

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations; the old has gone the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

All: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed and renewed!**

(8:30)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Here With Me”
(Please see insert)

(11:10)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ for the World We Sing”
(Please see insert)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Walter and Erica (Jacquel) Baer

Questions to the Congregation

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Madison Ann Baer

Hymn No. 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

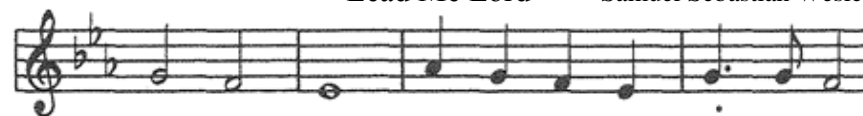
CALL TO CONFESSION

During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race. In response to his sacrifice, let us confess our sins to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are, so that we might become what You are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that too often we do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we confess our sins that we might then rejoice and be glad in You and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. Amen.

“Lead Me Lord” Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ- teous-ness;



make thy way plain be - fore my face.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Friends receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“Word of God Speak”
Praise Team

Millard/Kipley

(11:10)

“Walking ‘Cross the Sea”
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

*Derek Bowen, Soloist Eric Dudgeon, Drums
Nathan Connelly & Marge Cain, Drama*

*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.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(8:30)

“Lord’s Prayer”
Praise Team

Eric and Tara Park

(11:10)

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Chancel Choir

Albert Malotte

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5-7; 9; 14; Mark 4-6; Luke 10: 15;
John 6
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“No Ordinary Man”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Above All”

Leblanc and Baloche

Verse 1

**Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began**

Verse 2

**Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth**

Chorus 2x

**Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all**

**Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all**

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(11:10)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 367

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festive Toccata”

Robert W. Thygeron

The Elder of the Week is Steve Heere

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
8:30 – Jeff Mulkern*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE**

**“We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give.”**

Winston Churchill

28. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

No doubt many of you have heard the news that the proposed Federal budget will create a funding problem for the Meals on Wheels programs throughout the country. ***This proposed budget does not affect the Elfinwild Meals***

Ministry. Our Meals Ministry **is not** affiliated with the Lutheran Services Society Meals on Wheels program. In June, 2011, the Elfinwild meals program severed its ties with the Meals on Wheels program and has run as an independent ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church since that time. Our funding is solely through the weekly payments made by our clients, contributions of local civic organizations (Glenshaw Century Club, Elfinwild Lions Club and others), memorial gifts, gifts of cookies and baked goods as well as surplus bread/rolls and baked goods from Shop N' Save and generous contributions made by members of the Elfinwild congregation. We do not and have not received any funding from any governmental sources. Please remember, there is no financial threshold required to receive the services of the Meals Ministry. Should you have any questions concerning the Meals Ministry, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 or Dick Friedline at the kitchen 412-486-8000.

29. SUMMER MEANS LCCC! It is time to register for Ligonier Camp! On the blue banner in the lower entry way of the church, you will find brochures about traditional summer camp and family camp! Scholarships are available! To apply for one, check the scholarship box on the registration form at the time of registering (a small deposit will be needed). After that, at the www.ligoniercamp.org website, under the "registration tab" you will find the word "scholarship". Click it...download the packet and complete the forms and send them to camp! Questions? Contact Ruthie Riethmuller 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

30. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR NHCO'S NEIGHBORHOOD

BLOCK PARTY – North Hills Community Outreach's Neighborhood Block Party is 5:30-8:30 pm, Thursday, April 27th at The Chadwick in McCandless (Wexford). The whole family is welcome at this all-ages event, which includes multiple food stations, live music by Acoustic Diversion and Katie Zeak, appearances by Pittsburgh Princesses and World Yo-yo Champion Ky Zizan, face painting, 60-second Flash Games and Puzzle Piece project, games, a silent auction and much more. Proceeds benefit NHCO's programs that help local families in hardship. Signature sponsors include Allegheny Health Network, Fenchel Law Offices and The Chadwick. All-inclusive tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-10 and can be purchased online at <https://nhco.org/2017-neighborhood-block-party/> or by calling Cheryl at 412-487-6316 opt 1.

31. SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will be woven together like pieces of a quilt into a brick walkway leading a path to the Memorial site. The bricks will be a permanent commemoration of our veterans. Individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a 4 x 8 inch brick. The goal is to memorialize and honor all veterans and those currently serving who are associated with our community, as well as to enhance and beautify the Memorial site. For more information, please contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 or 412-487-8183.

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 4-2-17

TODAY (4-2-17)	8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – CR 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Family Ministry Committee Meeting – CCR
MONDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH 7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training Session – CCR 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH
TUESDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 12:00 PM – Men's Luncheon – FH 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 12:00 PM – Ministerium Lunch at North Park Clubhouse 5:45 PM – 7:30 PM – Lenten Dinner and Bible Study for all ages- FH 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – M&M's – FH 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Confirmation Class – YH 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Lenten Study Child Care – TR 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Kids' Lenten Study 4 yrs-2 nd grade – PR 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH
THURSDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR 8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
FRIDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Den 8 Bear Cub Scouts – PR 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Tiger Cubs – Red Room
SATURDAY	6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC #6 – YH 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – FrH
SUNDAY (4-9-17)	Palm Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:10 AM – Sunday School Kids Sing – SA 12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class meets with Session – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in memory of deceased family members by the Blose and Callahan families.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Steve Heere.

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.

8:30 USHERS

Mark Connelly
Curtis Neil
Len Colaizzi
Marilyn Colaizzi

11:10 USHERS

Henry Tomer
Jerry Nist
Nicole Graco
Dave Jenkins
Becky Winek

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Dennis Kriek
11:10 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, April 9, 2017
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400

1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH

2 1/2. The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and the 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. This week's lesson will be *Holy Week* and will be taught by Melissa Kutzer, Bethann Dolan, Bonnie DeMatteo, and Elaine Jans.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME

YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be April 5th, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will be joining the Lenten Bible study. Please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

5. JOIN US! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM

Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Handbell Choir – Thursdays 7:00 PM (*Resumes on Wednesdays at 6pm on 4/26*)

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact

Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

6. REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House. We hope to see you there!

7. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – During Lent, we will not be meeting at Bethany's home, but are encouraging the girls to attend the Lenten dinner and Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 5:45 PM. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

8. ELFINWILD CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND – The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students 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 or from Jason, and the deadline for submission is Friday, April 14, 2017. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

9. ELFINWILD DINNER AND PIE AUCTION – April 22, 2017. Tickets by presale: \$20 per person or reserve a Table for 8 for \$150. Tickets will be sold at a church table beginning April 2nd or contact Nancy Kriek at 412-527-4338. Tickets sold out last year. *Much of the success of this fundraiser comes from donations from members. If you would like to donate a baked good, an item or a service to be auctioned, contact Kyle Pinta at 412-216-1855.*

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. 2017 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex. **If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen** as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

11. LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY – Please join us on Wednesdays, beginning on March 1, 2017 through April 5, 2017 at 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 followed by Bible study for all ages at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

12. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:30 PM.** We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

13. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), please

contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: Side dishes with noodles (no rice), Side dishes with potatoes, Jelly - any flavor, Canned whole potatoes, Boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, Boxed mac & cheese, Jars of spaghetti sauce, Canned chili or stew, Broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, Large bottles of juice, Pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, Cooking oil, Boxes of Crackers, Salad dressing & ketchup, Napkins & tissues, Paper towels, and Baby diapers.

14. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall) Ends May 14th.

* "Visiting Israel" taught by Henry Tomer on May 21st and 28th (Fellowship Hall)

* "The Wired Word" (Cornerstone Room)

15. EASTER MEMORIALS - Please order your 2017 Easter Memorials by using the white envelopes located in each pew. Each 6" potted lily plant or hyacinth plant will be available for \$12. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TODAY! (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE).** *Please specify which flower you would like on the envelope. You may pick up the flowers you purchase AFTER the 11:10 service on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

16. ELFINWILD PRESCHOOL is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. For information about the weekday preschool or to register for next year, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. We love to share information about the program. Learning and growing in God's love provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christ's love and welcome families in the community.

17. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP We gather after the 8:30 AM. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. **Volunteers are needed on Sundays for clean-up.** Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at conthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

18. HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY – Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal Contact: Tessa Connelly, at conthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

19. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. There is a new article called "My Joy In The Desert". It is about how Jesus offers us inexpressible joy even in the most heartbreaking and excruciating moments of our lives. Please stop and pick up a copy of it today! If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or at: mrdd1@comcast.net.

VERSE OF THE MONTH-"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10b

20. ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY –The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry everyday either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any time during the hours of 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

21. ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN AND FRIENDS OF SAN JOSE DEL NEGRITO, HONDURAS, MISSION TRIP - JUNE 17-24, 2017

Could this be your year to join a church-wide mission trip to the mountains of Honduras? We are excited to be able to partner with the community of San Jose del Negrito to improve homes of the most needy by painting, light construction, cleaning, and working "shoulder to shoulder" with homeowners. We will also conduct a 2 day Vacation Bible School program as well as one evening worship service for the community at large. Trip expenses are approximately \$1200-1500. In addition, immunizations at the ACHD (\$200-400) and a passport will be required. Some financial assistance may be available through Elfinwild's Mission Team. Please contact Mark Meyer at: littlepine@verizon.net for more information.

22. 2017 PER CAPITA – For anyone who uses auto pay or ACH, this is a notification that you did not receive a Per Capita envelope for 2017. You may pay your per capita by placing it in a pew envelope and making sure that your name and the words "Per Capita" are written on the envelope. **Per Capita Apportionment** is the fee assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$31.50 per member. Elfinwild is required to make payments each quarter in 2017 to pay this assessment.

1 Member	\$31.50	3 Members	\$94.50
2 Members	\$63.00	4 Members	\$126.00

23. TODDLER ROOM ATTENDANT POSITION is now open. The Toddler Room Attendant will maintain the Toddler Room as a secure, nurturing environment where each child will see, hear and feel the love of Jesus Christ and parents can feel confident their child will receive the highest quality of care and ministry. This person will work each Sunday from 9:30-12:30 (or after the second service has been completed). As an important ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, the Toddler Room teacher must be a compassionate, understanding and spiritually motivated individual and a fully committed believer in Jesus Christ. Interested applicants should apply at: <https://pittsburgh.craigslis.org/edu/6016938341.html>

24. EASTER HOSTING! – International students LOVE spending holidays in the homes of Americans! **Do you have extra room at your table this Easter?** If you are interested in hosting an international student or two, please contact Christa: christa.prism@gmail.com or the PRISM office: 412-683-0342.

25. NORTH BRANCH ALL-FAMILY PICNIC – Everyone in the North Branch (pastors, clerks, staff, elders, and members) plus their families are invited! Sunday, April 30, from 3:00-7:00 PM; catered dinner served at 4:30 PM. The picnic will be held in the Willow & Juniata pavilions at North Park located off of Ingomar/Wildwood Road next to a playground. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 cap per family. Please RSVP by April 17th to: Rachel Shussett by email at: rshussett@pghpresbytery.org or call her at 412-697-9207.

26. LIGONIER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER will be hosting *Pie and Play* at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh on April 9th at 3PM. Come eat some delicious pie, play some camp games that you love, and get a taste of the upcoming summer program! Tickets will be \$5 at the door and you can RSVP on our facebook event. If interested in donating a pie for the event or if you have any questions please contact Jordan Skowron at: intern@ligoniercamp.org or 412-551-5944. Hope to see you there!

27. SPECIAL THANKS are extended to Mary Slagle for replacing the red covers on the handbell table pads. We are grateful for her help!