

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 3:16  
(Page 89 N.T. in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**

*"That Whoever Believes in Him"*

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN NO. 88**

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

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**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

Arranged by Dick Torrans

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Dan Voigt  
11:10 Bob Weinheimer

**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.

**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**

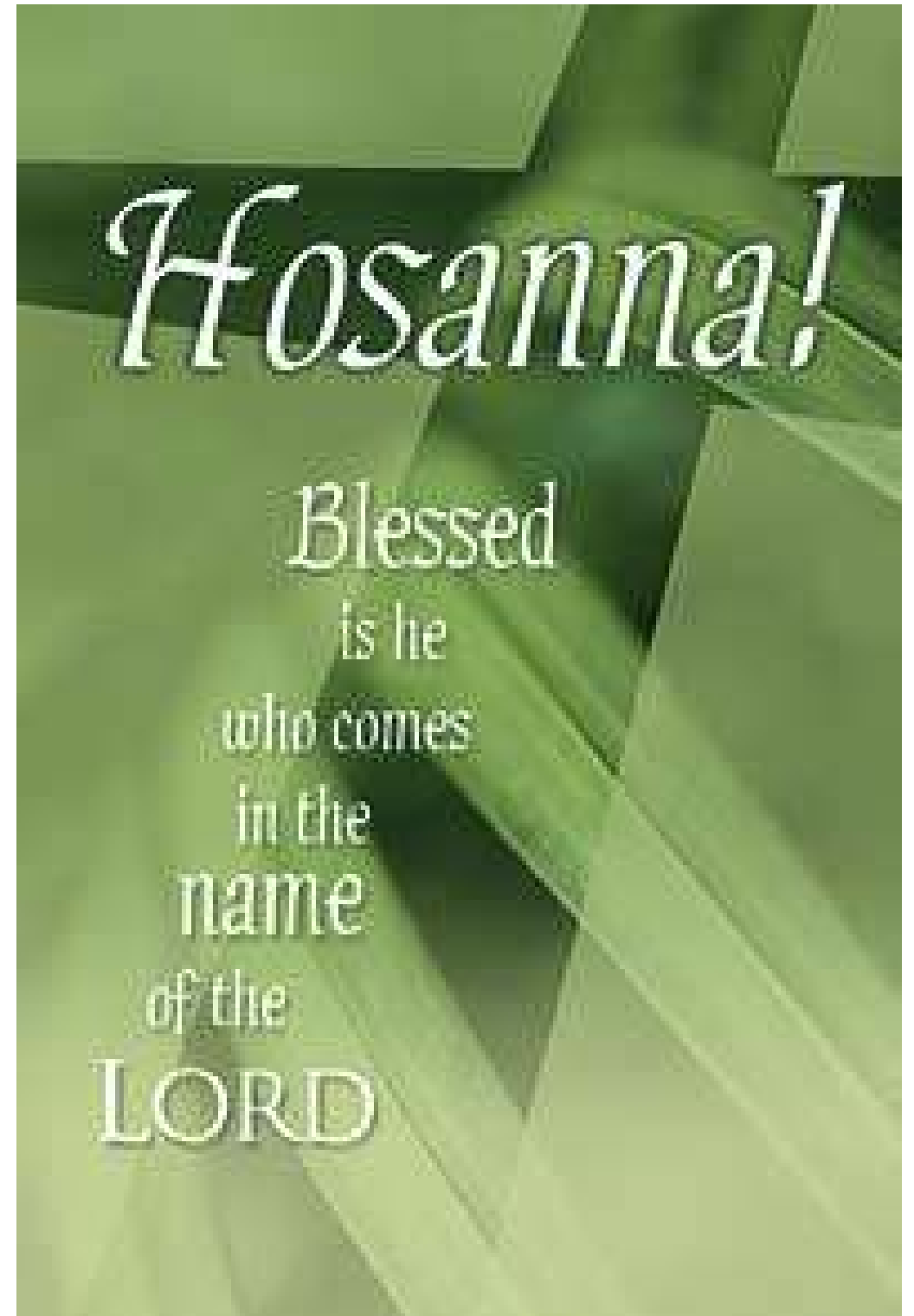
Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

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.



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

***PALM SUNDAY – April 17, 2011***

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

*“To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right  
to become children of God.”*

John 1:12

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**INTROIT**

*“God Himself Is With Us”*

Elementary Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
People: **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**  
Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;  
People: **triumphant and victorious is he,**  
Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,  
People: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**\*HYMN NO. 89**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Ellacombe

**PROCESSION OF PALMS**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM**

*“Little Grey Donkey”*  
Elementary Choir

Natalie Sleeth

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*“Kyrie Eleison”*

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**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: Save us now!” On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty. We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.” As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. **Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:*

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.”  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.

Leader:

Friends, believe the Good News!

People:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN NO. 230**

*“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”*

Nun danket all' und bringet ehr'

**PRAYERS 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.

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“For the Beauty of The Earth”*  
Elementary Choir

Buryl Red

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**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to the family of Scott Muszynski whose father died on April 13.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** John and Kristen Tiernan on the birth of Brayden Tiernan born on April 13. Proud grandparents and David and Nancy Tiernan.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Joanne Best will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Jeff Mulkern.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Jean Cooper by her 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.

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



4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** (age 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 on "Jesus is King and The Passover" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey and Beth Interthal.
5. **M & ms:** In May, we will meet on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 in Fellowship Hall.



**STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

6. **JR. HIGH CLUB 4:30-6PM TONIGHT.** This group is for students in grades 6-8. Come and join us for some fun, food and fellowship as we also discuss how we live as a disciple of Jesus in our daily lives. We hope you will join us. For more information contact Jason.
7. **SR. HIGH CLUB 6:30-8PM TONIGHT.** This group is for students 9-12. Come join us for a great evening of fun, fellowship and worship as we explore what it means to live our Christian faith in the midst of high school. For more information call Jason.

8. **CONFIRMATION MAKE UP SESSION - MAY 18.** Jason will be offering a group makeup session for those students who have missed (or will have missed) more than three confirmation classes. These classes will look back over what we have covered and give students opportunities to ask questions and get caught up. Students can still set up individual makeup sessions with Jason if this time doesn't fit their schedule. If students have not missed more than three classes they are not required to attend any makeup sessions. This session will be Wed. May 18th from 6:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions as we head into the latter half of the confirmation class, please don't hesitate to contact Jason, Ginny or Kevin.

9. **MISSION TRIP MEETINGS TONIGHT APRIL 17 - JR HIGH 4-4:30PM; SR. HIGH 8-8:30PM**

We will have a brief meeting at 4pm prior to Jr. High club for the Jr. High mission trip to Chattanooga, TN, and a separate meeting for the Sr. High following Sr. high club from 8-8:30pm. These meetings are important for getting information about the trips, as well as spiritually preparing ourselves for serving God and others. If you are signed up to attend one of these trips, please plan to be there.



## Elfinwild Church News

10. **MEN!!** There is a new CLC group beginning in early May. **Christian Leadership Concepts** is a curriculum for 10 to 12 men to meet together and grow in our relationship with God, one another, and in all areas of life that God has placed us. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> CLC group at Elfinwild. Space is limited, so please do not miss our meeting on Sunday, April 17, at 9:30 am in the Library! Call Steve Heere, Rodney Engh, or Dirk Lesnett for more information or with any questions.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER NEEDED.** We are looking for someone who would like to serve the church and has gifts of administration to learn from and assist Jack Ritenbaugh, our Business Manager. Our goal is to have leadership that is "two deep" so that there is a back-up when one is needed. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lesnett or Jack Ritenbaugh.

**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Financial Statement**  
**March 31, 2011**

Proposed Budget (Y.T.D.)	\$155,036
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given	155,993
Total Expenses (Y.T.D.)	\$145,344
Favorable (Y.T.D.)	10,649

### THIS WEEK

Day	Time	Activity
SUNDAY	9:30 am	CLC Meeting – Kennedy Library
	4:00-4:30 pm	Jr. High Mission Trip Meeting
	4:30-6:00 pm	Jr. High Club – Youth House
	6:30-8:00 pm	Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	8:00-8:30 pm	Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting
	7:30 am	Preschool – C.E.
	5:30-9:00 pm	Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Building
	6:30 pm	C25K - Hampton Community Center
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
	7:30 am	Preschool – C.E.
WEDNESDAY	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library
	5:30-9:00 pm	Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building
	6:30 pm	TOPS
	7:00 pm	Handbells – Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Preschool–C.E.
	6:30 pm	C25K – Hampton Community Center
FRIDAY	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library
	7:30 am	NO Preschool
	11:30 am	Senior Achievers – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Maudy Thursday Communion Service-Sanctuary
SATURDAY	8:00 pm	Chancel Choir with trumpets & handbells
	7:30 am	NO Preschool
SUNDAY	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary

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## **Inquirer's Class**

**The Peach Classroom**

(Lower level of the  
Sanctuary Building)

**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.

Sundays at 9:45 am  
**May 1 – June 5, 2011**

13. **EASTER MEMORIALS 2011.** Place your money for the Pastor's Fund or the Bread of Life Food Bank in the special envelopes located in the pews. Mark the outside of the envelope with the memorial name and your own name. Make all checks payable to Elfinwild Church. For those who requested flowers, they can be taken from the sanctuary after the 11:10 service on Easter morning.
14. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.** The pantry would especially appreciate any type of kid's cereal, condiments, baking items, boxed/package potatoes or rice, and paper products in April and May. Please place food in boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.
15. **ALLIED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES** has placed a 2 cu. ft. recycling bin in the Church Avenue lot next to the Abitibi paper recycling bin. This bin will take all recycling materials such as cans, cardboard, plastic, glass, and phone books which can be co-mingled. This recycling bin is for church use only. All paper will continue to be deposited in the Abitibi recycling bins. There are red containers located inside the church facilities to collect all recyclables EXCEPT paper. Continue to use the blue bins for paper disposal only.
16. **THE COLUMBARIUM.** Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has established a special facility for the care and safekeeping of cremated remains. By establishing a columbarium at our church, it is possible to once again return to the tradition of making one's final resting place on the grounds of the church. Applications are now being accepted for reserving a niche in the Columbarium. Selection will be on a first come, first serve basis and selection began on January 15, 2011. Niches can be purchased for both burial and tribute. Brochures and applications are available through the church office. If you would like to speak with someone about the Columbarium and purchasing a niche, please feel free to contact Deb Thompson, 412-487-7001.
17. **USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS.** It has been brought to our attention that groups are taking it upon themselves to arrange meetings or programs in church facilities without contacting the office to see if the room that they intend to use is available. The proper procedure for usage of a room in the church, or any building on the campus, is to notify Lora King at 412-486-5400 to see if there is availability of the room on the church calendar. The meeting is then placed on the calendar with the time the room will be in use by the group. This procedure will then alert the sexton on duty to be aware of who is in the building at certain times and they can arrange their work schedules to clean the building in an orderly fashion and to maintain security of the facilities. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

18. **PARISH NURSES.** We would like to revive the Parish Nurse group at Elfinwild Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Roderick at 412-487-8223 or [peakrod@verizon.net](mailto:peakrod@verizon.net). She will be gathering name, contact information, credentials, and skills. Although the committee will be labeled “the Parish Nurses,” all those with a medical background (physicians, pharmacists, physical therapy, etc.) will be welcome to participate. There is nothing more rewarding than sharing your time and talents with those who are in need.



19. **SENIOR ACHIEVERS.** Senior Achiever’s will meet on Thursday, April 21, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Ed Derekech will speak on the 3 D’s: Depression, Delirium, and Dementia. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. Guests and friends are welcome.
20. **FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Will be held on April 30 from 8:00 am until noon. Cost per table is \$20 and will benefit the youth mission trip to Tennessee. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the mission trip as well. Call 412-486-0550 for more information.
21. **MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION.** North Hills Community Outreach’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Masters Miniature Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, May 12, at RMU Island Sports Center on Neville Island. Entry fee includes a round of miniature golf, buffet dinner, silent auction and prizes. For more information, contact Nicole at 412-307-0069 or find a registration form at [www.nhco.org](http://www.nhco.org).
22. **ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE.** Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry is holding its annual used book sale from Monday, June 6 through Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm at The Shoppes at Northway on McKnight Road. More than 40,000 new and used books and DVDs will be available for \$3.00 or less. Mark your calendar.

23. **“FOR YOUR HEALTH” SEMINARS.** Passavant Hospital Foundation and UPMC Passavant are offering seminars on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, Cranberry Twp., Municipal building at 2525 Rochester Road. Among the topics included are: “Good Nutrition for Seniors: Attaining and Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle” on April 20 and “Bloodless Medicine and Surgery” on May 18. For more information or to register call 412-367-6643. These seminars are free of charge.

24. **ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AT PARKWOOD.** Parkwood Church will be holding their annual spring blood drive on Sunday May 1 from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. To sign up, please contact Nancy Burke in the office at 412-486-9220 or [secretary@parkwoodchurch.org](mailto:secretary@parkwoodchurch.org).

25. **BLINDNESS AWARENESS DAY.** Age-related vision problems such as macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma, and the latest treatments available, will be the focus of Blindness Awareness Day on Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 am until noon. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel at 101 Radisson Drive in Greentree. The event is free, parking is free, and registration begins at 9:00 am in the East Ballroom. Seniors, their families, and those with vision problems are invited. For more information, contact Debra Meyer at Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh at 412-368-4400, ext. 2287, or [dmeyer@pqhvis.org](mailto:dmeyer@pqhvis.org).

26. **ANNUAL “STAMP OUT HUNGER” COLLECTION.** The National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 14, for distribution to LOCAL food banks and pantries. Please place a food donation by your mailbox before your mail is delivered. Help us help our communities.  
**Please note: Food collected in your area will remain in your area.**

27. **ANNUAL PLANT SALE BY SHALER GARDEN CLUB.** The Shaler Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am until noon at Kiwanis Park. Perennial plants from member gardens will be for sale. The event will also feature a flea market, bake sale, and special Mother’s Day plants and planters. This year marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shaler Garden Club.