

**Elderton Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend
September 6, 2026**

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*The dignity of labor depends not on what you do but on how you do it.
-E.O. Grover*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Zachary Smith

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Come, all you who are weary.

We come, eager to find rest from our labors.

Come, all you who are weary.

We come, eager to find renewal for our spirits.

Come, all you who are weary.

We come, eager to find strength for tomorrow

Come, all you who are weary.

We come, eager to find your presence, your power and your peace.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 220 – “All People That on Earth So Dwell”

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

In the beginning, Holy God, you labored with many skills to bring creation to birth and sustain life. When you saw that your labor was good, you took time for a day of rest. Forgive us for the times we have used our skills for gain and cruelty. Give us work to do that creates and sustains life. Forgive us for the times when our own importance was so great to us that there was no time for rest, no time for letting others lead, no time for other than our own sense of perfection. Remind us to follow your example, and take time to rest.

*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 No. 383 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Scripture – John 5: 1-9

Sermon- “Take Up Your Mat” - 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. 438 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*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 – Mouse and Mary Orr

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Eric and Kris Longwell

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Cole Marsh

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Nancy Rupert

Grey's Colonial Acres Home

272 Colonial Drive

Kittanning, PA 16201

VISITATION TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

Elders – Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost

Deacons – Tyler Keith and Dave Smail

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

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 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 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for healing for Larry Prugh as he navigates bronchitis; pray for the upcoming decisions he needs to make about his hip.

Linda Prugh has a hematologist appointment; please pray for good results.

Continued prayers for the Riggle family as they care for Brett's mom, Nina. Please pray for wisdom, strength, and peace as medical options and resources become limited.

Prayers for Iris Reese's sister-in-law, Diane, as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Travel mercies for Ryan Scrips and for Chet and Brenda Schall.

JOYS

Larry and Linda Prugh celebrated their son Jeff's 40th birthday.

Jim Shaffer celebrated his birthday on August 28.

Jamey and Sheila Brunbaugh celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on August 28.



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

ATTENTION EVERYONE!

We're excited to host the Presbytery Stated Gathering

To make this event a success, we need everyone's help!
Please visit the sign-up sheet located in the Upper Room vestibule
to volunteer and see what items are needed.

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 or
Pam Gaff at 724-549-3102

**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT!**

