

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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 – Jonah Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

We come into this holy place for renewal.

God's Spirit washes over us in love.

We are God's children, loved from our very birth.

And heirs of God's abounding grace.

We come to seek God anew.

**Knowing that God is here before we even ask. We come to worship our
God.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 482 – "Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty"

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

**Faithful God, we confess that we do not always trust in your love. We often
desire control so much that we do not follow your way or seek your guidance
in our lives. Forgive us, and stir in us your amazing love that reminds us that
we find meaning in You. We are lovable because we are created; we have
hope because in you there is always a better way, another option, a way of
love and peace. Help us to experience your peace that comes from letting
you love us as your children.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Insert – "Amazing Love"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Presentation – Jodi Klingensmith

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Commitment of the Congregation

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we now receive Nolan Everett Taylor into
Christ's church. I charge you to nurture, love, and assist him to be Christ's
faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome Nolan into
Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love,
encourage, and support him as we all follow Christ.**

The Blessing of the Water of Holy Baptism

Welcome into the Family of Faith

Scripture – Romans 9: 1-15

Sermon – "Grace, Amazing Grace" - 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

*Praise Hymnal No. 112 – "Lamb of God"

*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 – Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Corey and Megan Marsh

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Ava Quinn

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Butch Rodgers
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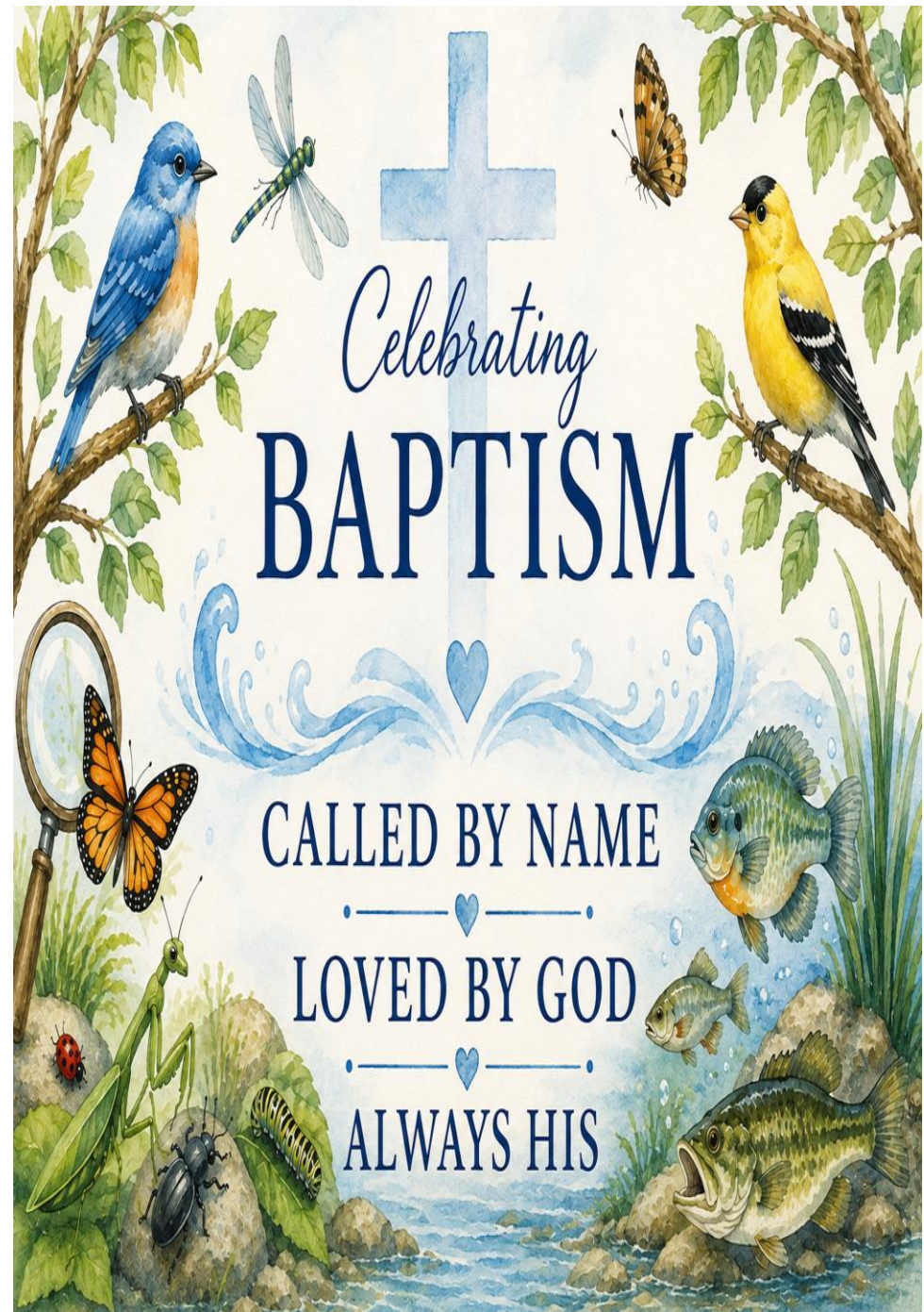
VISITATION TEAMS FOR AUGUST

Elders – Lanette Klonowski and Terry Johns

Deacons – Ryan and Sarah Scrips

The flower arrangement placed on the organ this morning is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Megan Prugh, who sadly passed away 15 years ago, by her parents, Larry and Linda Prugh, and all those who knew and loved her.

TODAY – AUGUST 23 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE STRAWBERRY SOCIAL - FREE WILL OFFERING - The Presbyterian Women will host their annual strawberry social. Please join us for hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, strawberry shortcake, and ice cream.



THIS WEEK

August 24, 25, 26, and 27 – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm – Butterfly Hill Preschool Parent Orientations in the sanctuary.

August 27 – 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting

The September – October – November Our Daily Bread devotionals are now available in the vestibules; please take yours today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jodi Klingensmith requests continued prayers for their son, Johnny, who had a setback after surgery; he has blood clots in his legs and lungs.

Sandy Wingard requests prayers for her neighbor, Tony, who will have brain surgery on August 20.

Karen Schrecengost requests continued prayers for 5-year-old Ben, who is home recovering from a fall into a fire pit. Ben is receiving extensive hand therapy.

Continued prayers of healing for baby Khloe, who is home after 55 days in the hospital.

Elaina Spohn requests prayers for the local showman at the county fairs.

Nathan Johns requests prayers for all teachers and students returning to school.

Blythe Johns requests healing prayers for Gabriella, who is experiencing hives.

Prayers for good test results as Loretta Coleman waits for the results of her lung scan.

Marilin Rosborough requests continued prayers for her sister-in-law, Lucy, who is now home continuing to recover from both legs being broken.

JOYS

Joe Scrips received good news from his friend in Nebraska that they finally got rain. Continue to pray that they receive more rain.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

NOLAN EVERETT TAYLOR

son of

Chad and Shawna Taylor

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

