

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Jonah Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Come to the Light that God has sent into our world.

Let Light flood our hearts and lives.

The Light is meant for all the world.

We receive the Light that we might share it with others.

Let us worship the God who has so graciously blessed us.

We praise and adore our God of Light.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 40 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

We confess to you, O God, and before our sisters and brothers that we love the darkness more than the light. We know our sins and our sinfulness, and we would like to hide it from you and from others. Yet we know that the darkness is not dark to you and that you are aware of who we truly are and the motives of our hearts. Forgive our sins and give us the courage to allow your light to shine upon us so that we may not only be sorry for our sins but willing to forsake them. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon – Charlene De La Cruz

*Hymn No. 66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1: 3-14

Sermon “The Blessed Life” 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. 63 “As with Gladness Men of Old” DIX

*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 found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

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

Headsets for those with hearing impairment are available for use during worship. See Cassie or sound system person to get one.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Nathan and Jennifer Johns

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Terri and Alexandra Maughan

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Aaron Quinn

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Helen Bowser
Beacon Ridge, Room 101
1515 Wayne Avenue
Indiana, PA 15701

VISITATION TEAMS FOR JANUARY

Elders – John and Dee Craig
Deacons – Joanie Riggle and Betsy Bertolino

TODAY

January 5 – After the worship service, we will take down the decorations in the sanctuary and on the Christmas tree. Please plan to stay and help; the more assistance we have, the quicker it will be done.

THIS WEEK

January 7 – 10:00 – Office Prayer Time

January 7 – 6:00 – Butterfly Hill Preschool Board of Directors meeting.

January 8 – 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house.

January 9 – 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand

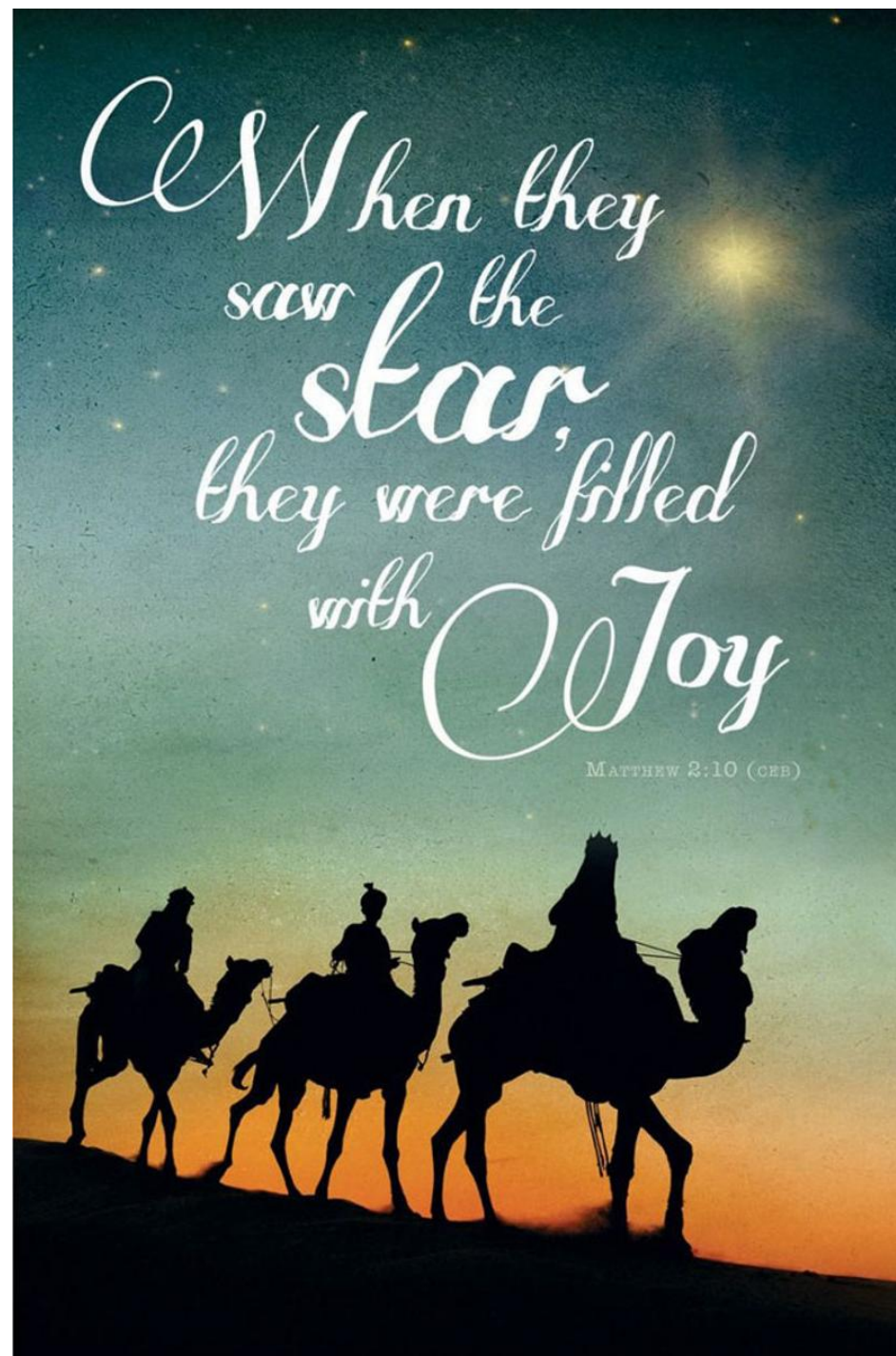
6:00 – Session meeting

6:00 – Deacon's meeting

January 10 – All committee reports are due to the church office email (preschurch@eldertonpa.org) in a Word doc format. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK

January 12 - 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.



In Our Prayers

Nathan Johns asks for prayers for Abby Osterling. Abby fell, broke her arm in two places, and has a possible liver laceration.

Loretta Coleman asks for prayers for Bob.

Cory Scrips asks for prayers for Kathy Jo, she hasn't felt well the past few days.

Our Joys

Nathan Johns has a joy that their family is visiting from Illinois.

Charlene and Angel would like to thank the congregation for the Christmas gifts.

Terry and Blythe Johns will celebrate 50 years of marriage on January 3.

Chet Schall has a joy that his family is visiting.

Lois and Blair Brown would like to thank the congregation for the cards and prayers. It means the world to them to have such a loving church family!
