Elderton Presbyterian Church Transfiguration of the Lord March 2, 2025 Pastor – Rev. Dr. Angel De La Cruz Church Phone – 724-354-3117 Church Website - eldertonpc.org Church email – preschurch@eldertonpa.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Cooper Grantz

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Bell Introit

"Here I am to Worship"

HUGHS/WAGNER

*Call to Worship: (responsively)

Come to the mount and see the power of God.

We see Jesus in the beauty and power of holiness.

He invites you not just to see but to be transformed, as well.

We are not worthy to approach the holiness of God.

None are worthy but Jesus invites us.

We come to be transformed into the glory God desires for us.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, on the mount, Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in his glory. As we reflect on his holiness, we are humbly aware of our sinfulness. Forgive us for the many times we have failed to show forth the glory of Christ in our lives and have left others without the light of your presence. Transform us so that our true nature as your children will shine on those around us for the glory of God. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

 Bell Anthem
 "Be Exalted, O God"
 CHAMBERS/WAGNER

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

 Minute for Mission – Nancy Schrecengost
 *Hymn – (please see screens) "God, Wrap Your Love Around Us"

 Scripture
 Matthew 17: 1-9

 Sermon
 "The Transfiguration"
 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

<u>SENDING</u>

*Hymn Insert

"I Stand Amazed"

GABRIEL

*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.

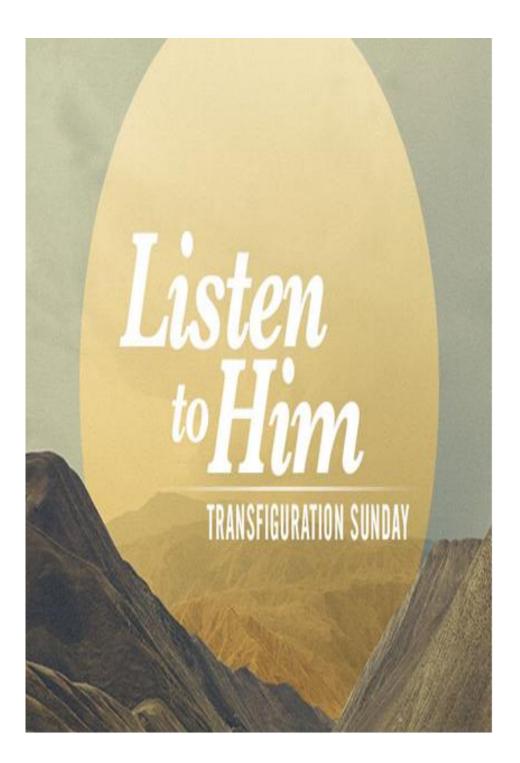
A nursery is available for your convenience located in the educational complex of the building.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Cory and Melissa Grantz **GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Krista and Grant Johnston

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK - Aaron Quinn

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Nancy Rupert Grey's Colonial Acres Home 272 Colonial Drive Kittanning, PA 16201



VISITATION TEAMS FOR MARCH

Elders – Terry Johns and Sarah Pritt Deacons – Amber Pinkerton and Colton Fairman

The flowers placed in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob and Shirley Schall, in loving memory of her father Charles Miller, and friend, Faye Wissinger.

Eric Schrecengost would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, texts, and cards, during his recent knee surgery.

MONTH OF MARCH – Presbyterian Women will sponsor Blanket Sunday through March. \$10.00 will buy one blanket. Please make checks payable to PW using the special envelope in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

TODAY

Bible Study – 4:30 – Chet and Brenda Schall's house. The group will meet every Sunday, except March 23, April 13, and 20. They will continue to study the important topic of "Christianity, Cults and Religion". There is room for more people to join and dinner is provided!

THIS WEEK

March 4 – 10:00 – Office Prayer Time

March 5 - 9:00- 12:00 – Ash Wednesday – Dr. Angel will distribute ashes in the pastor's office.

March 7 – 4:00 – 7:00 – Fish Fry – Elderton Firehall March 8 – Turn clocks ahead

NEXT WEEK

March 9 – 4:30 – Bible Study – Chet and Brenda Schall's house.

COMING UP

March 18 – 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting March 19 – 9:00 AM – Butterfly Hill Preschool Board Meeting March 20 – 10:00 – 3:00 – Helping Hand 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS

Susan Schrecengost asks for prayers for Eric, he will have knee replacement surgery on February 25.

Sheila Brumbaugh asks for prayers for her brother, Keith. Keith is having some heart issues and will have surgery to have stints placed.

Linda Prugh asks for prayers for John Bowser, he is in the hospital with pneumonia. Linda also asks for travel mercies for her grandson's coming home from New Orleans on Wednesday.

Barbara Johns asks for prayers for Kayla Shaffer. Kayla has a long road of recovery from several injuries received in a car accident.

Mark Schrecengost asks for continued prayers for Pat's co-worker as she returns to work with an injured hand, and for his co-worker who has stage 4 cancer and will undergo intense chemotherapy. February 24 will mark two years since Aria's passing, please pray for her parents who are still hurting.

Blythe Johns asks for continued prayers for Michael. He was able to go home at this time. Micheal has a long process of treatment he will need to go through. Blythe also asks for prayers for a 10-year-old who has a brain tumor and travel mercies for Gabriella who is going to Texas for a cheer competition.

Katelyn Moore asks for prayers for a quick recovery for her fellow Army members. They had a hard training session and several ended up in the hospital.

Cassie Clowser asks for prayers for Blaine, who has a digestive issue, and continued prayers for Mark's back pain.

OUR JOYS

Jamey Brumbaugh has a joy for the great season for the WSHS boys' basketball team.

Cassie Clowser has joys of thanksgiving for this wonderful church, how they pray, and the answered prayers.

Barbara Johns has a joy for the amazing job the choir does, and that the preschool is continuing to grow by offering an all-day Pre-K class.

ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Terri Maughan asks for prayers for her co-worker's four-year-old daughter, Erin. Erin is in the hospital with RSV, she has not been breathing on her own for over a week. The family is optimistic that she is on the road to recovery.

John Bowser is at home recovering from pneumonia.

Blythe Johns asks for prayers for Emily. Emily was diagnosed with influenza B. She has ulcers in her mouth and she is to perform in the WSHS musical.

Prayers for those who lost family members in the fire in Kittanning.

Prayers for Blair and Lois Brown who are battling some health issues.