

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

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*On this World Communion Sunday, we join Christians around the earth in celebrating the presence of Christ at the Lord's Table.
A joyous welcome to all who have come on this special day!*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Ava Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Come, people of God, from every place and every nation.

We gather as one body, united in Christ.

At Christ's table, there is room for all who come in faith.

We come with grateful hearts, ready to share in God's grace.

Though we are many, we are one in the Spirit and one in Christ.

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 151 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we confess that we too often focus on what divides us rather than what unites us. We have allowed differences of language, culture, tradition, and opinion to create distance between your children. Forgive us when we fail to welcome others as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive our pride, our indifference, and our unwillingness to listen and understand. Tear down the walls we have built and replace them with your love, compassion, and grace. Help us to live as one body, serving one Lord and sharing one faith. Through Christ, make us instruments of your peace and unity. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem – “One Bread, One Body”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Insert – “Come Just as You Are”

Scripture Reading– 1 Timothy 1: 1-14

Sermon – “Disciples Take Faith Home” - Dr. Angel De La Cruz

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with choirs of angels and with your faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

The Sanctus

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God, of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Prayer Continues

Memorial Acclamation

Leader- Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 510 – “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*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.

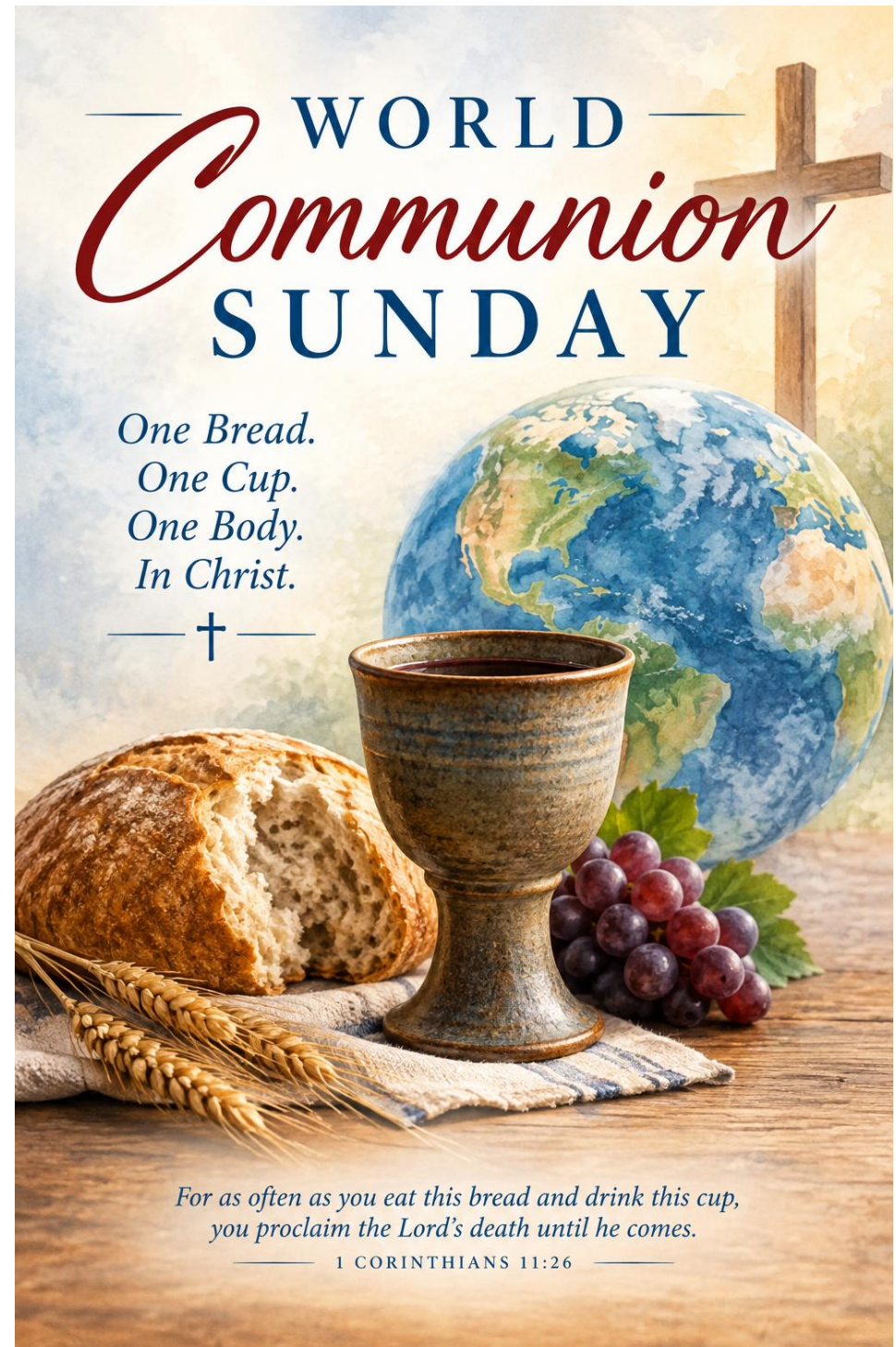
Headsets for those with hearing impairments are available during worship. See Cassie or the sound system person to get one.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Sue Quinn and Aaron Quinn

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Scott and Brenda Coleman

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Cooper Grantz



HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Butch Rodgers
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VISITATION TEAMS FOR OCTOBER

Elders – Kathy Burns and Terri Maughan
Deacons – Mike and Holly Uptegraph

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH.....

HAPPY PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH, DR. ANGEL! WE LOVE YOU!

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all Dr. Angel does. His sermons are always thought-provoking and uplifting; his leadership is a blessing. We want to thank him for his tireless efforts to spread love and kindness and for being a shining example of faith and compassion. We are grateful to have Dr. Angel De La Cruz as our pastor and spiritual guide. Please take a moment to tell Dr. Angel how much you appreciate him.

“Gone from sight, but never from the heart.” The flowers placed in the chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her father, Joe “Cool” Perry, by Brett and Joanie Riggle.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Blair and Lois Brown and family on the passing of Blair’s brother, Dan Brown.

Dr. Angel will be on a Christian Education leave this week. If you need pastoral care, please call Susan at the church office at 724-354-3117 or on her cell at 724-541-4331.

We are currently seeking Sunday School teachers and substitutes to support our growing program. Our Sunday School is expanding, but we are experiencing a shortage of teachers. We invite you to consider teaching our teen class; it would be a rewarding experience with this wonderful group of kids. Additionally, when our regular teachers are unavailable, we need substitutes to ensure that we can hold class every Sunday. It is important for our church to maintain a consistent Sunday School program. Please help us keep our program strong.

NEXT WEEK

October 10 – 3:30 – 6:00 – Benefit Dinner for Jonny Klingensmith – New Bethlehem First Fellowship Church. Jonny is the son of Doug and Jodi Klingensmith. He has been dealing with health issues since April. Let’s support Jonny.

COMING UP

October 13 – 6:00 – Finance Committee meeting – this meeting is to review the budget for next year.

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

October 15 – 6:00 – Session meeting

6:00 – Deacons meeting

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lois Brown requests prayers for Blair’s brothers’ family following his passing.

Sandy Wingard’s sister, Gloria, was unable to have her heart surgery; her heart was shocked back into rhythm and will be reevaluated in 2 weeks.

Linda Prugh requests prayers of comfort and healing for her brother-in-law, Gary Parks. Gary had a catheterization with results showing he had a heart attack with 100 percent blockage.

Linda Prugh requests prayers for her daughter-in-law’s grandfather who had a fall.

JOYS

Charlene De La Cruz has a joy that her daughter-in-law’s extended cousin celebrated her 115th birthday, making her the oldest person in America.
