

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

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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 – London Smith

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Leader: The warmth of the shining sun

People: Reflects the warmth of God's love for us.

Leader: The refreshing water of the gently flowing stream

People: Reflects God's cleansing and renewing grace.

Leader: The rush of the mighty wind

People: Reflects God's powerful Spirit, present in each of us.

All: Let us worship God, who nurtures and sustains us!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we hear Jesus speak of the joy of living in the reign of God, and we are sadly aware that our broken lives reflect our failure to live in the glory and love of God. We confess that we often think we can figure out life for ourselves and make better choices than the ones you proffer to us. We act as if we are the Creator instead of you. Forgive us our foolishness and lead us, once more, into life that is joyous and abundant. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Special Music – Butterfly Hill Preschool

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 543 "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

Scripture Acts 7: 54-60

Sermon "Sacred Forgiveness" 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 Insert "Be Still, My Soul"

*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.

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 – Bonnie Gratzmiller and Shawnee Hohl

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Joe Scrips and Dave Pletcher

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Sophia Pinkerton

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Alice Graham

120 Kittanning Care Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201

VISITATION TEAMS FOR MAY

Elders – Sarah Pritt and Kathy Burns

Deacons – Ryan and Sarah Scrips

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the children of Butterfly Hill Preschool for enriching our morning with their wonderful music. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated teachers who guided them and to the parents for bringing them. Together, we are shaping a brighter future in the spirit of Jesus.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PICTURE FOR OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY?

We want you to know that you are important, and we want you to be part of the directory. If you're reading this, you're invited to submit a picture. 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!

Pastor Angel is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lead Children's Time for May 10 and 17. 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!

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.

Welcome
We are Glad You are Here

Grace be unto you, and
peace, from God our
Father, and from the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2



TODAY Please join us after the worship service for an outdoor cookie social.

NEXT WEEK

May 12 – 10:00 – 3:00 – Helping Hand. Please see Sheila Brumbaugh if you would like to volunteer to help with this mission.

May 12 – 6:00 – Combined Safety Committee and Security Team meeting.

May 13 – 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home.

May 14 – 6:00 – Session meeting

6:00 – Deacons meeting

COMING UP

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

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

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Emily Spencer is requesting prayers that her arm is healing and doesn't require surgery.

Jodi Klingensmith is requesting prayers for her nephew, Bobby Klingensmith, who is in the hospital with congestive heart failure.

Hannah Keith requests prayers for Tyler, Colton, and Conner's Pap, who will have surgery.

Joe Scrips requests prayers for Dave Rearick. Dave has clogged arteries and may have to have quadruple bypass surgery.

Cassie Clowser requests travel mercies for Zane and Lizzy as they return home from a wedding in New Jersey.

Tom Spencer requests prayers for his niece, Linda, who has been moved to a rehabilitation center.

Tom Spencer requests continued prayers for his brother, Mike, who will be having some tests.

PRAYER REQUESTS CONTINUED

Dee Craig requests prayers for our country.

Nathan Johns requests travel mercies for his family returning from Tampa.

Mark Schrecengost requests prayers for Pat, who is having some sinus issues that may require surgery.

OUR PRAISES

Nathan Johns celebrated his birthday on April 22.

Mia Scrips celebrated her 16th birthday on April 22.

Travis Johns celebrated his birthday on April 25.

Joe Scrips praises God that Liam is okay after being hit in the head with a baseball.

Sharon Aikins is thankful for a successful surgery and for the congregation's prayers.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15 – 19 – 5:30 – 8:00 PM
at Elderton Presbyterian Church**

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.

We are in need of Group Leaders, Art & Crafts Leader, Games Leader and Kitchen Helpers

Please remember VBS is only a success when we have many hands to help.

To volunteer, or register your child, please contact the directors - Emily Spencer at 724-954-4591 or Rylee Riggle at 724-525-3377 or the church office at 724-354-3117

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

We are collecting boxes to make props and decorations.