

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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 – Jonah Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

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

Leader: We gather under skies that declare the faithfulness of God.

People: We come seeking signs of hope in a weary world.

Leader: The same light that has shone since creation still bends toward us.

People: We come to be found by that light.

Leader: God's covenant is written into the fabric of creation itself.

People: We come to remember, to recognize, and to rejoice.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who keeps every promise.

People: We worship the God who knows us each by name.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always trusted your promises. We have let fear crowd out faith, and grief obscure your presence. We have looked for you in the wrong places or stopped looking altogether. We have forgotten that your covenant is eternal, that your mercy reaches to the heavens, that you call each of us by name. Forgive us for the times we have walked right past you on the road. Restore our sight, renew our hope, and remind us that your faithfulness does not depend on our ability to perceive it. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*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. 199 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Old Testament Scripture- Genesis 9: 8-17

New Testament Scripture – Luke 13-35

Sermon "Forty-Two Degrees of Grace" 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. 119 (verses only; no refrain) "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

God be with you til we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you til we meet again.

*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 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.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Justin and Cierra Claypoole

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Jim and Robin Shaffer

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Zachary Smith

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Butch Rodgers

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Elderton, PA 15736

VISITATION TEAMS FOR MAY

Elders – Sarah Pritt and Kathy Burns

Deacons – Ryan and Sarah Scrips

We are excited to announce that Children's Summer Sunday School will take place on the second Sunday of each month in June, July, and August! Adults are also invited to join us on these same days for a light breakfast. If you're interested in hosting a breakfast, please reach out to Kathy Burns at 724-919-3840 for more details.

While our talented choir takes a well-deserved break for the summer, we need to fill our Sunday anthem time with something special. This can be music, singing, playing an instrument, a reading, a video, etc. Please share your talent with us! Please see Cassie to sign up.

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.

THIS WEEK

May 19 – 11:00 – Men's Bible Study at Crouse's Café in Shelocta

May 19 & May 20 – Butterfly Hill Preschool promotions and graduation

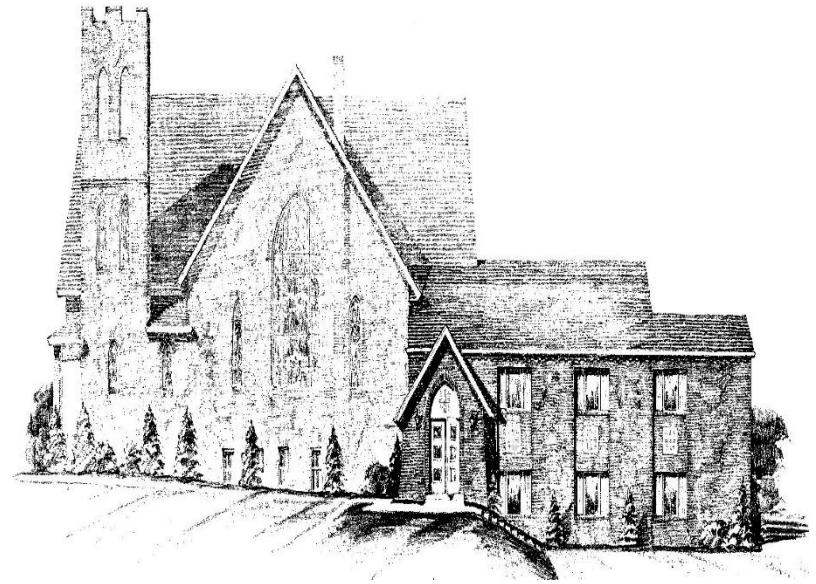
NEXT WEEK

May 24 – 10:30 - Pentecost Sunday – Join us as we celebrate Pentecost by wearing red and/or white. Communion will be served during the worship service.

May 25 – 11:00 – Elderton Fire Department will host a Memorial Day Parade. BBQ chicken dinner immediately after.

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

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Secretary Office Hours:

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

COMING UP

June 1 – 6:30-8:30 – Safety Training. This opportunity is open to everyone, but we especially encourage the Safety Committee and the Security Team to participate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nathan Johns requests travel mercies for Blythe, Kirsten, and Gabriella.

Tom Quinn requests prayers for his cousin, who has kidney stones.

Tom Spencer requests continued prayers for his brother Mike, who is navigating cancer and a heart issue.

Matthew Smith requests prayers for a member of Zachary's basketball team who broke his ankle and will require surgery.

JOYS

Emily Johns celebrated her 16th birthday on May 10.

Kaely Klonowski celebrated her birthday on May 10.

We welcome back our snowbirds who spent their winter in Florida.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR RAINFOREST FALLS VBS - JUNE 15 – 19 – 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm - to register your child, visit - <https://eldertonpc.org>. To have a successful week, we need your help. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this fun-filled mission. Please contact Emily Spencer at 724-954-4591 or the church office at 7234-354-3117.
