

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
May 11, 2025

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Adalyn Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

We come to be cleansed by the water of life.

God adopts us as children of God.

We come as sinners redeemed

In thanksgiving for God's grace bestowed upon us.

We come as a community of love

Surrounding and blessing the newly baptized from this day forward.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 473 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

You have commanded that we honor our mothers and fathers, O Lord. Still, we confess that we sometimes have an easier time identifying our differences with family than seeing the things we have in common. Forgive us, Lord, and show us how we can better forgive the people around us. Set us free to live in a community with you at the center. In the name of Jesus, who loved his earthly parents and his heavenly Father. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem "It Is Well With My Soul" SPAFFORD/BLISS
Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 492 "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Presentation – Pam Gaff

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Commitment of the Congregation

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we now receive Oakley May Johnston 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 Oakley into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you as we all follow Christ.

The Blessing of the Water of Holy Baptism

Welcome into the Family of Faith

Scripture Ruth 1: 16-22

Sermon "Naomi: An Example of Motherhood" 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. 443 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" AURELIA

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*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.

Headsets for those with hearing impairments are available during worship. See Cassie or the sound system person to get one.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Colton and Shelby Fairman

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Lanette and Jaden Klonowski

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Emily Johns

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Helen Bowser, Room 101
Beacon Ridge
1515 Wayne Avenue
Indiana, PA 15701

VISITATION TEAMS FOR MAY

Elders – Terri Maughan

Deacons – Ryan Scrips and Linda Richardson

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The session and the deacons' meetings have been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 PM.

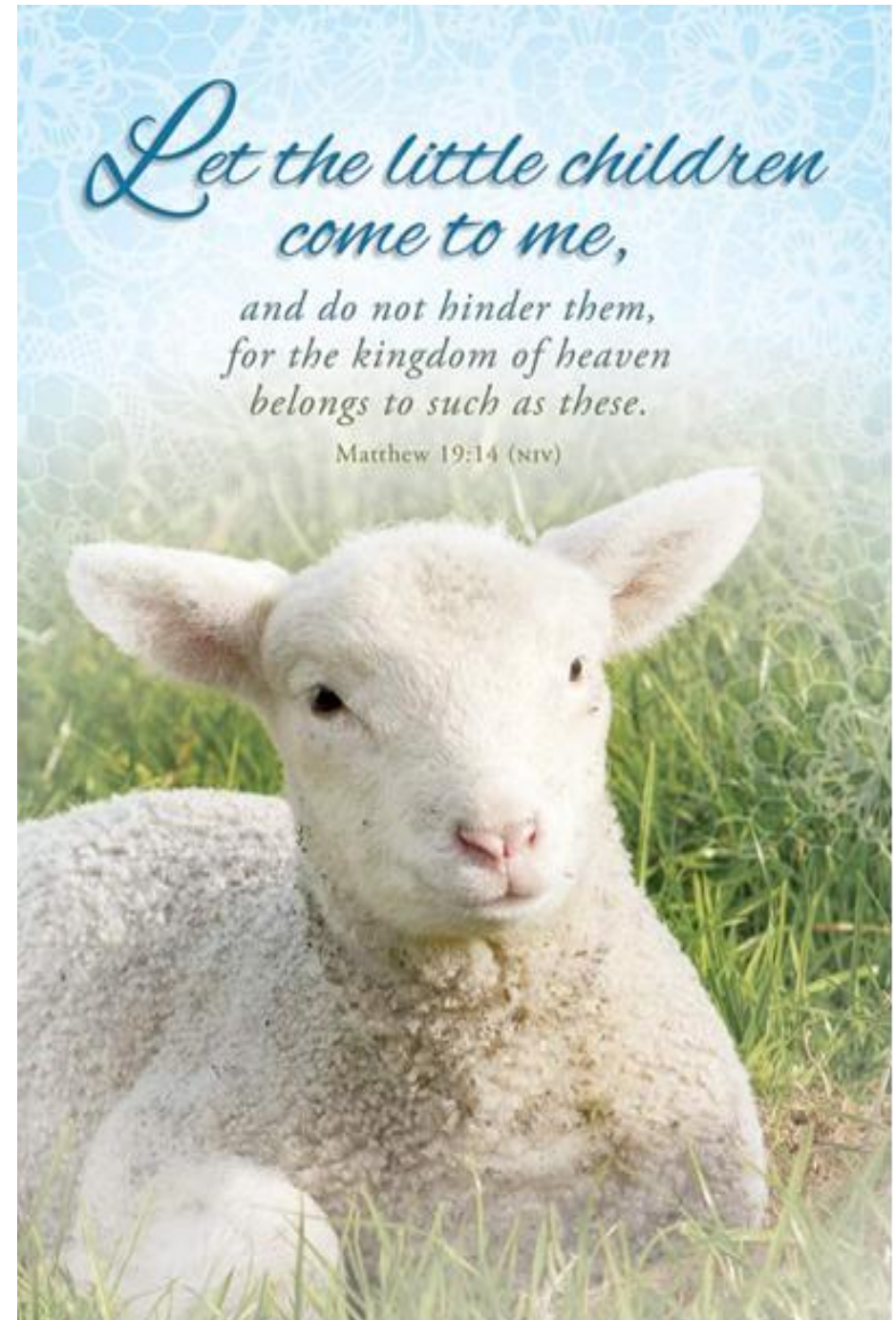
IN OUR PRAYERS

Joe Scrips asks for prayers for a friend who received a cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Angel asks for prayers for Rev. Dawn Hand as she navigates an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Pam Gaff asks for continued prayers for her work friend, Ashley, as she continues to recover from a car accident.

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



IN OUR PRAYERS

Blythe Johns asks for prayers for Michael, who is having some bad side effects from his treatments.

Cassie asks for travel mercies for Mark, he is working in Alabama, travel mercies for herself, she is going on vacation, continued prayers for Lizzy and Shelby as they progress in their pregnancies, and for Zane as he works many hours as a lineman to restore the power.

Kathy Jo Scrips asks for prayers for good results on an MRI Mia had on her shoulder.

OUR JOYS

Sue Quinn is thankful she and Tom could go to Nashville with friends for vacation.

Cassie and Mark Clowser celebrated 31 years of marriage on April 30.

ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Blythe Johns asks for prayers for Alayna Zelenski, who was taken to the hospital by ambulance because she kept passing out.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Oakley May Johnston
daughter of
Isabelle Gaff and Dawson Johnston

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise,
let us wholeheartedly commit ourselves to nurturing
Oakley and guiding her on her journey in the Christian faith.
