

**Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 11, 2026**

*The mission of Elderton Presbyterian Church is to bring the  
Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ to the surrounding community,  
We do this through worship, education, and missions.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**ACOLYTE** – Cooper Grantz

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

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

Leader: In him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, everything visible and everything invisible.

**People: And in him all things hold together.**

Leader: The quietest force in all creation binds galaxies together, holds planets in their courses, keeps our very bodies from flying apart.

**People: How much more does Christ, in whom all things cohere, hold us?**

**All:** Come, let us worship the God who sustains the universe not by force, but by faithful, quiet love.

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 155 – “Rejoice the Lord is King”

\***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**God of quiet strength, we confess that we have trusted our own grip more than your sustaining hand. We believe that if we do not hold everything together ourselves, everything will fall apart. We have mistaken your quietness for your absence, and your patience for your unconcern. Forgive us for the anxious hours we have spent gripping tightly to what was never ours alone to hold. Teach us to rest in the truth that in Christ, all things, including us, hold together. Through Christ, in whom we find our coherence. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem – “I Call to the Lord”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

\*Praise Hymnal No. 66 – “He is Exalted”

Old Testament Scripture – 1 Kings 19: 11-13

New Testament Scripture – Colossians 1: 15-20, 26-27

Sermon – “The Quiet Force” – Rev. Eric Longwell

**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 Insert – “I Need Thee Every Hour”

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response:

One in Love, one in friendship true, one in hope, one in spirit too, one in faith that God will care for you till we meet together again.

\*Postlude

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(\*) Congregation Standing

**A warm welcome to all those visiting with us today. We are pleased that you are here. As we unite in worship, we pray that 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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**PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT** – Linda Prugh – 724-464-8861

**GREETERS TODAY** – Scott and Brenda Coleman

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Pam Gaff and Isabelle Gaff

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – Emily Johns

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Joanne Foster c/o Greg Foster  
2815 Columbia Trail  
Loveland, OH 45140

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR OCTOBER**

Elders – Kathy Burns and Terri Maughan

Deacons – Mike and Holly Uptegraph

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Brett and Joanie Riggle and family on the passing of Brett's mother, Nina Magagnotti.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Sarah (Pritt) and Rich Rachkowski on their marriage on October 3, 2026.

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**THIS WEEK**

**October 13 – 6:00** – Finance Committee meeting

**October 14 – 1:00** – Circle meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home

**October 15 – 6:00** – Session meeting

**6:00** – Deacons meeting

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**NEXT WEEK**

**October 18** – Hunger Offering collection – please bring your coins.

**October 20 – 10:00 – 2:30** – Helping Hand

**October 20 – 11:00** – Men's Fellowship at Crouse's Café.

**October 21 – 9:30** - Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering – Grace Presbyterian Church, Kittanning; lunch will be provided; \$5.00 will be collected at the door. All Women are welcome

**October 22 – 6:00** Christian Education Committee meeting

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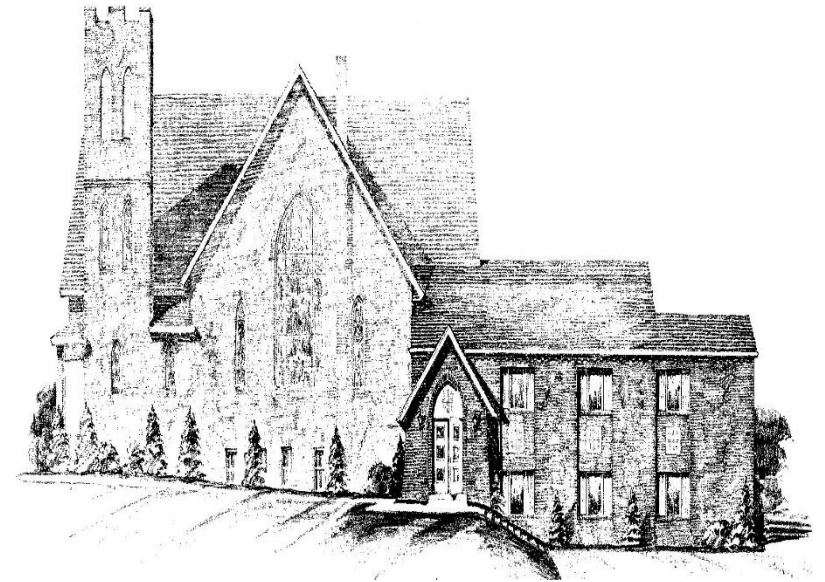
**COMING UP**

**October 31 – 4:00 – 6:00** – Elderton Borough Trick-or-Treating. If you would like to participate, we invite you to set up a trunk-or-treat in the church parking lot.

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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**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Charlene De La Cruz requests prayers for her cousin, Ronald, who was diagnosed with Parkinson disease.

Hannah Keith requests prayers of comfort and peace for the Riggles family.

Chet Schall requests prayers for Jo Foster, who may have had a stroke.

Iris Reese asks for continued prayers for her daughter-in-law, Lisa, as she navigates Lupus.

Nate Johns requests prayers for his co-worker, Amy. Amy received some unexpected test results.

Jodi Klingensmith thanks the congregation for the prayers for Jonny, he is doing much better, but has an upcoming procedure to remove a stent.

Lori Rodgers asks for travel mercies for her daughter, Bethany, and her friend as they return home from Paris.

Lori Rodgers requests prayers for her friend Patsy.

Brenda Schall thanks the congregation for their prayers and asks for continued prayers as she navigates Parkinsons disease.

Linda Prugh would like prayers for her brother-in-law, Gary.

Cassie Clowser requests prayers for Zane and Lizzy and their children as they struggle with sleep and managing all that the day sends their way.

Cory Scrips spoke to Dewey Hixenbaugh. Dewey would like prayers for Veda, who is in the hospital.

Joe Scrips asks for prayers for his friend, Randy Walker, who has some health issues.

Blythe Johns requests prayers for Aleya Talmadge. Aleya was hospitalized for low blood sugar.

Blythe Johns requests travel mercies for herself and her sister Shari as they travel to New York to babysit.

Bob Griffin requests prayers for his grandson, Conner, who is having some heart rhythm issues, and prayers for his son awaiting the birth of their child.

Emily Johns requests prayers for her friend, Allie. Allie is struggling with her grandma's dementia diagnosis.

Prayers for Sandy Wingard's sister, Gloria, who is in the hospital.

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