

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN NO. 113 *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"* Llanfair

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen, indeed!**

*POSTLUDE *"Gelobt sei Gott"* Healey Willan

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday school May 1st – May 29th – 9:45 – 11:10 am

NOTE: The cover on today's bulletin is a picture of the door from the Garden Tomb taken by Ruthie Riethmuller on the Holy Land 2009 trip.

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 Bethann Dolan in the chapel.

EASTER SUNDAY

- There will be NO Sunday School classes (9:45-10:45). Families are encouraged to attend worship and celebrate the joy of Easter together.

Child care will be provided during the 9:30 and 11:10 am worship services in the Cradle Roll and the Toddler room. Young Child in Worship will be offered for Preschool – 2nd grade during the 11:10 worship service.



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

April 24, 2011

Eight O'Clock

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

"Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Romans 8:34

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Symphony I: VI. Final (Allegro)"

Louis Vierne

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: This is the good news - the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news - once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

***HYMN NO. 123**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Kyrie Eleison"

See Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

[Silence]

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 1 Peter 1:18-21

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

See Insert

Praise Team with Congregation

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Christ is Risen"

Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes

Praise Team

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

(Page 166 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Promise of Everlasting Life"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bethann Dolan.
2. **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



3. **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 Risen" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey and Beth Interthal.
4. **M & ms:** In May, we will meet on Wednesday the 18th from 6:30 – 8:00 in Fellowship Hall.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



5. **NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!** Due to the Easter celebration we will not have either Jr. or Sr. High club tonight. We will resume our normal schedule next Sunday.
6. **YOUTH SUNDAY: MAY 1ST STUDENTS PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:45AM** All students are encouraged to come and be a part of both services next Sunday even if they do not have a specific role in the service. Students are encouraged to wear their yellow "gone fishing" shirts and sit in the choir loft during the services to serve as the unofficial "youth choir" while our youth band leads the songs. We are asking all students with and without parts to arrive at 7:45am next Sunday for a brief run through. A pancake breakfast will be provided for all students during the Sunday school hour downstairs in fellowship hall.
7. **PITTSBURGH PROJECT WORK DAY: SATURDAY MAY 14TH FROM 8AM-4PM** Just as in the fall we will have a great day of service at the Pittsburgh Project. We will meet at the youth house at 8am and ride over together. We will return no later than 4pm to the youth house. Students should sign up with Jason by Sunday May 8th. Parents who are willing to help drive should also let Jason know by Sunday May 8th as well. All those interested in serving must fill out a release form for the Pittsburgh Project which can be obtained from 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. **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.

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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

MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY 7:30 am NO Preschool – Staff Workshop 5:30-9:00 pm Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Building 6:30 pm C25K - Hampton Community Center 7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:30 am NO Preschool – Staff Workshop 11:00 am Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library 1:00 pm Caring Hands 5:30-9:00 pm Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm AARP Board Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am Preschool–C.E. 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Joanne Best 6:30 pm C25K – Hampton Community Center 7:00 pm CLC #2 – Kennedy Library 7:15 pm Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am Men’s Bible Study – Kennedy Library 7:30 am Preschool – C.E. 8:30 am Women’s Bible Study – Youth House 6:00 pm Girl Scouts – Peach Room 6:00 pm Lions Club – Corner Conf. Room 7:00 pm CLC #3 – Youth House
FRIDAY	7:30 am Preschool – C.E. 7:00 pm Cub Den Meeting – Green Room 7:00 pm CLC #4 – overnight in Youth House
SATURDAY	9:00 am-3:00 pm Act I – Friendship Hall and C.E.



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

11. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.** The pantry would especially appreciate any type of kid's cereal, condiments, baking items, boxed/packaged potatoes or rice, and paper products in April and May. Please place food in boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **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.

15. **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. 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.



16. **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.
17. **MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION.** North Hills Community Outreach's 10th 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.
18. **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.

19. **“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: “Bloodless Medicine and Surgery” on May 18. For more information or to register call 412-367-6643. These seminars are free of charge.
20. **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.
21. **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@pghvis.org.
22. **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.
23. **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 90th anniversary of the Shaler Garden Club.