

**SERMON** "You Will Be My Witnesses" Rev. Jason Rea

**\*HYMN** "I Love to Tell the Story" (See Insert)

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Echo Alleluia" Arr. L. Smith

**THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:10 am</b>
Paul Braddock	Mel Stoker
Dick Matthews	Jennifer Muszynski
Kim Szymoniak	Jack Ritenbaugh
Bob Szymoniak	Patti Zahnhausen
Ron Tiedeman	Bill Sausser

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, April 22, 2012

8:30 and 11:10 am

"Paul's Mission"

Dr. Lesnett preaching

Acts 13-14; 16-20; Romans 1; 3-6; 8; 12; 15; 1 Corinthians 1; 3; 5-6; 10; 12-13; 15-16; Galatians 1; 3; 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1-5

**PRAYER FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE:** Any person who desires to make a commitment, has a personal need, or a concern for someone, will be able to meet with Elder Jeff Mulkern in the chapel.

**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to Len Anderson and family on the death of his mother on April 8, 2012.

**CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP**

**8:30 and 11:10 A.M.**

Cradle Roll (infants – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

**9:45 - 10:45 A.M.**

Classes for Young Disciples

**11:10 A.M. ONLY**

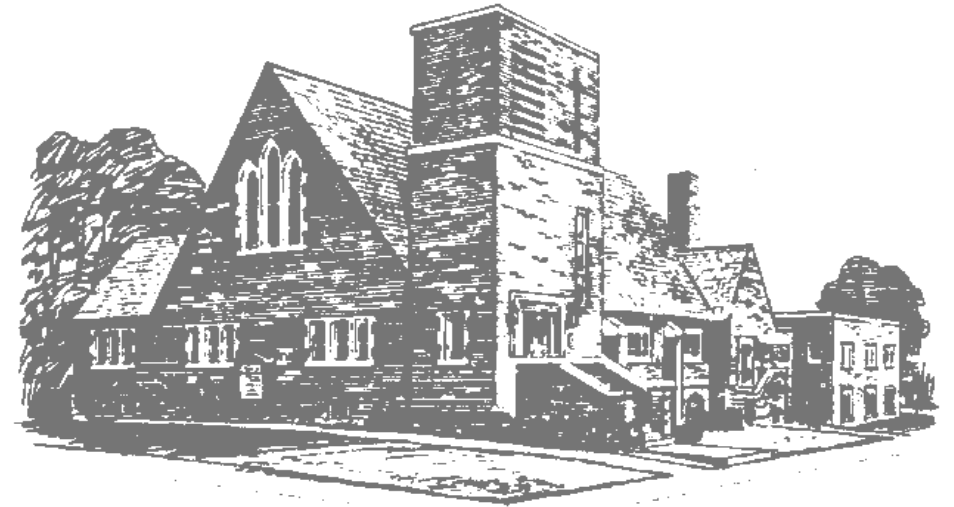
Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

Location – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Preschool (age 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be in Young Child & Worship

Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up worship with their families.



**Welcome to  
Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

***We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us  
on this day that the Lord has made.***

***Please relax and enjoy the music before the service starts.  
Quiet your heart before God.***

***Ask Him to meet with you and teach you today.***

***Inside you will find our order of service and the activities  
of the church.***

***We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,  
and a way to serve for all who are willing.***

**We believe in a Triune God – Father, Son and 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.**

**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**

**April 15, 2012**

**Eight-thirty and Eleven Ten O'clock**

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

*"In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."*  
Acts 1:1-3

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**                      *"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"*                      S. Landon

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**People: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

**People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

**\*HYMN NO. 111**                      *"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"*                      Gelobt Sei Gott

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**                      *"O Day of Radiant Gladness"*                      Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein  
Soloist Mandie Radich accompanied by Marie Bowen

**(11:10)**                      *"Hear My Words"*                      Stephen Palmer  
Chancel Quartet

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him and because in his resurrection he has triumphed over Sin and Death, we dare to approach God with confidence. Therefore, trusting in God's steadfast love and forgiveness, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, we come before you with humble and penitent hearts. We know that we have failed to be your witnesses to the world. We have failed to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. We have failed to follow Jesus' teachings on how we are to treat others. We have failed to pattern our lives after the servant leadership and selfless life Jesus modeled for us. Forgive us Lord. Create in us a new heart and inspire us by your Holy Spirit; that we might know your forgiveness and be emboldened to proclaim Jesus to the world.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends Jesus came into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

Arrangement of  
*"Eternal Father Strong to Save"*  
Tim Sutton, Cello

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 357**                      *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*                      Maryton

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 1:6-11  
(Page 1019 in the pew Bible)

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Jeff Mulkern.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in memory of Jeremy Bloom, Mike's brother, by the Gaydos family.
3. **HEARING ENHANCING EQUIPMENT**. If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please let one of the ushers know prior to the service, and you'll be given a hearing enhancer to use during the service.
4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 - 2nd grade)** provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson, "Road to Emmaus" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal, and Bethann Dolan.

#### **CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-5th Grade**

5. **SECRET KEEPER GIRLS LIVE! THE PAJAMA PARTY TOUR** Northway Christian community in Wexford will be hosting a mother/daughter event that talks about modesty in a fun and captivating way for kids, ages 8-12. In today's world, peers and media pressure young girls to grow up quickly, dressing and acting in certain ways. We as Christians are supposed to be different, but how so? Come join this engaging family discussion with Dannah Gresh on Friday, April 20 from 6:30-9pm. Although Dannah Gresh's ministry covers a wide variety of topics, this tour will not have sexual content but will focus on modesty. Tickets cost \$15 before April 19, or \$19 at the door. For more information, call 724-935-6800 or go to <http://purefreedom.org>.
6. **M & ms "MESSIAH & ME"** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for our next gathering on April 18. For more information, please contact Bethany Harbaugh.
7. **SONRISE NATIONAL PARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** This summer from June 18 through June 22, journey with us as we explore God's wonderful creation and learn to rely on our guide, Jesus. As we learn to trust God, this week of fun will keep us active and growing in faith. To sign up your child or to volunteer, please fill out a registration or volunteer form, which you will find on the tables in the Narthex or the table outside of the chapel, or contact Bethany Harbaugh.

## **STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

8. **SPRING PLANT SALE BENEFITING STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER MISSION TRIPS.** Bartsch Nursery 10" hanging baskets will be on sale for \$15.00 by students in the Narthex by the Chapel after each service until May 6th. Choose from Geraniums, Impatiens or Petunias in various colors. Delivery the Saturday before Mothers' Day. Deck out your home while you help our students raise funds for their summer missions.
9. **YOUTH SUNDAY: MAY 20** As we plan for this year's youth Sunday, we ask all students to consider how they would like to participate and share their gifts as we lead worship. We are looking for students to do every part of the service from music, to the sermon to ushering. Let Jason know of your interest and we hope to see all our students involved in some aspect of the service!
10. **JR. HIGH CLUB 4:30-6PM SR. HIGH CLUB 6:30-8PM TONIGHT.** Come join us for a great time of fellowship, learning and praising God. Jr. High is for students in grades 6-8, and Sr. High is for students in grades 9-12. We play games, have good snacks and have a time of worship and learning. We hope you will come out and join us.
11. **30-HOUR FAMINE: APRIL 27-28** Students wishing to participate in the 30 Hour famine should let Jason know no later than April 22. Students will raise money by fasting for 30 hours (from noon Friday until 6pm on Saturday). This money will go to World Vision, a worldwide hunger ministry. The program will begin at 6pm on Friday and conclude at 6:30pm on Saturday following dinner. Students need to have their parent's permission to fast. There is no cost for the event but all who participate are encouraged to try to raise \$30 toward the effort. We encourage Elfinwild members to participate by sponsoring a student who will be fasting. For more information contact Jason or check out the 30 Hour Famine website at [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org).

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

12. **PRAYER MEETING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** On Wednesday, April 25, from 7-8:30 PM, Pittsburgh and surrounding presbyteries are invited to attend a prayer service at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, downtown (320 Sixth Ave). The service will include Scripture, hymns and prayer for Pittsburgh Presbytery and the PC(USA) denomination as we prepare to host the commissioners, missionaries, students, and other guests for the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) and for the 220th General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh June 30-July 7. Our hope is every church will be represented at the prayer meeting as we prepare to welcome our guests with love, grace, and hospitality. Refreshments will be served from 6:15-7:00 PM, prior to the service. Please contact Sharon Stewart ([ssewart@pghpresbytery.org](mailto:ssewart@pghpresbytery.org)) if you have questions.
13. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY.** The Pantry would especially appreciate boxed potatoes and rice, pastas, condiments, and baking ingredients. Marlene Stack reports that your monetary gifts have helped them to make up for lack of state funding. They are very grateful for your support.

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:00 am 6-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 6-9:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Search Committee Meeting – Kennedy Library TOPS Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms M&m Youth Group – Fellowship Hall CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Women's Bible Study – Youth House Senior Achievers – Fellowship Hall Presbytery Meeting – Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Women's Bible Study – Pam McKern's house Girl Scouts – Peach & Toddler Rooms Cub Scouts – Green Room CLC #3 – Youth House
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Cub Scouts Pack Mtg. – Friendship Hall
SATURDAY	6:00 am 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E.

19. **ELFINWILD MEMORABILIA NEEDED.** Elfinwild Church will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community during 2012. Special services will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2012 – 100 years from the Sunday that the congregation was organized. In addition, a special “*Celebration Sunday*” will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012. Details for both events will be coming over the next several months.

During the months leading up to our celebration, we will be honoring a decade each month with newsletter articles as well as a display in the gathering area. If you have any pictures, Sunday School pins, copies of bulletins, or other memorabilia related to Elfinwild and would like to share those for the various displays, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774, or drop them off at the church office. Your items will be returned to you when they are no longer needed.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

20. **PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT** Perspectives helps believers from all walks of life see how they can get threaded into God’s story of redeeming people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to Himself. From Genesis to the prophets, Jesus Christ to the early church, and Constantine to today, you will see how God has been moving, how the global Church has responded, and where the greatest needs are in world evangelization. This life-changing course will be offered at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary from August 12-18. Come and learn how God can use you to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth. For more information, contact Bethany Harbaugh at (412) 486-5400 or Bethany@elfinwildchurch.org.

21. **LITTER CLEAN UP DAY.** Shaler Township will hold their SNIP Litter Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. If you would like to register as an individual or for your business or service group, please contact the township office at 412-486-9700 ext. 211 or email to smartin@shaler.org. Volunteers will meet at the township building at 300 Wetzel Road.

22. **KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENSHAW SPONSORS BREAKFAST.** The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. In addition to our signature blueberry pancakes, we are including scrambled eggs with this full-course breakfast that will be served at the Shaler Area Middle School cafeteria at 1810 Mt. Royal Blvd. The breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, juice, sausage and your choice of beverage for a donation of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age. A Chinese Auction and a 50/50 Raffle will be available. Tickets can be purchased from a Kiwanis member or at the door.

23. **SPRING BOOK SALE.** The Shaler North Hills Library is hosting its spring book sale. Tons of books, music CDs, DVDs, books on tape and CD, and puzzles. The sale will run from May 11 through May 13 at the Shaler North Hills Library on Mt. Royal Blvd. We always accept donations of books, CDs, videos, audio books, games and puzzles in good condition – we especially love paperbacks.

14. **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.** As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, we are pleased to announce that Lifetouch will be helping us compile a 2012 church family pictorial directory. Sign up for your portrait: On line at the bottom of our website: elfinwildchurch.org; or before & after services. For assistance, contact Joanne Pearson at 724-444-4474 or jpearson@zoominternet.net.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to make a treasured family keepsake. There is no fee to the church for the directory service and no cost to the families to be photographed. **Only participating households will receive a free directory.** Every participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait. Although there will be no obligation to purchase anything, you will be given the opportunity to buy a portrait package.

If you bring in a canned good on the day of your appointment, you will get a \$5 off coupon toward this portrait purchase. Photography will take place on May 24, 25, 26 & 29; and June 21, 22, & 23. Everyone (member or not) is welcome to participate!

15. **INQUIRERS’ CLASS – A CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.** This class is for those interested in learning more about Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and our beliefs and practices. The staff will participate in the teaching and sharing times, and members of the congregation will share with you what about this Church has enhanced their relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who find that Elfinwild Church is where God is leading them to become involved as a member will have the opportunity to join after the class sessions. The class will meet in the **Peach Classroom** (lower level of the Sanctuary building) on Sundays at 9:45 am starting **April 22** and completing **May 27**.

16. **SENIOR ACHIEVERS.** Senior Achievers will meet Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Johnny Hunt (Johnny Angel) will talk to us about St. Barnabas Communities. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert are provided. Guests and visitors are always welcome. Pictures will be taken.

17. **SCHOLARSHIPS.** The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students applying for or enrolled in a college or other post-high school education program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of service to the Church, financial need and community service/extracurricular activities. Applications are available in the Church office and the deadline for submission is Monday, April 16, 2012. For more information, please contact the Church office.

18. **TELL US YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES.** Much like your own families, every member of the Elfinwild family has memories and stories about their life as a member at Elfinwild. We would like to hear about those youth group trips, Sunday School classes, church picnics, adult fellowship groups – or whatever memory you would like to share.

Please write them down, in any form – typed or long-hand – and forward them to Jim Giel, Jr. as soon as possible. We will share them throughout the year with the “family” so that the newer members hear the “old” stories and the “older” members hear the stories of the newer members.