

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026**

*Welcome to worship on this Independence Day weekend,
when we celebrate our freedom to worship.
Today, we pray for America and
all its citizens that they would honor and glorify God.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Lucy Taylor

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Thank you, God, for setting us free through the gift of your Son.

We praise you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Thank you, God, for the freedom we enjoy.

We praise you that no matter what, we can be freed and forgiven by Christ.

Thank you, God, for this time of worship.

**Come and set our hearts on fire as we praise you for our ultimate freedom
won not through war but on a cross where our Savior died, only to rise again.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 561

“My Country 'Tis of Thee”

AMERICA

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**We confess to you, God of all nations, that we and our country have not lived
up to your ideals for your reign. We have not cared for all people. Forgive us,
we pray. Free us for joyful obedience in your ways - freedom that is open and
generous, cooperative and reconciling, freedom that leads to your reign, O God
of all nations. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Special Video – Chet Schall

“Statue of Liberty”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn No. 387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

Scripture

Romans 8: 1-8

Sermon

“Freedom”

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 No. 356

“O, Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

*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 – Tom and Phyllis Popp

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Dave and Lisa Smail

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Adalyn Quinn

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

The flowers placed in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband, Kevin Reese, by Iris Reese.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Alice Graham following her passing.

Attention everyone! Some beautiful decor from the birthday party in March is still waiting to be claimed. If you decorated a fall table, it might just be yours! Please stop by the church office to check it out. If these items are not claimed, they will be donated to Helping Hand.

COMING UP

July 12 – 9:30 – Children's Sunday School

July 12 – 9:30 – Adult continental breakfast hosted by Pam and Bernie Gaff.

July 25 – 9:00 – 12:00 – Elderton Rec Park Annual Car Show. For more information, contact Dee Craig at 724-388-6999.

July 25 – Rain or Shine – Faith in the Valley – Shannock Valley Community Park. Free admission. 5:00 pm – Food Booths- 6:00 pm Worship and music with a performance by The Siler Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Reese Popp has her tonsils removed

Travel mercies for Cory, Kathy Jo, and family as they return home from vacation.

Prayers for baby Chloe.

Prayers for Natalie Fairman as her leg heals.

Travel mercies for Travis Johns and friends as they go to Ohio to help with volleyball camp.



GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE

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PRAYER REQUESTS CONTINUED

Prayers for Eric Schrecengost as he navigates an allergic reaction.

Travel mercies for Shari Finn as she travels to New York.

Continued prayers for April Brochetti as she navigates treatments for breast cancer.

Prayers for Dennis Bell as he heals from a torn retina.

Prayers for Zachary Smith's friend, Conrad, who had a dirt bike accident and broke his collarbone.

JOYS

Ryan Scrips celebrated his birthday on June 22.

Terry Johns celebrated his birthday on June 25.

Pam Gaff's coworker's husband is cancer-free.

Kiris Longwell's daughter, Anna, got engaged.

Brenda Schall is thankful for the prayers of the congregation.
