

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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** – Ava Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Come, let us gather as people who trust in the living God.

We come with hearts ready to believe and voices ready to proclaim.

Scripture reminds us that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

We believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Let us set aside our doubts, our fears, and the burdens we carry.

We place our trust in the One who brings salvation and new life.

Come, let us worship the God who saves, restores, and calls us to proclaim our faith.

With grateful hearts, we worship God and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 281 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you call us to believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, yet we confess that our faith is not always as strong as we desire. There are times when fear keeps us silent, doubt causes us to question your promises, and our actions fail to reflect the faith we profess. Forgive us, Lord, when we keep our faith hidden rather than sharing your love with others. Forgive us when we trust in ourselves instead of placing our whole lives in your hands. Renew our hearts and strengthen our faith so that our words and actions may proclaim Jesus as Lord. Help us to live with courage, humility, and gratitude, trusting in the salvation you freely offer through Christ. May our lives bear witness to your grace and love each day.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Special Video – “The Long Black Train” – Chet Schall

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Praise Hymnal No.195 – “Change My Heart, O God”

Scripture – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Sermon – “Choices” - 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 – “Trust and Obey”

*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 – Corey and Megan Marsh
GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Mouse and Mary Orr

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Zachary Smith

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – **Please note the change of address**

Joanne Foster c/o Greg Foster
2815 Columbia Trail
Loveland, OH 45140

VISITATION TEAMS FOR AUGUST

Elders – Lanette Klonowski and Terry Johns
Deacons – Ryan and Sarah Scrips

OOPS! We forgot to collect the Hunger Offering on the third Sunday, so we will collect it today. Please place your change in the buckets found in the vestibules. The Presbyterian Women collect the Hunger Offering as a response to world hunger.

NEXT WEEK

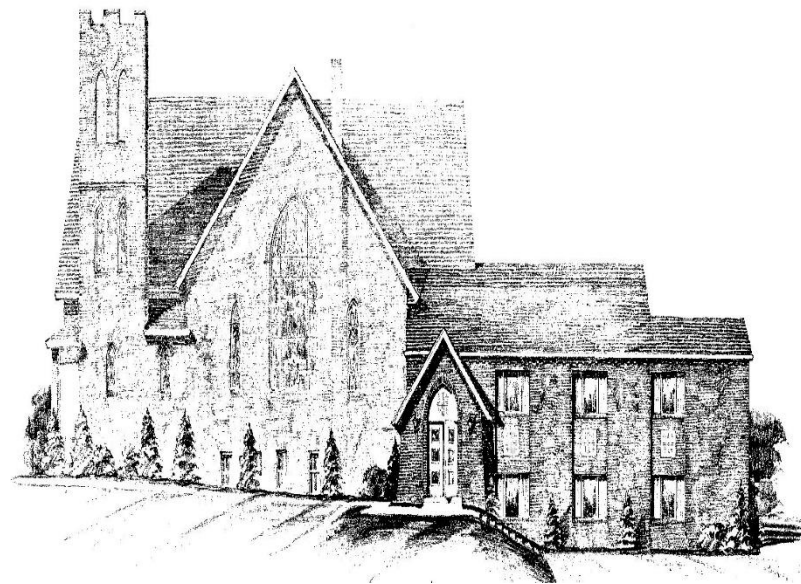
September 8 – 10:00 – 2:30 – Helping Hand
September 9 – 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home.
September 10 – 6:00 – Session meeting
6:00 – Deacons meeting

COMING UP

September 13 – Please join us for our Annual Christian Education Sunday.
8:30 AM - Join us for a delightful morning breakfast!
9:00 AM – Our annual cornhole tournament will start.
10:30 AM – During worship service, we will honor our dedicated Sunday School and Butterfly Hill Preschool teachers and pray for a successful and blessed school year.
September 15 – 11:00 AM – Men's Fellowship at Crouse's Café in Shelocta.
September 20 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School – The children and adult classes will start

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**115 North Main Street
Elderton, PA 15736**



WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

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Office Administrators Hours:

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

Dr. Angel is seeking volunteers, adults or teens, to bring the children's sermons to life! If you are passionate about engaging with our young ones and making a positive impact, contact Susan to schedule your opportunity to lead a children's sermon and inspire our kids about Jesus!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continued prayer for Johnny Klingensmith as he has a long road of recovery.
Prayers for Kathy Jo Scrips' friend, Heather, as she navigates treatments for cancer.
Continued prayers for tests and procedures for Landon, who has a lesion on his brain,
Prayers for Bob Griffin's daughter, Sheena, who is healing from rotator cuff surgery.
Prayers for Sarah Scrips' mom, Sue, who will have surgery.
Travel mercies for Ryan Scrips as he goes on a hunting trip.
Prayers for Chuck and Linda Glasser on the passing of Chuck's mother.
Prayers for April Brochetti as she continues to navigate her final four cancer treatments.
Prayers for Pastor Joyce and Tom.
Prayers for safety and a healthy school year for teachers, bus drivers, and students.
Prayers for Adam Quinn; he isn't feeling well.
Prayers for Tom Quinn, as he will have a CT scan.
Continued prayers for 2-year-old Charlotte, who will meet with a specialist for her brain tumor.
Prayers for good biopsy results.
Prayers for Angel and Charlene's grandson as he begins his freshman year at Westminster College.

OUR JOYS

To God be the glory for good results.
Don Rupert celebrated his birthday on August 22.
Bernie and Pam Gaff celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on August 22.
Nancy Schrecengost celebrated her birthday on August 23.
Danielle Kunkle celebrated her birthday on August 24.



THE SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY STATED GATHERING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2026, AT ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Since our church is hosting this event,
we need all the help we can get from
our congregation to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We are planning for approximately 80-100 guests.
The worship service will begin at 10:00 AM,
with a coffee hour preceding it at 9:00 AM.
We are seeking donations of donuts, pastries, fruit, and juice.

We will serve a catered lunch.
We also request dessert donations, keeping in mind dietary restrictions
and the need for gluten-free and sugar-free options.

In addition to food donations, we will need help with various tasks
before the event, during the gathering, and with cleanup afterward.
If you are willing to assist in any way,
please contact Dee Craig at 724-388-6999.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

