

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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 – Aaron Quinn

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

The seasons change, and the earth reminds us that there is a time for everything under heaven.

We gather to worship the God who is faithful in every season.

As summer fades and autumn approaches, we give thanks for the beauty of creation and the blessings we have received.

We praise God for the gifts of every season and for the promise of new beginnings.

Let us open our hearts to God's presence among us today.

We come with thankful hearts, ready to worship and to listen. Let us worship the Lord, who is with us in every season of life!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Hymnal No. 131 – “Spirit of the Living God”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you are faithful in every season, yet we confess that we often resist change. We hold tightly to what is familiar and fail to trust you with what lies ahead. We confess that we sometimes focus on what we have lost rather than giving thanks for what you have given. We become anxious about tomorrow instead of trusting that you will meet us there. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to release our worries and disappointments into your hands. Teach us to receive each season as a gift, to trust your timing, and to follow you with faith wherever you lead. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem – “A Mighty Fortress”

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Insert – “Amazing Love”

Scripture – Luke 15: 1-10

Sermon – “Disciples Seek People for Christ” - 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. 443 – “O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*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.

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

GREETERS TODAY – Adam and Ashley Quinn

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Heather Bell and Lori Rodgers

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Zachary Smith

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Joanne Foster c/o Greg Foster

2815 Columbia Trail

Loveland, OH 45140

VISITATION TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

Elders – Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost

Deacons – Tyler Keith and Dave Smail

The flowers placed in the chancel are given to the glory of God in thanks of a great harvest, by Iris Reese.

We are grateful to everyone who made yesterday's Presbytery Gathering a success. Your engagement was invaluable and truly enhanced our shared experience. Thank you for making a difference!

Today we will collect the Hunger Offering. Please place your change in the buckets found in the vestibules. The Presbyterian Women collect the Hunger Offering every third Sunday of the month as a response to world hunger.

THIS WEEK

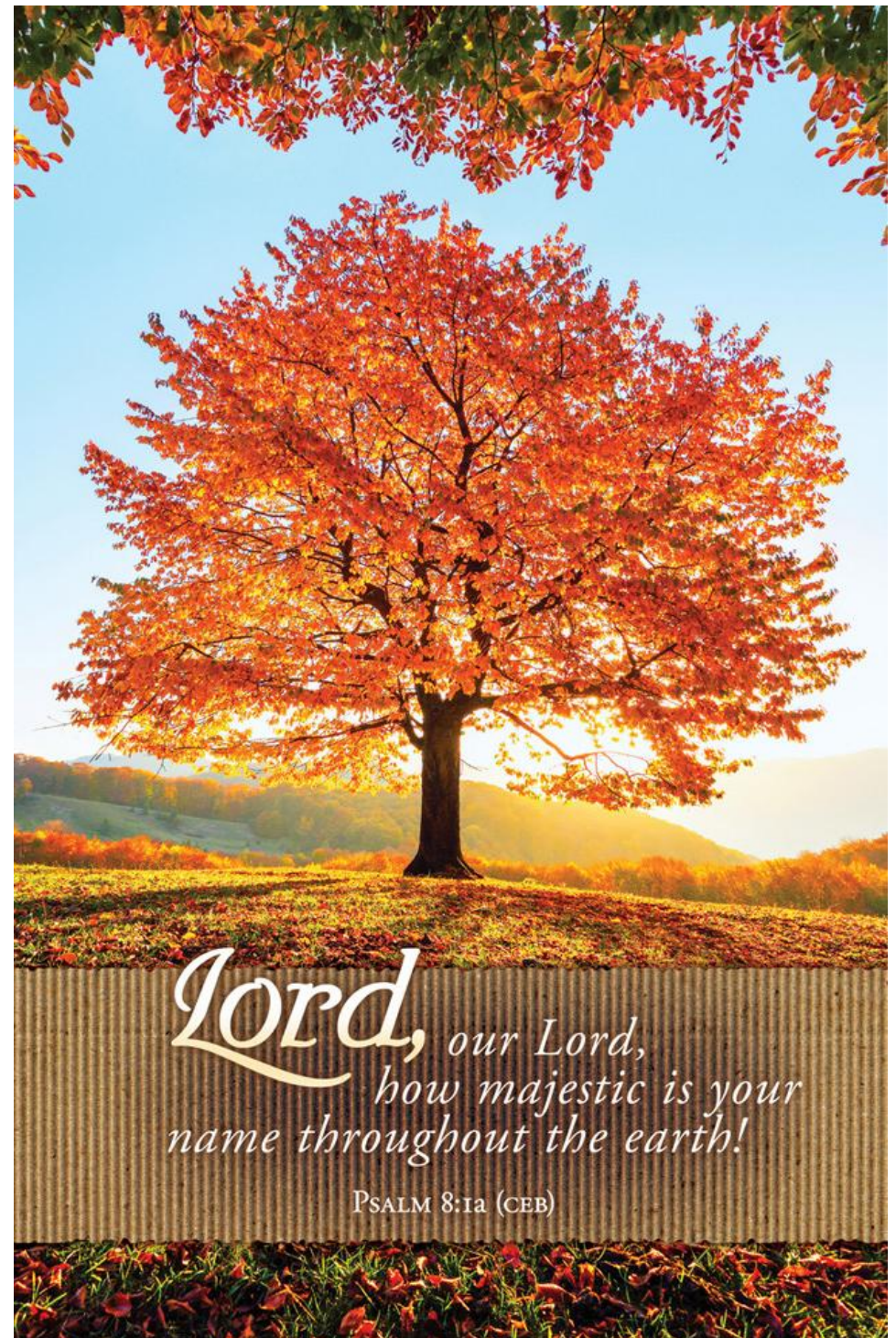
September 24 – 10:00 – 2:30 – Helping Hand

6:00 – Christian Education committee meeting.

COMING UP

October 4 – Please join us for World Communion Sunday. Communion will be served during the worship service.

October 10 – 3:30 – 6:00 – Benefit Dinner for Jonny Klingensmith – New Bethlehem First Fellowship Church. Jonny is the son of Doug and Jodi Klingensmith. He has been dealing with health issues since April. Let's support Jonny.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for Angel and Charlene's friend, Charles Johnson, who had a stroke.

Prayers for Blair Brown's brother Dan, who is suspected to have had a stroke.

Travel mercies for Maryanne and Lee Xiong and family as they return home.

Prayers for the Glenn Kimmel family on his passing.

Prayers for Gary Henderson as he recovers from surgery.

Travel mercies for Tom and Sue Quinn, Chet and Brenda Schall and the rest of their group as they travel west.

Prayers for Larry Prugh to feel some pain relief.

Prayers for Linda Prugh as she continues to navigate iron infusions and several tests.

Continued prayers for Heather Champion as she battles cancer.

Prayers of peace and comfort for Tim Buffone's mother as she nears her final days battling dementia.

Continued prayers for Jonny Klingensmith; he is in the hospital with an infection.

Prayers of strength for Peg Rowan.

Prayers for Lisa Reese, as she battles lupus.

Prayers for good test results for a friend.

Prayers for good test results for a co-worker

Travel mercies for family and for co-workers.

Prayers of peace and comfort for Cory Marsh's dad, who is battling cancer.

Travel mercies for Caprice Hammer and prayers for the family as they say goodbye to their loved one.

JOYS

Sophia Pinkerton celebrated her 8th birthday on September 5.
