

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday Easter
April 7, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Adalyn Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

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

This is the message we have heard and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God is no darkness at all.

Behold, how good it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

Let us worship God, expressing our unity and praising God's name for bringing light to the world.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 113 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we can hardly believe that you have given us life and salvation as a free gift in Jesus Christ! We confess that we continually try to carry the burden of sin and salvation on our own shoulders, rather than trusting your forgiveness and seeking new life in your Spirit. Help us to place our trust in you, and to accept the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

*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

Children's Sermon – Kathy Jo Scrips

*Hymn No. 170 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Sermon "Psalm 23, You and Me" 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. 302 "I Danced in the Morning" SIMPLE GIFTS

*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.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Dave Pletcher and Travis Johns

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Lanette Klonowski and Jaden Klonowski

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Emily Johns

VISITATION TEAMS FOR APRIL

Elders – Marcia Elgin and Susan Schrecengost

Deacons – Jeff Elgin and Dave Smail

We will 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.

THIS WEEK

April 11 – 6:00 – Session meeting

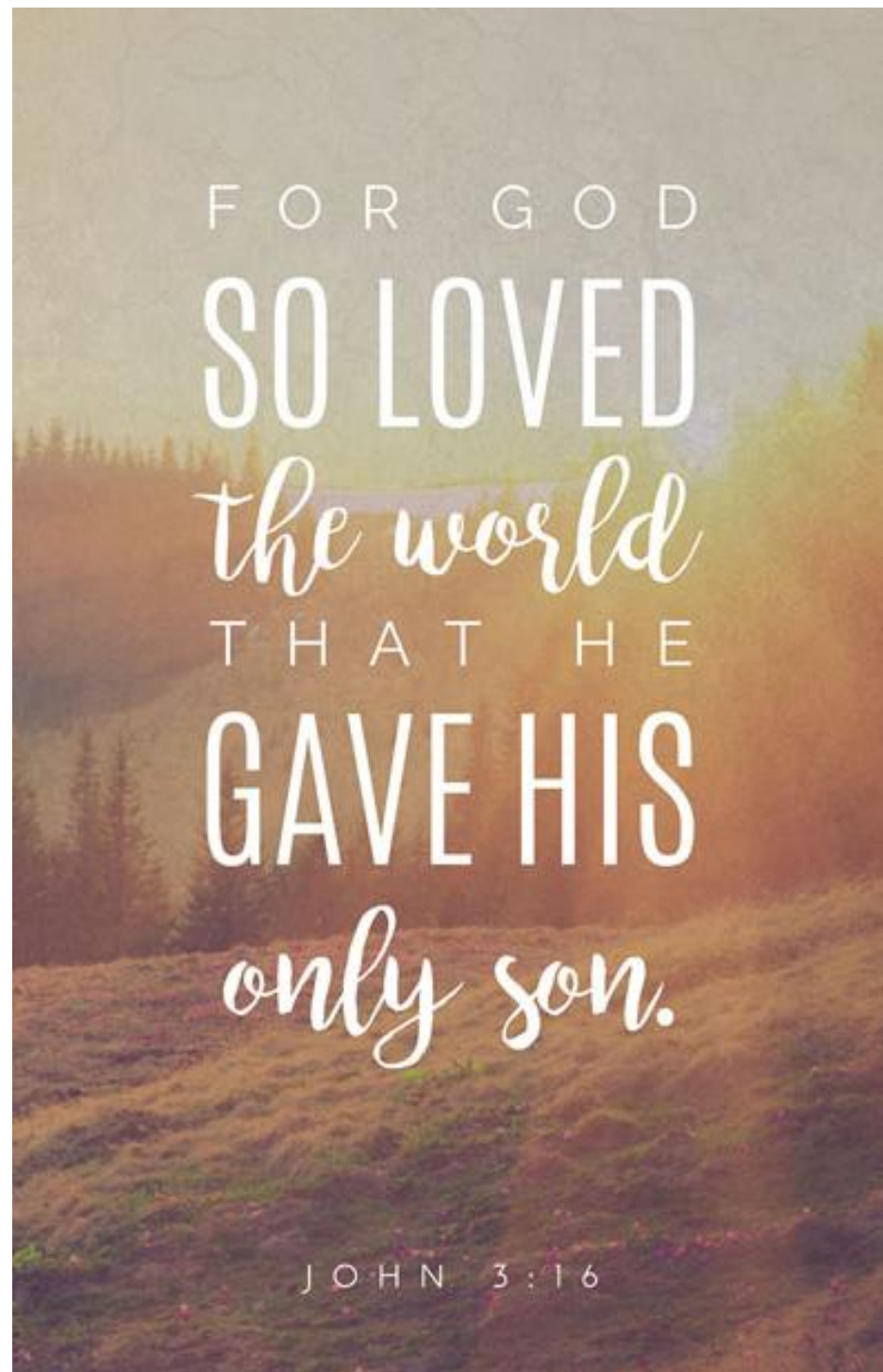
6:00 – Deacon's meeting

NEXT WEEK

April 14 – We will have an adult baptism during worship service, if you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office 724-354-3117 before April 11.

If you would like to donate chancel flowers, the following dates are available April 14, 21 and 28. Please call Joanie Riggle 724-954-1671, or the church office 724-354-3117 to schedule.

We are excited to have more children attending Sunday school and worship service. 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.



The Christian Education committee would like to thank everyone who made a monetary or candy donation for the Easter Egg hunt last Sunday. It is because of your generosity that the egg hunt was a success.

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

Pam Gaff asks for continued prayers for her mom, Eileen, she had a couple falls this week.

Bob Griffin asks for prayers for the Thompson family.

Linda Prugh asks for prayers for Helen Bowser, she is in the hospital.

Chet Schall asks for prayers for his great nephew, Charlie Schall, he is in the hospital with an eating disorder and anxiety.

Our Joys

Blythe Johns has a joy for the wonderful attendance for the Easter morning breakfast.

David Clowser has a joy to be in worship with his family today and to God be the Glory for his great grandson, Aiden.

On Our Prayer Chain

John Bowser is in the Armstrong County Hospital with pneumonia.

Helen Bowser is in Allegheny General Hospital; tests are being done to figure out what is causing her problems.

Mary Orr has requested prayers for a dear friend who is going through a lot right now.

Blythe Johns asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Finn, he had a heart attack, a stint was placed in a blocked artery. He will be assessed to determine how much damage was done to his heart.

Dr. Angel asks for prayers for the earthquake victims in Taiwan.
