

# **Welcome to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

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***For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.***

***Isaiah 9:6-7***

**We believe in a Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. United by our love for God and faith in Jesus Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit, we will serve the Lord through...**

**...joyful worship as we glorify His name  
...committed study and learning of the Word  
...faithful mission to our community and the world.**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**December 24, 2012  
Ten O'Clock**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**INTROIT** "Celtic Carol" Barrett/Angerman  
Chancel Choir

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

**\*HYMN NO. 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** Matt and Bethany Harbaugh

**COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)**

Lord God of heaven and earth, you are our strength and salvation. We have come to shout for joy and to give thanks for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In holy wonder and awe, we say, "Your love endures forever!" You have made your light shine upon us and it is marvelous in our eyes. God of love, you have made a way for us when we were weak and alone. We who were once separated from you are now brought near to you, next to the lowly manger in which the King of glory rests. In humble adoration and exultation, we say, "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 22** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square

**READING** Luke 1:26-38  
(Page 956 in the pew Bible)

**ANTHEM** "Silent is the Night" Althouse  
Chancel Choir

**READING** Matthew 1:18-25  
(Page 901-902 in the pew Bible)

**HYMN NO. 44** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

**READING** Luke 2:1-8  
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

**\*HYMN NO. 25** "Away in a Manger" Mueller

**GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "How Quietly" Rainey  
Chancel Choir

**READING** Isaiah 9

**SERMON** "We Wonder" Romans 5:1-8  
(Page 1056-1057 in pew Bible)  
The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

**\*HYMN NO. 40** "Joy to the World" Antioch

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Words of Invitation  
Prayer of Consecration  
Words of Institution  
Receiving the Bread and the Cup\*  
\*please hold each element until all are served  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**SONG OF RESPONSE** "O Holy Night" Adam  
Jennifer Clayton, soprano  
Ron Bernhardt, organ

**SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle please be very careful, assist the children who hold candles, and be sure to tip only the unlit candle to avoid dripping wax.

**HYMN** "Silent Night" Stille Nacht  
(See insert)

**BENEDICTION**

Please extinguish your candles before you begin to exit, and drop them in the boxes at each door.

**\*POSTLUDE** \*Please stand if able