

**Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**ACOLYTE** – Adalyn Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

Choral Introit

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

Come to this space and time of repentance.

**We gather as a people of God.**

Come to this time and space of renewal.

**We gather as a people of Christ.**

Come to this space and time of grace.

**We gather as a people of Spirit. We live as a people of hope.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Hymnal No. 90 “His Name Is Wonderful” MIEIR

\***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**Holy One, we remember that we come from dust and it is dust we shall return. For our fleeting moments of life, we create hardship and resistance, dwell in pride and desire, stir negativity and envy. These are not your ways, but ours. Create in us clean hearts and open minds, we pray. We wish to be more like you. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem “Feed My Sheep” SHINHOLSE/REPPERT

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

Responsive Reading and Prayer of Blessing for Blanket Month – see screens

\*Praise Hymn No. 113 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” KAISER

Scripture 1 John 2: 28 – 3:4

Prayer of Illumination (**responsively**)

Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

**Teach us, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then we will keep them to the end.**

Give us understanding, and we will keep your law and obey it with all our hearts.

**ALL: Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sermon “Back to Basics #3” 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 Insert

“Near the Cross”

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

**GREETERS TODAY** – Tyler Keith and Hannah Schrecengost

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Iris Reese and Heather Bell

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – Emily Johns

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Helen Bowser, Room 101

Beacon Ridge

1515 Wayne Avenue

Indiana Pa, 15701

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR MARCH**

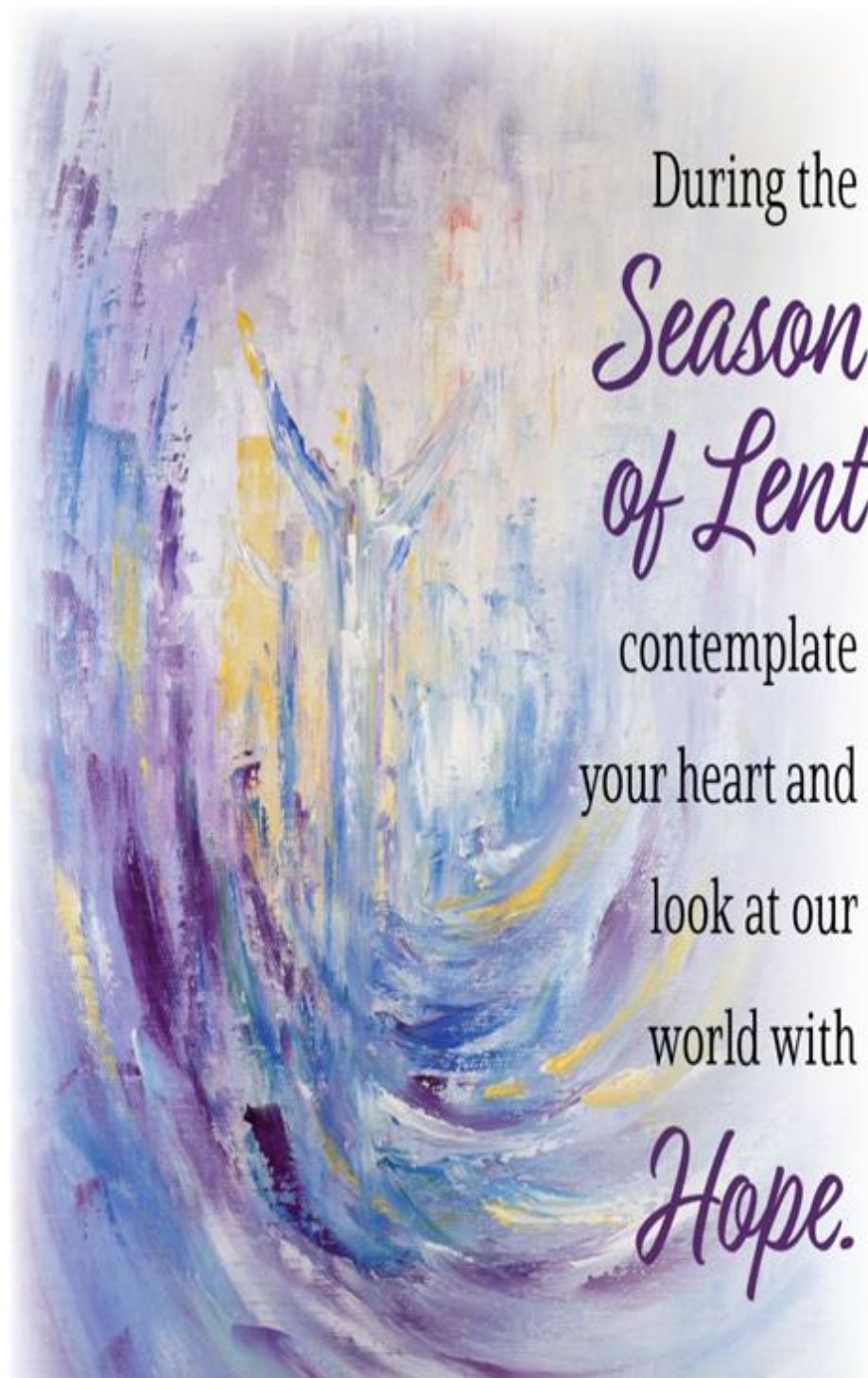
Elders – Sarah Pritt and Terry Johns

Deacons – Amber Pinkerton and Colton Fairman

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The flowers placed in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of mother and grandmother, Mary Lou Shaffer, who will celebrate her first heavenly birthday on April 11, by Jim and Robin Shaffer and Eric, Amber, and Sophia Pinkerton.

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The Christian Education committee is collecting donations for our children's Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate money or candy, please give it to Kathy Burns or Susan Schrecengost.

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Elderton Presbyterian Church will host Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. Emily Spencer and Barbara Johns will direct the program. We need volunteers to help make this a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Burns or Emily Spencer.

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## **TODAY**

The Presbyterian Women will sponsor Blanket Sunday through March. **Today is the last day we will collect for this mission.** \$10.00 will buy one blanket. Envelopes will be in the vestibules throughout March. Please make checks payable to PW and place in the offering plate,

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## **NEXT WEEK**

**April 6** – Butterfly Hill Pre-K class will provide special music.

**April 9 – 1:00** - Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's house.

**April 10 – 10:00 – 3:00** – Helping Hand – Please see Sheila Brumbaugh to help with this mission.

**April 10 – 6:00** – Session Meeting

**6:00** – Deacons Meeting

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## **COMING UP**

**April 13 – Palm Sunday** – We will celebrate in the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Palms will be distributed as you leave the sanctuary.

**April 16 – 5:00-7:00** – Butterfly Hill Preschool art show at Elderton Firehall.

**April 17 – 7:00** - Maundy Thursday Service – Communion will be served.

**April 18** – Good Friday – The church office will be closed.

**April 20 – 8:00 AM** – Easter morning breakfast in Fellowship Hall, please bring a covered dish.

**April 20 – 9:30 AM** – Children's Easter Egg Hunt, weather permitting, we will be outside. Donations for candy are needed; please give monetary or candy donations to Kathy Burns or Susan Schrecengost.

**April 20 – 10:30 AM** – We invite you to join us for a joyful service as we celebrate our risen Lord.

**April 27** – We will collect our Spring Offering to benefit the In His Name Fund.

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