

**Elderton Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

*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** – Cooper Grantz

Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**

Choral Introit

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

Leader: In the beginning, God hung lights in the dome of heaven: the sun to rule the day, the moon to rule the night, the stars to mark the seasons.

**People: And God saw that it was good.**

Leader: We live in a rare and God inspired window of time.

**People: A moment of perfect alignment—a sign, a wonder, a gift.**

Leader: On the mountain, three disciples glimpsed the glory of the Risen Christ.

**People: They wanted to stay—but Jesus called them back to the valley.**

Leader: God gives us mountaintop moments of dazzling revelation.

**People: And steady, unseen faithfulness in every ordinary valley day.**

**All: Come, let us worship the God who aligns the cosmos and steadies our lives. Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

\***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**God of mountain and valley, we confess that we have chased the spectacular and neglected the steady. We have wanted to linger in glory and resisted the call back to ordinary life. We have looked for you only in the dramatic and missed your faithful presence in the everyday. We have let anxiety rule our hearts when we could not see your hand at work. We have forgotten that you are our refuge and strength. A very present help even when we cannot feel it. Forgive us. Teach us to receive both the radiant moment and the quiet day as gifts from your hand. Ground us in your faithfulness that does not change. Through Christ, who descended from the mountain to walk with us in the valley. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

**THE WORD**

Anthem “Jesus Savior”

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

Children’s Time – Rod Burns

\*Praise Hymnal No.243 “Surely the Presence” WOLFE

Old Testament Scripture – Genesis 1: 14-18

New Testament Scripture – Luke 9: 28-36

Sermon “Perfect Alignment” Rev. Eric Longwell

**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. 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

\*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** – Larry and Linda Prugh

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK** – Doug and Jodi Klingensmith

**ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK** – London Smith

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER** – Butch Rodgers

PO Box 119

Elderton, PA 15736

**VISITATION TEAMS FOR APRIL**

Elders – Jeff Schrecengost and Cheryl Hankey

Deacons – Eric Schrecengost and Tyler Kieth

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We invite you to contribute to our Spring special offering to benefit the In His Name Fund. Next Sunday is the last opportunity to make a difference, so please consider donating. You can use the envelopes provided in the vestibules, write your check payable to EPC or cash, and place the envelope in the offering plate. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on those in our congregation and community who need assistance.

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We're excited to build our new church picture directory and want everyone included! If you're reading this, you're invited to submit a picture. We have about half of the needed photos, so please hand a photo or send one to Hannah Keith at 724-541-3360 or hschrec@gmail.com by May 3, 2026. If you need help, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you!

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Pastor Angel is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lead Children's Time. If you have a passion for sharing the love of Jesus with our kids, please connect with Susan to schedule your Sunday. A heartfelt thank you to those who have already stepped up; your support truly makes a difference!

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**TODAY**

Today, we will collect for the Hunger Offering. Please place your change in the buckets found in the vestibules. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

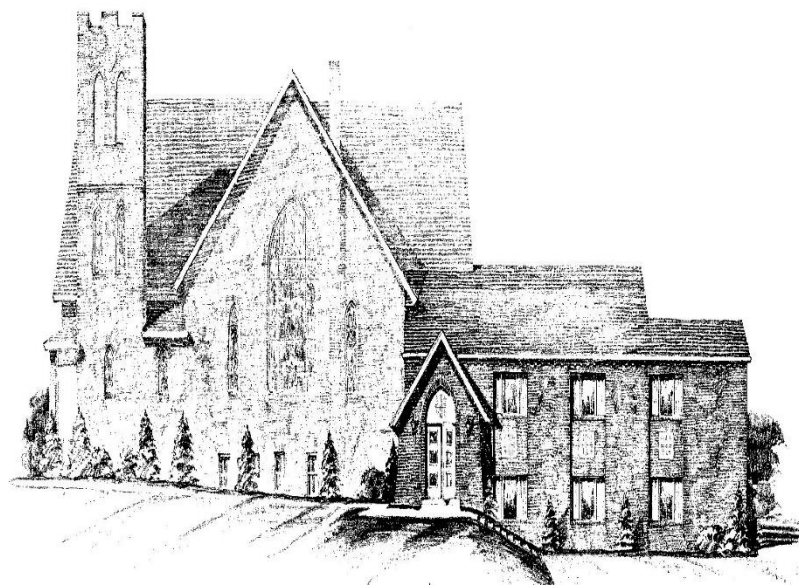
**11:00 – 2:00** – Pancake and Sausage Dinner at Elderton Firehall.

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## THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

115 North Main Street

Elderton, PA 15736



**WORSHIP - 10:30 AM**

**Pastor – Rev. Dr. Angel De La Cruz**

**Cell Phone – 724-699-5675**

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**Church Email - [preschurch@eldertonpa.org](mailto:preschurch@eldertonpa.org)**

**Secretary Office Hours:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

## THIS WEEK

**April 21 – 11:00** – Men's Bible Study at Crouse's in Shelocta.

**April 23 – 10:00 – 3:00** – Helping Hand.

**6:00** – Christian Education Committee meeting.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

Mark Schrecengost requests prayers for Pat's daughter, Christine Bryte. Chris will be having her gall bladder removed. Mark also asks for prayers for Amber Brown and her children. Amber's husband is battling cancer with a poor prognosis, and her father suddenly passed away.

Sheila Brumbaugh requests prayers for Jamey's healing. Jamey cut his finger at work, which required stitches.

Hannah Keith requests continued prayers for Tyler, Colton, and Conners Pap. His tests came back showing cancer. The cancer is localized to one place and will be treated with radiation.

Bob Griffin requests prayers for the safety of his family, who are deployed in the Philippines.

Cassie Clowser requests prayers of healing and comfort for Mark's mom, Charlotte. Cassie also asks for unspoken prayers for family members.

Lori Rodgers requests prayers for Gabe Schrecengost and his family. Gabe was deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for all military personnel and their families.

## JOYS

Linda Prugh is happy to be back in church. Linda also has reason to rejoice that her son, Jeff, has accepted a new job with the Attorney General's Office in Erie.

Blythe Johns is happy to see many in attendance who have been battling sickness over the winter.

Nathan Johns is happy to report that he has spent some time with John Bowser the past few weeks. John is doing well but still needs prayers.

Dee Craig is happy to report that Sharon Aikins had surgery and the mass was benign. Sharon is recovering at home.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 15 – 19 – 5:30 – 8:00 PM

This year, our Bible school program will be a bit different since we will hold it in the evening.

We hope this change will encourage more people to help out.

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please consider volunteering for a wonderful, fun-filled week at Rain Forest Falls, where we will teach our children what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their Creator, and a safe place in life's storms.

To volunteer, please contact the directors - Emily Spencer at 724-954-4591 or Rylee Riggie at 724-525-3377.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to VBS, please give it to Kathy Burns or Jodi Klingensmith

We are collecting boxes to make props and decorations.

