

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Christian Education Sunday
September 13, 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 – Cole Marsh

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

We gather here as individuals, but God will form us into a community of faith.

God will draw us together and mold us into the church.

Let us worship God, whose Spirit infuses the church.

Let us worship God, who empowers us to bear witness in the world.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 361 – “How Firm a Foundation”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

We confess that we do not ask often enough for you to give us what we need to fulfill your expectations. We do not ask often enough for you to give us strength for hardships as we seek to live out our witness in the world. We are not wrong to petition you for things we need, but we are wrong to expect you always to make our way smooth. We do not look for the spiritual growth in the roadblocks we face. Forgive us for expecting you to do things our way. Teach us to expect hardships and to see your hand in them. Move us to accept the claim you make on us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*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

Christian Education Committee – Kathy Burns, Chairperson
Prayer

*Hymn Insert – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Scripture – Luke 14: 25-33

Sermon – “Disciples Take Faith Seriously” - 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. 391 – “Take My Life”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

One in Love, one in friendship true, one in hope, one in spirit too, one in faith
that God will care for you till we meet together 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.

Headsets for those with hearing impairments are available during worship. See Cassie or the sound system person to get one.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Linda Prugh – 724-464-8861

GREETERS TODAY – Eric and Kris Longwell

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Adam and Ashley Quinn

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Aaron Quinn

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Butch Rodgers
PO Box 119
Elderton, PA 15736

VISITATION TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

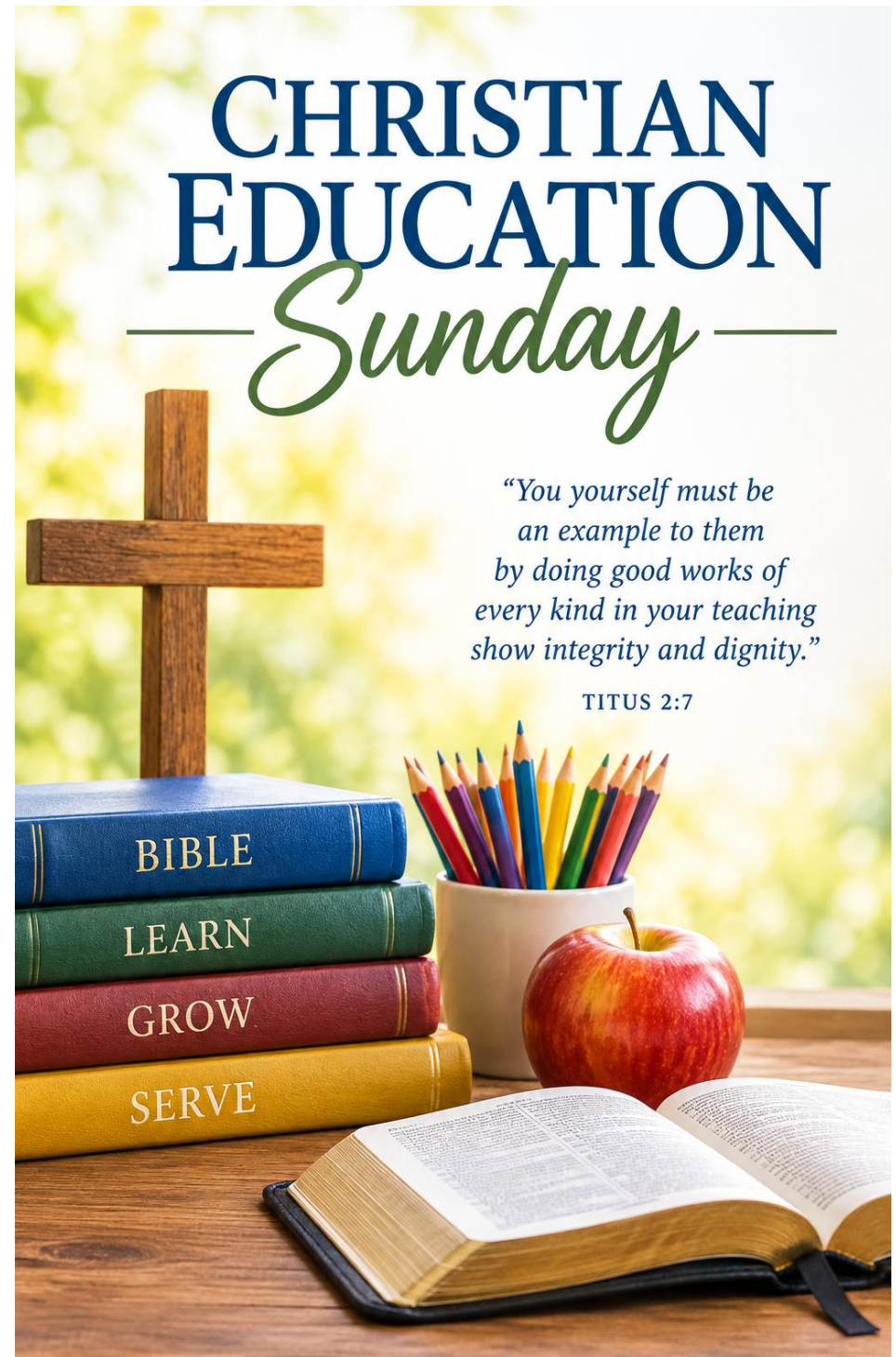
Elders – Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost
Deacons – Tyler Keith and Dave Smail

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God, in honor and memory of grandparents on Grandparents Day, by Nancy Schrecengost.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Alexis (Stenman) and Troy Birch on their marriage on September 5, 2026, at the Ever After Barn in Shelocta.

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!

The Music and Worship Committee thanks everyone who contributed during the summer anthem time. Your willingness to share your talents and special videos is greatly appreciated.



THIS WEEK

September 15 – 11:00 AM – Men's Fellowship time will resume. The meetings will be held at Crouse's Café on the third Tuesday of each month. The fellowship time is open to men of all ages. Please prayerfully consider this invitation.

September 16 – 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home.

September 19 – Kiski Presbytery Stated Gathering 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.** Please see Dee Craig or Pam Gaff to let us know if you can help in any way.

COMING UP

September 20 – 8:30 – Choir practice. Join us as the choir resumes their beautiful Sunday anthems during worship service! If you have a talent for singing and a passion for worship, we invite you to come and practice with us. Your voice can make a difference!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Prugh will have an iron infusion. Prayers that this helps her feel better.

Prayers for 2-year-old Charlotte, who had her first chemo treatment for the tumor on her optic nerve.

Prayers for healing for Aaron Quinn, who has a double ear infection.

Unspoken prayers for a friend who is struggling.

Prayers for Bobbi Jo Olinger; she had a routine root canal that has caused cellulitis and an infection in her jaw. She will see an oral surgeon.

Please continue to pray for Jonny Klingensmith, who is home recovering.

Prayers for Lisa as she navigates Lupus.

Pray for healing for Ellie and Daniel Smith, who are recovering from hand, foot, and mouth disease.

Continued prayers for Heather Champion as she navigates cancer.

Pray for good test results for a coworker.

Prayers for good results for Gloria, who will have a heart catheterization

JOYS

Cindy Henderson celebrated her birthday on September 6.

Maryanne and Lee Xiong and family are visiting Blair and Lois Brown.

5-year-old Michael is living his best life, being cancer-free.

Marion Kinkle is back with her husband, Don, after her stay in St. Andrews.

Today, we celebrate our teachers for their steadfast dedication to Christian education and their essential contribution to our church's mission. Let's take a moment to express our gratitude to these remarkable educators.

Sunday School Teachers

Emily Spencer – Early Elementary

Charlene De La Cruz – Adult Class

Butterfly Hill Preschool Teachers

Barbara Johns – Director of the program, Pre-K and 3-year-old teacher

Monette Adamson – Pre-K teacher

Carloyn Warr – Pre-K teacher

Cierra Claypoole – Pre-K and 3-year-old class teacher

Brianna Scheffler - Pre-K, 3-year-old class, and Toddler Time teacher

Kayla Shaffer – Toddler Time Teacher

Haylee Shaffer – Toddler Time Teacher
