

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

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*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 – Emily Johns

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Come to worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God's Holy name.

Come amongst us, Lord, and reintegrate our fragmented selves.

Come to worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God's Holy name.

Come amongst us, Lord, come repair that which is broken.

Come to worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God's Holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, come and bring together that which has been
torn apart.**

Come to worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God's Holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, meet us where we are, but do not leave us the
same when we leave.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 455 – “All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**We confess to you, our God, and before one another that we have sinned.
You open the doors of your house and invite us in, not as strangers but as
family. You rejoice in our being with you, but we have other places to go and
other items on our agenda. We have spent so little time with you; forgive us
and welcome us again into your presence. By your grace, allow us to savor
your loving care. Because of Jesus. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem – “I Go to the Rock”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 326 – “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Scripture – Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon – “Disciples Don't Judge” - 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 Insert – “I Stand Amazed”

*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

(*) 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.**

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 – Pam Gaff and Isabelle Gaff

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Ryan and Sarah Scrips

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – London Smith

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Nancy Rupert

Grey's Colonial Acres Home

272 Colonial Drive

Kittanning, PA 16201

VISITATION TEAMS FOR OCTOBER

Elders – Kathy Burns and Terri Maughan

Deacons – Mike and Holly Uptegraph

Today we will collect the Hunger Offering. Please place your change in the buckets found in the vestibules. The Presbyterian Women collect the Hunger Offering every third Sunday of the month as a response to world hunger.

THIS WEEK

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.

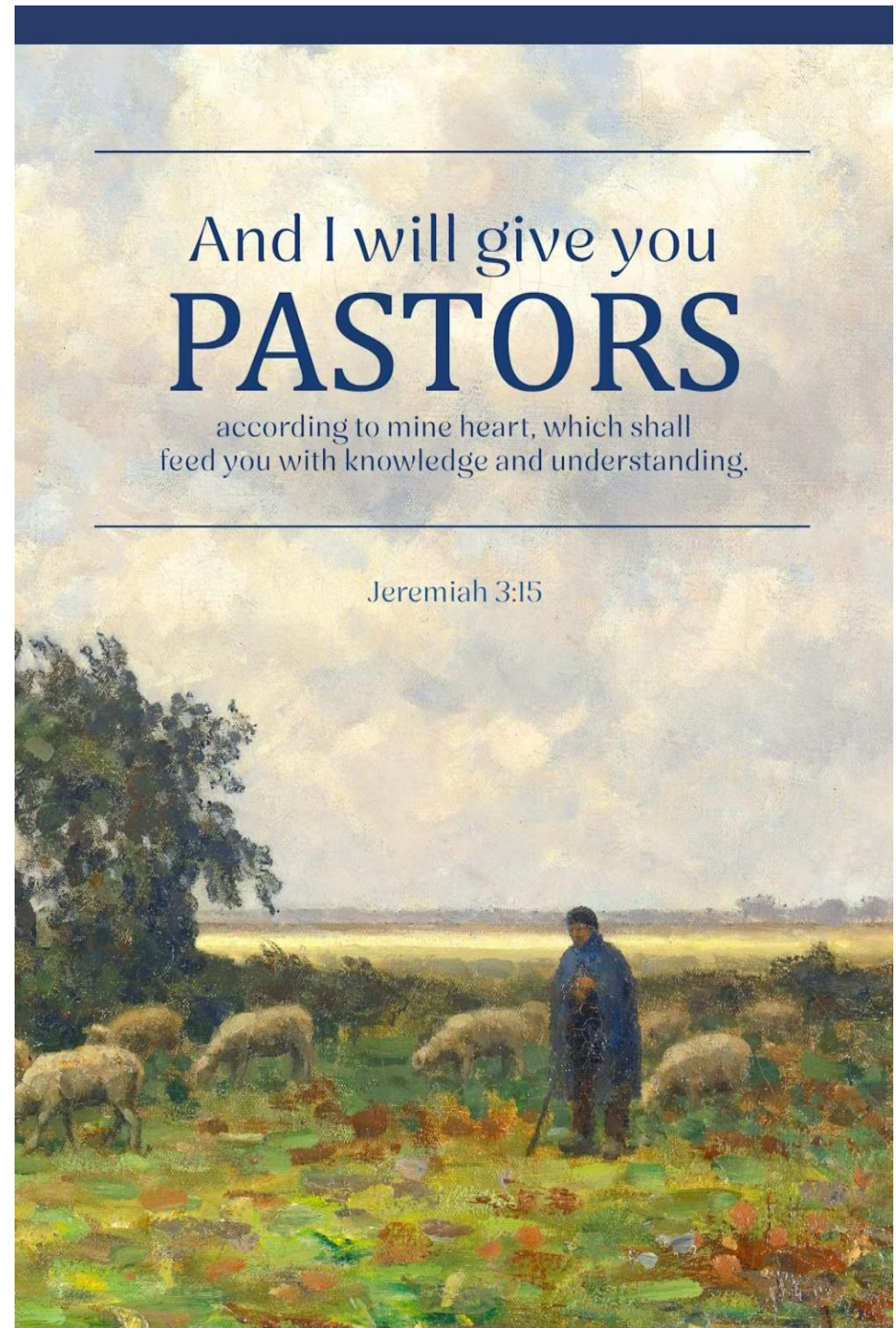
NEXT WEEK

October 29 – 6:00 Christian Education Committee

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.

If you plan to be away from the church during the winter months, please see Susan for your 2027 offering envelopes.

Brett and Joanie Riggle thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and support during the passing of Brett's mom.



Prayer Requests

Tom Quinn requests travel mercies for Sue and her friend.

Chet Schall requests continued prayers for Jo Foster.

Cory Scrips requests prayers for Heather Champion's family and friends as they grieve her passing. Cory also asks for prayers for Veda Hixenbaugh, who had a stroke; she will go to Pittsburgh for more tests. Prayers for Dewey as he cares for Veda.

Terry Johns requests travel mercies for Blythe and Shari for their trip home.

Eric Longwell requests prayers for their friend Patsy; she will have surgery on October 12.

JOYS

Tom Quinn celebrated his birthday on October 11.

Please join us for an Intentional Parenting Class –

Parenting is one of the most important jobs we will ever have, and nobody must do it alone. Join us at the church during the Sunday school hour beginning **November 8, 2026, from 9:30 to 10:20**, for six sessions where parents, grandparents, and caregivers can share, learn, and encourage one another. Using Scripture and the Nurturing Skills for Families program, we will talk about child development, discipline and rewards, empathy, daily routines, and raising independent children. Contact Kris Longwell at 724-599-8691 for more information.
