

**Elderton Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 23, 2025**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**ACOLYTE** – Liam Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

Choral Introit

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

Seek the Lord in this season of reflection and preparation.

**We are here to seek the Lord and his favor.**

Open your eyes, ears and hearts. The Lord is near those who love him and are called by his name.

**We are here to worship and praise the Lord whom we love.**

**All: Let us seek and praise the Lord our God this day. Praise the Lord.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn Insert      “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”      GARDINER

\***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**O God, we are desperate for the forgiveness that you alone can give. We are needy and broken. We have chosen to go our own way for too long, and now recognize the foolishness of this. We have not lived as the people whom you created us to be. We have not served as ambassadors of your kingdom. We have not loved you wholeheartedly nor have we walked faithfully in a moment-by-moment relationship with you. But we are here today to realign our lives with your call. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Transform us. Mold us. Remake us. You are our only hope. O God, hear our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem      “Amazing Grace/Pachelbel’s Canon”      PACHELBEL/SHAFFERMAN

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

\*Praise Hymnal No. 111      “There Is a Redeemer”

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Presentation – Cory Scrips

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Commitment of the Congregation

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we now receive Chandler Blose into Christ’s church. I charge you to nurture and love and assist him to be Christ’s faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into Christ’s church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you as we all follow Christ.**

The Blessing of the Water of Holy Baptism

The Welcome into the Family of Faith

Scripture      1 John 2: 3-27

Prayer of Illumination (**responsively**)

Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths.

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.**

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sermon      “Back to Basics #2”      Dr. Angel De La Cruz

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*Sermon on the Mount (**responsively**)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,

**for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,

**for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

**for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**for they shall be called sons of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

\*Prayer

**SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 80 “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” LONESOME VALLEY

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response:

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

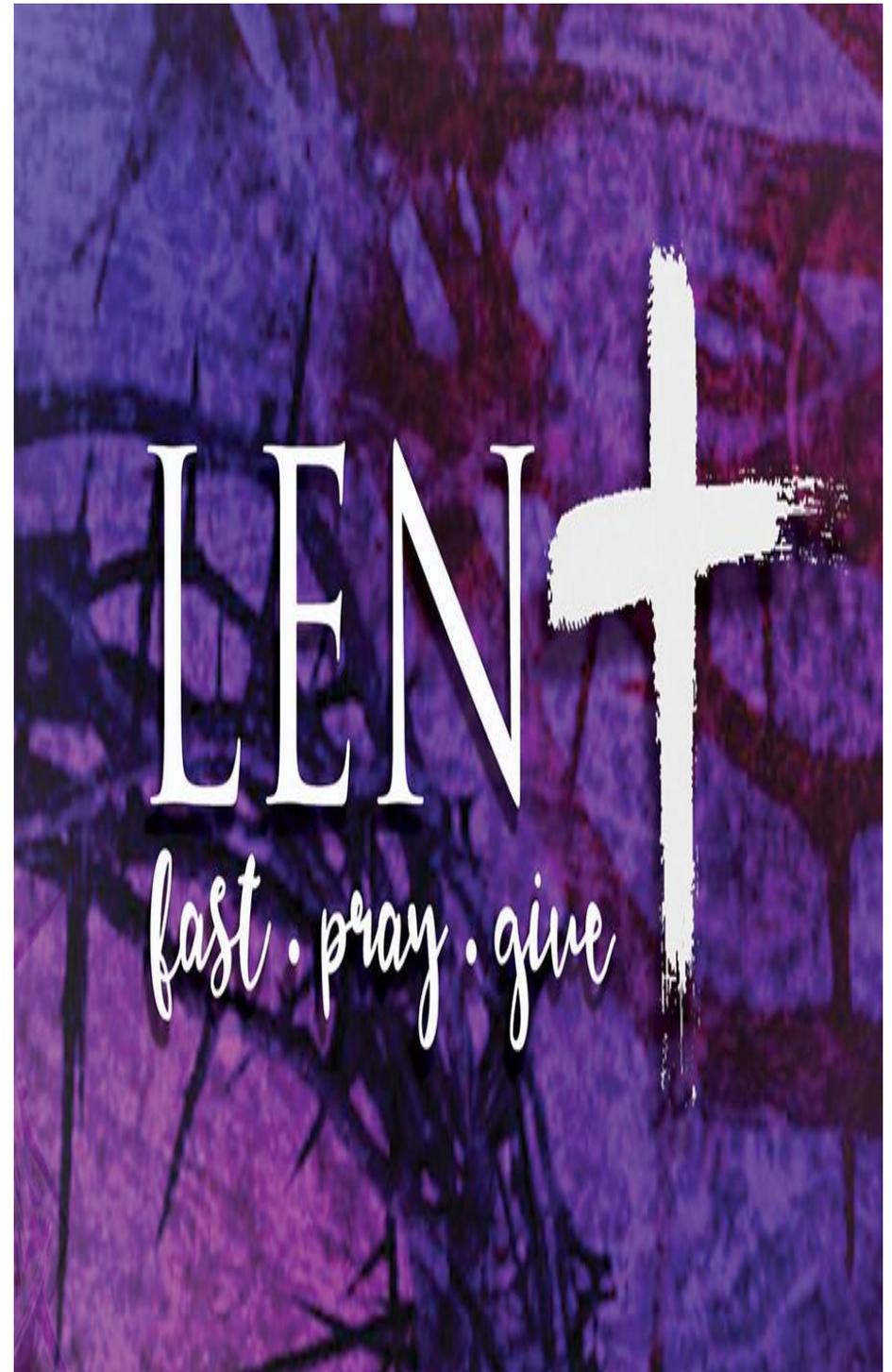
\*Postlude

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

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

**GREETERS TODAY** – Eric and Amber Pinkerton

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Tyler Keith and Hannah Schrecengost

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – Adalyn Quinn

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Nancy Rupert

Grey's Colonial Acres Home  
272 Colonial Drive  
Kittanning, PA 16201

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR MARCH** –

Elders – Sarah Pritt and Terry Johns

Deacons – Amber Pinkerton and Colton Fairman

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The Christian Education committee is collecting donations for our children's Easter Egg Hunt, if you would like to give a monetary donation or candy donation, please give to Kathy Burns or Susan Schrecengost.

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The Presbyterian Women continue to collect for Blanket Sunday through March. \$10.00 will buy one blanket. Envelopes will be in the vestibules throughout March. Please make checks payable to PW.

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### **THIS WEEK**

**March 29 – 11:00-1:00** – Calling all children! Butterfly Hill Preschool warmly invites you to a fantastic day at the Elderton Firehall with Steel City Golf. Join us for an exciting blend of golfing, delicious food, fun crafts, and engaging activities. Don't miss out on this memorable experience! For more information, please reach out to Barbara Johns.

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### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Nathan Johns requests prayers for Jennifer's grandmother, Mary Theresa Weber, who is in hospice care during her final days.

Pam Gaff asks for continued prayers for Isabelle and her baby. They received a good report and are currently 33 weeks pregnant.

Jodi Klingensmith seeks prayers for her mother, Loretta Conrad, who is in the ICU at ACMH with double pneumonia.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Linda Prugh requests prayers for Blair Brown, who is in the ICU following open-heart surgery. Linda also asks for prayers for Sandy Peterman, who is hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat.

Eric Longwell asks for prayers for two coworkers who were involved in car accidents last week.

### **OUR JOYS**

Blythe Johns is grateful that prayers were answered for Barbara Johns who received good test results.

Dewey and Veda Hixenbaugh extend their thanks for everyone's prayers, cards, and phone calls.

Nathan Johns is celebrating that his friend Jason is coaching the Penns Manor girls' basketball team as they head to the state final four. Katie Bertolino is a player on this team. Please pray that the team performs their best and enjoys the game.

### **ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

Sandy Peterman is in the hospital. Her heart is out of rhythm. She will have fluid drained from her lungs. Please pray she feels better soon.

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

This morning is a time for celebration  
as we participate in the baptism of:

**Chandler Blose**

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise,  
let us wholeheartedly commit ourselves  
to nurture Chandler and guide him on  
his journey in the Christian faith.

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