

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Cooper Grantz

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship: (**responsively**)
God be Praised!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who practice it.

God's praise endures forever!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem

"Greater"

MILLARD/GRAUL/SEMSEN

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

Recognition of Outgoing Elders and Deacons

*Praise Hymnal No. 112

"Lamb of God"

PARIS

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Sermon

"The Greatest Gift"

Dr. Angel De La Cruz

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS:

Responsive:

There are different gifts,

But it is the same spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different individuals in different ways.

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

UNISON:

Within our common ministry some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of Word and sacrament, some as ruling elders, some as deacons. In ordination we recognize these ministries.

*Profession of Faith - - The Apostles' Creed - page 14 in front of blue hymnal

Presentation of Candidates – Clerk of Session and Elder – Dee Craig

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Ordination Questions to the Candidates

Questions to the Congregation – Clerk of Session and Elder Dee Craig

Laying on of Hands – all Elders come forth

Charge to the New Officers

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 439 “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

*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 are pleased that 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.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Gerry and Donna Howard

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Jeff and Marcia Elgin

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Adalyn Quinn

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Jo Foster

Montage Mason, Room 226

5373 Merten Drive

Mason, Ohio 45040

VISITATION TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY

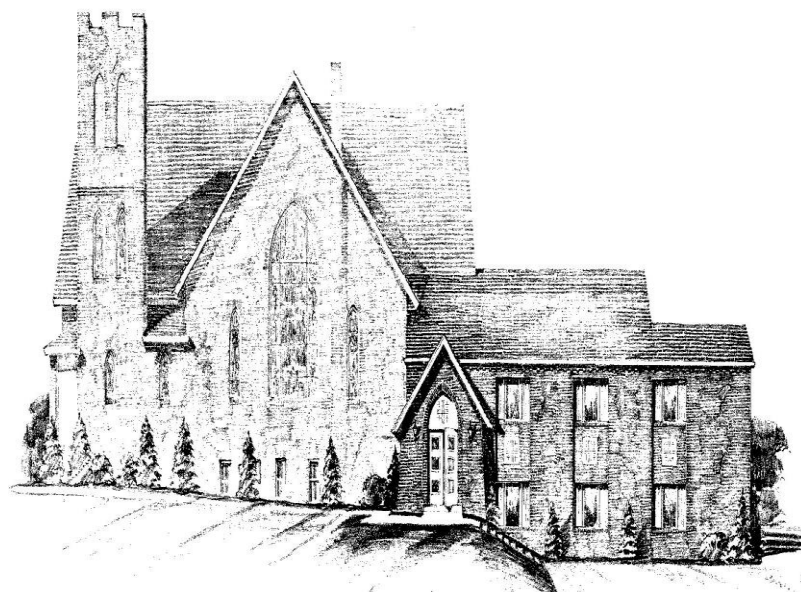
Elders – Kathy Burns and Marcia Elgin

Deacons – Jeff Elgin and Dave Smail

The flowers placed in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of parents, Jack and Jean Quinn, and Francis and Ruth Olinger, by Tom and Sue Quinn.

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

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Secretary Office Hours:

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

We are collecting a special offering this week and next to support those affected by the California fires. Dr. Angel's friend and colleague, John Shaver, lost both his home and the Community United Methodist Church, where he ministered in Pacific Palisades. Please make your check payable to EPC, use a pew envelope, and write "California Fires" on the envelope.

THIS WEEK

February 4 – 10:00 -3:00 – Helping Hand – If you want to help with this mission please see Sheila Brumbaugh.

NEXT WEEK

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” staying at our food bank.

February 12 – 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy’s house.

February 13 – 6:00 – Session Meeting
6:00 – Deacons Meeting

In Our Prayers

Chet Schall asks for prayers for Jo Foster. Jo has covid.

Susan Schrecengost asks for prayers for her dad, Jim. Jim was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.

Mark Clowser asks for prayers for good results for a test Cassie had.

Nancy Schrecengost asks for prayers for Brian McIntire who was recently diagnosed with throat cancer.

Dee Craig asks for prayers for John, he isn’t feeling well.

Joe Scrips asks for prayers for his neighbor, Leonard Cribbs, who seems to be struggling with health and life issues.

Our Joys

Dee Craig is joyful that the Preschool tea party was a success and is thankful for Barbara’s hard work and dedication.

Lucy Taylor celebrated her 8th birthday on January 28.

Our Joys

Jonah Scrips celebrated his 13th birthday on January 25.

Travis Johns was the Leader Times athlete of the week.

We extend our sincere appreciation to these elders and deacons who have faithfully served us.

Elders – Heather Bell - 3 years, Blythe Johns - 6 years, Tom Spencer – 6 years, Susan Schrecengost – 6 years

Deacon – Donna Howard – 3 years

We extend our congratulations and pledge our support to these elders and deacons being ordained and installed:

Elders Ordained and Installed - Bob Griffin

Elders Installed –Jodi Klingensmith

Elders Installed at a later date – Cheryl Hankey, Jeff Schrecengost

Deacons Installed – Betsy Bertolino, Dave Smail, Ryan Scrips, and Eric Schrecengost

Join the Plumcreek Church of the Brethren every Tuesday, starting February 4, from 12:00 – 5:00, at 3087 Dutch Run Road, Shelocta, making tie quilts for emergency disaster relief. Material provided, if possible, bring a sewing machine and quilting/sewing supplies.
