

**Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026**

Pastor – Rev. Dr. Angel De La Cruz  
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*The mission of Elderton Presbyterian Church is to bring the  
Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ to the surrounding community,  
We do this through worship, education, and missions.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**ACOLYTE** – Lucy Taylor

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship: **responsively**

Christ the Lord is risen today!

**Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

The tomb is empty. There is no body.

**Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

Death no longer has a sting.

**Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

Sin no longer has a hold.

**Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

A new day has dawned!

**Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

\*Praise Liturgy –**responsively**

Christ is Risen!

**The Lord is Risen, indeed!**

We see the rising sun and sense new life.

**The darkness fades, and we find a new day.**

This day the Lord comes to us in new ways.

**The risen Christ brings us new life.**

We celebrate that day in the ages past when Jesus arose.

**We celebrate today when he lives anew in us.**

Our mouths are filled with the song of joy.

**Our hearts are filled with God’s new presence.**

We are a people blessed with Good News.

**We will spread it to our community and world.**

The power of the risen Christ is within and among us.

**May the whole world be filled with Christ’s presence.**

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem

“Risen Today Medley”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Time – Barbara Johns

\*Hymn No. 302

“I Danced in the Morning”

SIMPLE GIFTS

Scripture

Matthew 28: 1-10

Prayer of Illumination – **responsively**

Lord Christ, we believe in you.

**Help our unbelief. Amen.**

Sermon

“Evidence of the Resurrection”

Dr. Angel 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. 525

“Here I am Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response:

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

\*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 that 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** – Chad and Shawna Taylor

**USHERS TODAY** – Corey and Megan Marsh

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Brett and Joanie Riggle

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – Adalyn Quinn

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Alice Graham

120 Kittanning Care Drive  
Kittanning, PA 16201

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR APRIL**

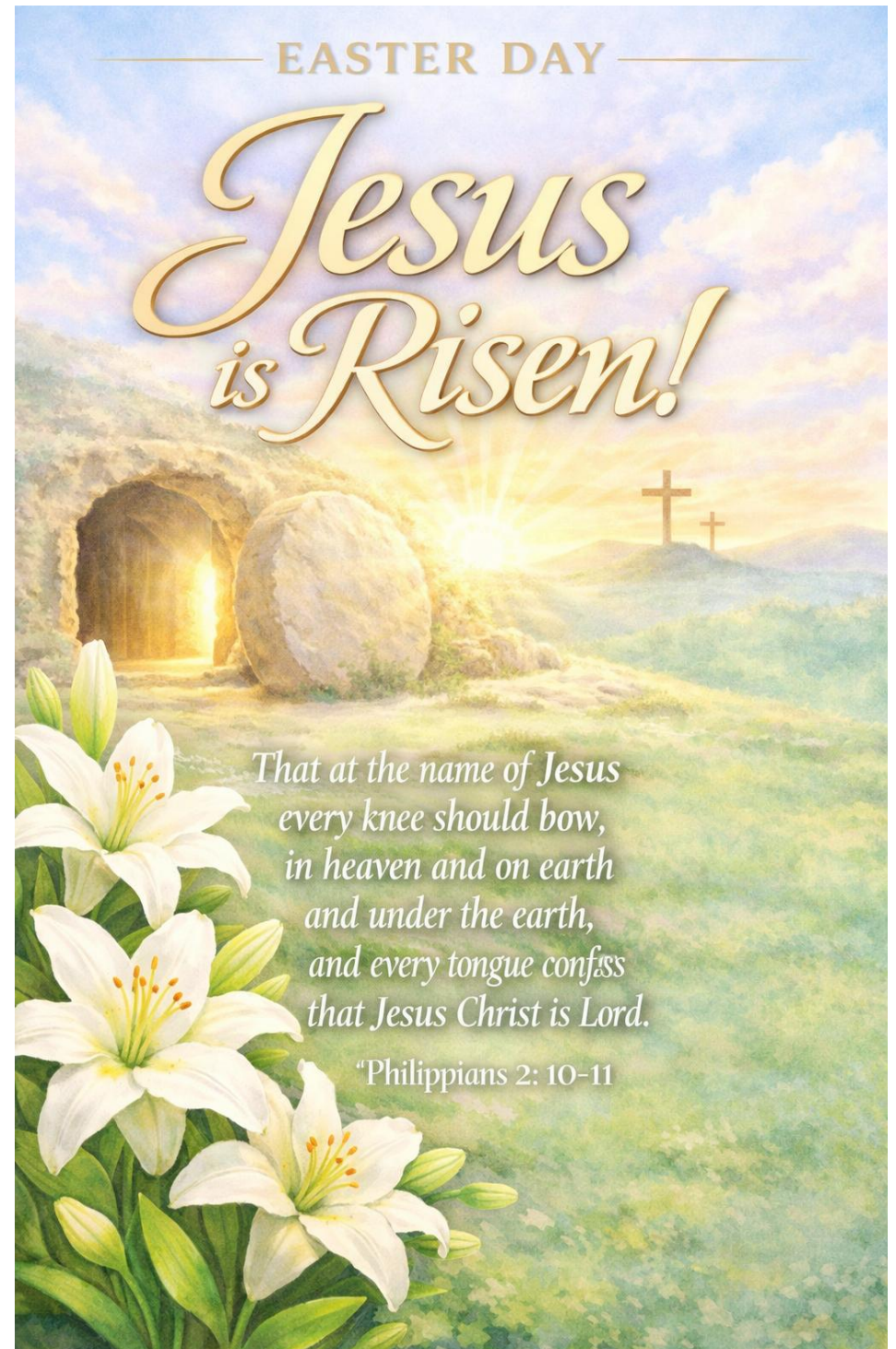
Elders – Jeff Schrecengost and Cheryl Hankey

Deacons – Eric Schrecengost and Tyler Kieth

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This April, we invite you to contribute to our special spring offering in support of the In His Name Fund. This vital fund provides assistance to those in our congregation and community who face difficult times. In 2025, we were proud to help 13 families with urgent needs, including medical, heating, and water bills, car accidents, and fire recovery. Your generosity can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it the most. Please place your check, payable to EPC, or cash in the special offering envelope found in your bulletin.

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*That at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*"Philippians 2: 10-11"*

We're excited to continue building our new church picture directory. We would love for *everyone* to be a part of it! Our goal is to include our entire church family: members, regular attendees, and all of our new families. Please text or email your picture to Hannah Keith – 724-541-3360 or [hschrec@gmail.com](mailto:hschrec@gmail.com). The deadline to submit your picture is May 3, 2026.

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#### Upcoming Activities at Elderton Plumcreek Rec Park

Adult basketball league this spring. Anyone interested, please contact Keisha Brocious at 724-599-6559 for more information.

Book Club – 7:00 PM – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Dave and Pat Brown Pavilion. Contact Facebook or any park member for more details.

April 18 – 9:00 PM – 12:00 PM – Park clean-up event. Rain Date – April 25.

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#### THIS WEEK

**April 8 – 1:00** – Circle meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home.

**April 9 – 6:00** – Session Meeting

**6:00** – Deacons Meeting

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#### COMING UP

**April 21 – 11:00 AM** – Men's Bible Study at Crouse's Café.

**April 23 – 10:00 AM – 3:00 – PM** - Helping Hand – Please contact Sheila Brumbaugh at 724-549-9113 to help with this mission.

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#### PRAYERS

Dee Craig requests prayers for her sister, Karen, for good test results. Dee also requests prayers for Sharon Aikins. Sharon will have surgery in April for a mass in her abdomen.

Tom Spencer requests prayers for his brother, Mike, who has a mass on his abdomen.

Heather Bell requests prayers for Arlene Wingard as she transitions to St. Andrews.

Amber Pinkerton requests prayers for Nicole Myers on the death of her father.

Hannah Keith requests prayers for Tyler, Colton, and Conner's grandfather as he undergoes testing.

Blythe Johns requests prayers for her past co-worker and Kirsten's co-worker, who found his son after a tragic suicide. Blythe also asks for prayers for a neighbor from Ebensburg who was killed in a wrong-way crash on Interstate 99.

#### JOYS

Sue Quinn thanks the congregation for the prayers, cards, and phone calls for her foot surgery.

Tom Spencer thanks the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and food for his knee surgery.

Nathan Johns is thankful that, though Travis had a trip to the ER, all test results came back with good results.

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A special thanks to those who provided flowers for the Easter season.  
Please take your flowers after today's service.

**In Memory of Loved Ones –**

John and Dee Craig  
Joe and Betsy Bertilino  
Corey and Meagan Marsh

**In Loving Memory of –**

Vaughn and Dorothy Taylor, by Lori Rodgers and family  
Linnie Rodgers, by Lori Rodgers and family  
Deb Pletcher, by Nathan and Jennifer Johns  
Our Parents, by Jeff and Marcia Elgin  
Patti Scrips, by Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips  
Linnie Rodgers, by Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips  
Grandparents, by Eric and Amber Pinkerton  
Parents, Bill and Betty Wood, by the Wood Family  
Russ and Nancy Brumbaugh, by Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh  
Thelma and Jerry Longwell, by Kris and Eric Longwell  
Sister, Melanie Grew, by Kristine Grew-Longwell  
Grandparents, Harold and Ada Uptegraph, by Eric and Susan Schrecengost  
Parents, Hick and Gladys Johns, by Terry and Blythe Johns  
Parents, Jack and Jean Quinn, by Terry and Blythe Johns  
Sister, Nancy Zelenski, by Terry and Blythe Johns  
Grandparents, by Terry and Blythe Johns  
Francis and Ruth Olinger, by Tom and Sue Quinn  
Jack and Jean Quinn, by Tom and Sue Quinn  
Loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother, Deb Pletcher, by Dave Pletcher  
Father, Joe Perry by Brett and Joanie Riggle  
Brother, Dominick Magagnotti-Recupero by Brett and Joanie Riggle  
Frank and Mildred Popp, Russell and Frances Schrecengost, by Nancy Schrecengost  
Clair Schrecengost, by Nancy Schrecengost

**In Honor of –**

The Choir by Terry and Blythe Johns  
Tom and Sue Quinn by Adam and Ashley Quinn  
Aaron, Adalyn, Ava, and Asher by Adam and Ashley Quinn  
Our Children and Grandchildren by Jeff and Marcia Elgin  
Cassie Clowser for her dedication to each worship service

