

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2024**

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“Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us” – John Stott

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Aaron Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

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

Who has gathered this day in the sanctuary of the Lord?

We, the sheep of his pasture and the people of God, have come.

Why have you come, O people of God?

We have come to worship the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In what spirit have you come this Lenten season?

We stand here with a spirit of earnestness. We seek the forgiveness of sin and the life everlasting. We have come with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 355 “Here the Good News of Salvation” NETTLETON

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in this season of penitence, prayer, fasting, and reflection on the ministry of Jesus, we confess our desperate need for your grace. The sorrow from our sins is overwhelming. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. We have lived lives of greed and consumption while others have gone without. Forgive us, O

Lord. Have mercy on us. Raise us anew so that we may learn to love you and our neighbors according to the gospel of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem

“Near the Cross”

DOANE/HARLAN

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon – Hannah Schreengost

*Praise Hymnal No. 19 “Glorify Thy Name”

ADKINS

Scripture

1 John 1: 1-10; 2: 1-2

Prayer of Illumination (**responsively**)

Lord God, let the words of your servant’s mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight,

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen

Sermon

“Back to Basics #1”

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. 84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” RATHBUN

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

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

*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 – Krista and Grant Johnston

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Lanette and Jaden Klonowski

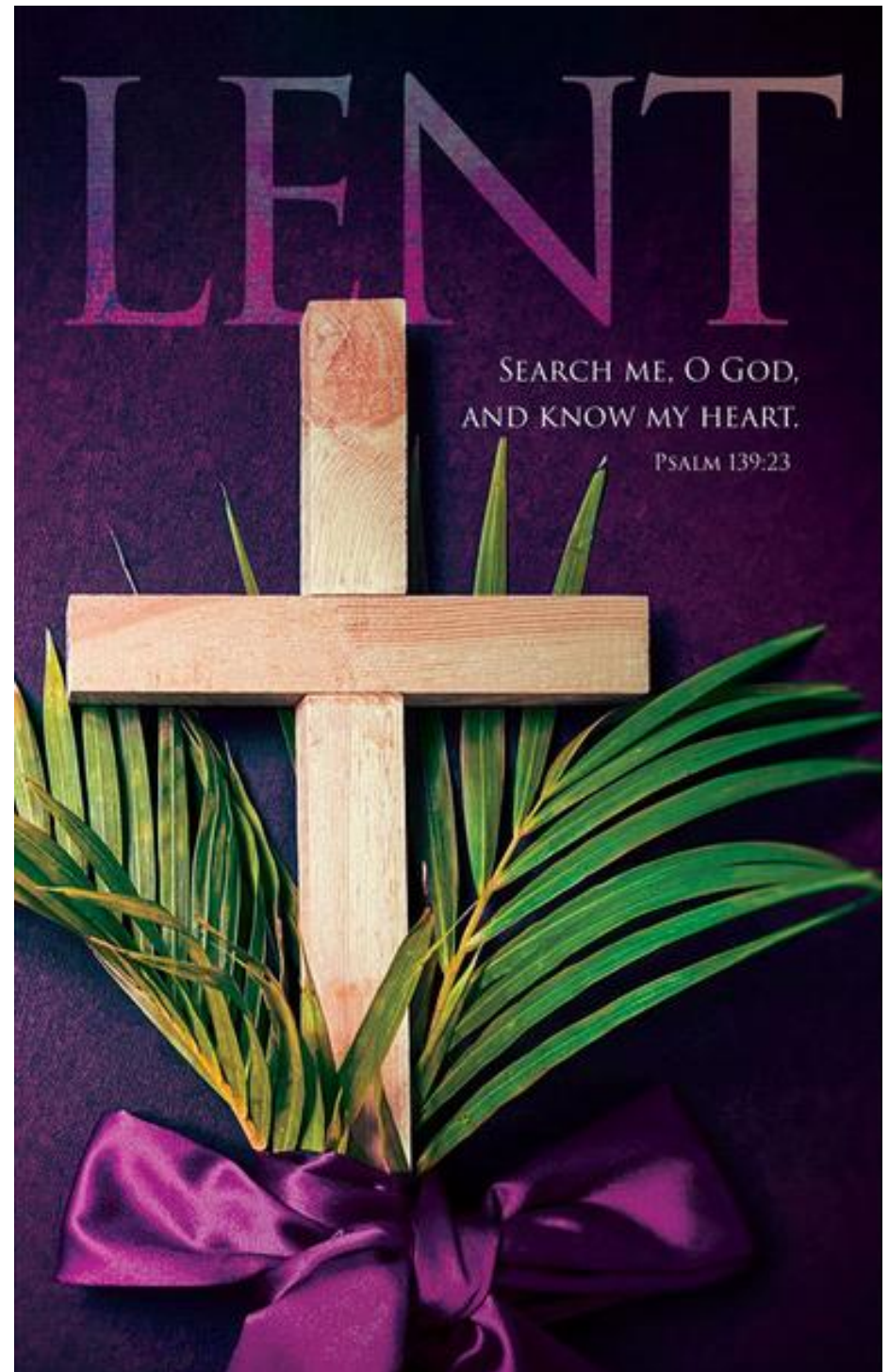
ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Mia Scrips

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

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

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 11 – no office prayer time.

NEXT WEEK

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
March 20 – 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting

COMING UP

March 23—We will have adult baptism during worship service. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Dr. Angel or Susan.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nathan Johns requests prayers for his co-worker, Barb, who is caring for her mother, and for another co-worker, Amy, whose mother is in hospice care.

Blythe Johns seeks prayers for her great-niece, Quinn, who has been diagnosed with the flu and is experiencing a very high fever. Blythe also asks for prayers for the safety of Gabriella's cheer team.

Terry Johns requests prayers for his uncle, Bob McConnell, who is in hospice, and for his family as they make important decisions.

Bob Griffin asks for prayers for his grandson Isaiah as he returns to the States from his deployment.

Jeff Elgin requests prayers for Marcia, who has the flu, and for his brother-in-law, Richard Putney, who was taken to the hospital this morning.

Sheila Brumbaugh seeks continued prayers for her brother Keith; his surgery to place stents went well.

Miranda Schrecengost asks for prayers for seven-year-old Hazen, who is experiencing seizures.

Linda Prugh requests prayers for the family of Pam Reese following her passing.

Susan Schrecengost asks for prayers for the family of Terry Peters after his passing.

Barbara Johns seeks continued prayers for Kayla as she heals from her car accident.

Cassie Clowser requests prayers for Shelby's blood pressure to remain stable throughout her pregnancy.

OUR JOYS

Cassie is joyful that her grandson Blaine is feeling better and shares in the delight of Zane and Lizzy expecting a baby girl.

Nathan Johns is pleased that Emily and Travis participated in the WSHS musical, "Freaky Friday."

ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Blair Brown had a heart catheterization; they found 60% blockage in one artery and 70% in another. He is consulting with an open-heart surgeon.
