrips asks for travel mercies for Blythe and Terry as they return home from Atlantic City.

Barbara Johns asks for prayers for Emily Spencer who has been sick all week.

## Our Joys

Emily Spencer celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on January 8.

## On Our Prayer Chain

Kris Longwell asks for prayers for her dad, Joe Grew. Joe is in the hospital for cognitive and neurological issues.

Jodi Beer asks for prayers for her mom, Alice Graham. Alice is in the hospital with influenza and pneumonia.

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