

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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 – Emily Johns

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. Let us
worship God, who nurtures and sustains us!**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 142 – "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

***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

Bell Anthem – "Morning Has Broken"

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Praise Hymnal No. 183 – "Thy Word"

Scripture – Romans 8: 26-39

Message – "Persevere" - Carrie Martin

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed - in unison - page 14 in blue hymnal

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory – "To God Be the Glory"

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 376 – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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 – Tyler and Hannah Keith

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Marlo Mellish and Meila Mellish

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – London Smith

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Nancy Rupert

Grey's Colonial Acres Home
272 Colonial Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201

VISITATION TEAMS FOR JULY –

Elders – Pam Gaff and Jodi Klingensmith

Deacons – Betsy Bertolino and Conner Fairman

This morning, we welcome Carrie Martin to the pulpit to share the word of God with us. Carrie recently returned from the Presbyterian General Assembly in Milwaukee. Carrie and her husband, Bud, live on a lovely piece of farmland 7 miles north of Kittanning. They love being retired, but Carrie stays busy with pulpit supply, seminary training to become a Commissioned Elder in the PC (U.S.A.), making cards, involvement with Presbyterian Women, and time with family. She is always delighted to get to know the congregations in the Kiski Presbytery.

Dr. Angel will be on vacation this week. If you need pastoral care, please call the church office at 724-354-3117 or Susan at 724-541-4331.

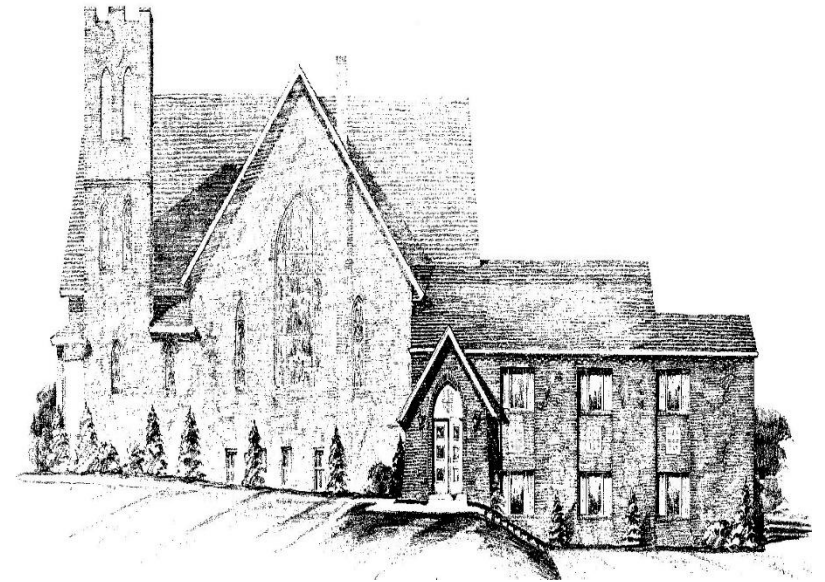
THIS WEEK

July 28 – 10:00 – 2:30 – Helping Hand - please see Sheila Brumbaugh to volunteer.

August 1 - 6:00 PM – You are invited to the Elderton District Volunteer Fire Company's 75th Anniversary Community Celebration. The parade will begin at 6:00. Immediately following the parade, there will be a pig roast and picnic at the fire department pavilion. The evening will conclude with fireworks.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for the Riggles Family as Brett's mom continues hospice care.

Prayers for Rich Schall; he will have surgery for melanoma and basal cell cancer.

Prayers for Scott Coleman as he recovers from surgery and awaits test results.

Continued prayers for Lizzy Clowser as she struggles to navigate MS.

Prayers for baby Ivy who will have cleft palate surgery.

JOYS

Arlene Wingard celebrated her 91st birthday on July 19.

Linda Prugh celebrated her birthday on July 20.

Nathan and Jennifer Johns celebrated 22 years of marriage on July 17.

Jeff and Marcia Elgin celebrated 52 years of marriage on July 19.

Mark and Pat Schrecengost celebrated 5 years of marriage on July 24.

Bonnie Gratzmiller's family returned home safely after a mission trip in El Salvador.
