

Elderton Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Emily Johns

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

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

O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 108

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work, and the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship stretch our understanding, that we may know our lives in the perspective of your sovereign authority. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your intention for the world, and to be at home wherever your spirit leads us; through Jesus Christ your faithful witness.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Praise Hymnal No. 40

“God Will Make a Way”

MOEN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Invitation

The Presentation

The Words of Institution

The Commitment of the Congregation

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we now receive Shawna into Christ’s church. I charge you to nurture and love and assist her 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 to follow Christ.

The Blessing of the Water of Holy Baptism

The Welcome into the Family of Faith

Scripture Reading

Luke 17: 32-33

Sermon

“Remember Lots Wife”

Dr. De La Cruz

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed - in unison - page 14 in blue hymnal

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 285

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

A warm welcome to all those visiting with us today. We pray you are blessed and encouraged as we worship together. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out the welcome card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

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

There are puzzle papers and color sheets for the children in the vestibules. Please take one for your child.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Kaely Klonowski and Jaden Klonowski

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Terri Maughan and Alexandra Maughan

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – MaKayla Scrips

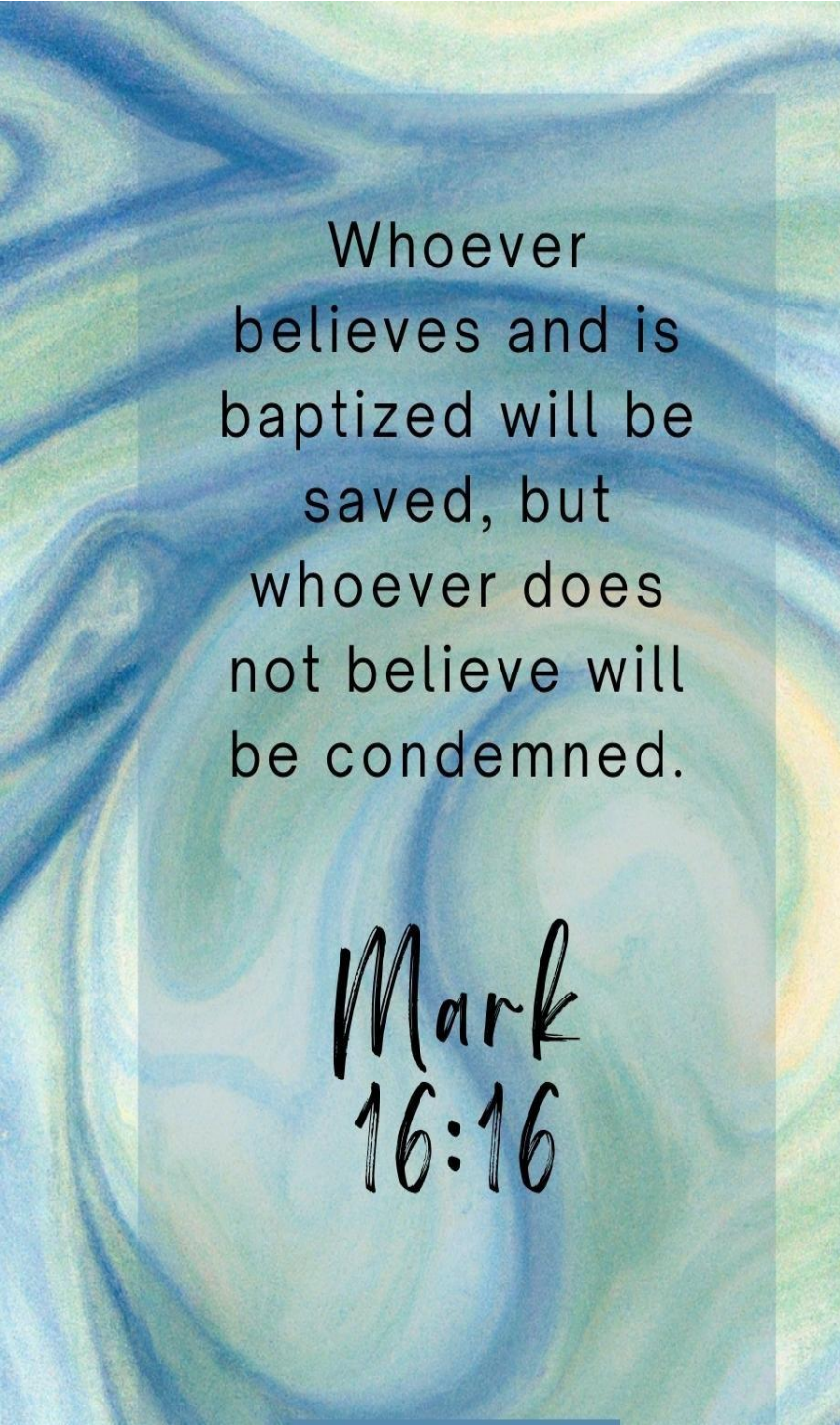
VISITATION TEAMS FOR APRIL

Elders – Marcia Elgin and Susan Schrecengost

Deacons – Jeff Elgin and Dave Smail

We will continue to collect our special spring offering each Sunday through the month of April for the In His Name Fund. This fund is used for anyone in our congregation and community who face emergency needs such as fire, flood, medical needs etc. Please use the envelope in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

Last Sunday, the Christian Education committee gave everyone in the congregation a wooden pocket cross to remind us how much Jesus loves us. If you were not at service last week, please take a cross from the baskets in the vestibules, keep it in your pocket, in your car, in your backpack or purse so that every time you see the cross you are reminded how much Jesus loves you.



Whoever
believes and is
baptized will be
saved, but
whoever does
not believe will
be condemned.

Mark
16:16

We would like to offer nursery time during worship service. If you would like to volunteer to be in the nursery, please see Susan Schrecengost. We cannot offer nursery time to parents if we don't have volunteers.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to do a children's sermon, please see Dr. Angel or Susan to schedule.

Elderton Presbyterian Church will host Vacation Bible School June 3-7, 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 Susan Schrecengost or Emily Spencer. We are collecting paper towel and toilet paper rolls for crafts. Please put them in the church office.

In Our Prayers

Loretta Coleman asks for prayers for good test results for Bob.

Terry Johns asks for prayers for John and Helen Bowser as they deal with several health issues.

Dee Craig asks for prayers for the Radaker family, they lost everything in a house fire.

Amber Pinkerton asks for prayers for the Gene McCroskey family on his passing.

Carly Ferringer asks for prayers for her mom's aunt who had a heart attack.

Bob Griffin asks for prayers for his granddaughter who delivered her baby at 32 weeks.

Our Joys

Iris Reese has a joy that her coworker, Terri, is cancer free.

Charlene and Angel celebrated 26 years of marriage.

THE SACARMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Shawna Marie Taylor

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise,
let us commit ourselves to Shawna's
nurture and guidance in the Christian faith.

