

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. 92

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

St. Christopher

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

SERMON

"God's Gift of Love"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 371

"Lift High the Cross"

Crucifer

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSION

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in B Flat Major"

Roy Brunner

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Pat Graham
Geoff Naylor
Jane Naylor
Ray Stultz

11:10 a.m.

Henry Tomer
Margaret Hartley
Don Duncan
Mike Gaydos
Becky Winek



UPCOMING SERVICES

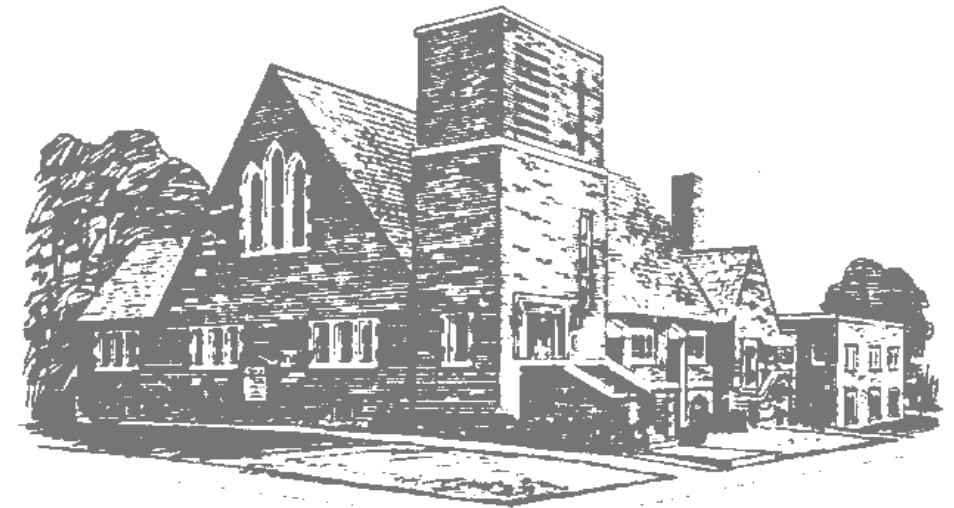
Sunday, April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"His Only Son"

Rev. Jason Rea preaching

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 Marie Bowen in the chapel.



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 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.**

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.
"Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
Jesus (John 15:13)

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.)

PRELUDE

"Gethsemane"

Richard Avakian

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand;

People: Open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.

Leader: You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

People: Help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

Leader: You are wiser than we can know;

People: Still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Leader: Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak.

People: We worship and adore you. Amen.

***OPENING SONGS (8:30)**

"Days of Elijah" and "Glory to God Forever"

Praise Team w/Congregation

See Insert

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Kyrie Eleison"

See Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Word of God Incarnate, you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace you call us to repent, to be crucified with you, that we might be raised as new creations. But we confess that often we do not live as renewed people. We confess that often we "go with the flow" instead of stemming sin's tide. Forgive us when we do not show evidence of renewal. Forgive us when we let the fruit of the Spirit be choked by the weeds of evil. You have made us your children, members of your kingdom. Help us to show evidence of that every day as we work to bring your justice, peace, gentleness, goodness, love, joy, and hope to all we meet. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: 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, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30)

"Our God"

Praise Team

OFFERTORY (11:10)

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Stuart Townsend/Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants – 1st 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 – 1st floor of church building

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

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

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the congregation are extended to the family of Norma Jean Stoker whose funeral was held on Wednesday, March 30 in the sanctuary. Also our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Harriet Andrews whose funeral was held at the Neely Funeral Home on March 30. Our sympathy and prayers also go out to the family of Larry McKern on the death of Larry's grandfather in Ohio.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Marie Bowen.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in celebration of Dean and Elizabeth Thomas' 65th wedding anniversary.
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 the "Jesus & the Children" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey and Beth Interthal.

5. **M & ms – WINTER & SPRING** meeting dates are as follows: Apr. 13, May 18, and Jun. 22 when we will have a pizza lunch immediately following VBS. Unless otherwise noted, we gather from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All youth in grades 4 through 6 are welcome to join us. Parents are welcome too!

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



6. **CONFIRMATION MAKE UP SESSIONS - APRIL 13TH AND MAY 11TH.** Jason will be offering two group makeup sessions 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 neither of these times fit their schedule. If students have not missed more than three classes they are not required to attend any makeup sessions. The first class on April 13th will be during our Lenten program. Students are encouraged to come at 6pm and eat dinner with their families prior to our class beginning at 6:30pm. The second 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.
7. **PIE AUCTION THANK YOU!** The Student Ministry would like to say thank you to all who donated items as well as their time to the Pie Auction and all those who came out to bid on those items in support of our students. Your support will help students as they serve others as short term missionaries this summer. Thank You!
8. **MISSION TRIP MEETINGS APRIL 17TH - 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.
9. **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.
10. **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.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

11. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to make your reservation.

		THIS WEEK
SUNDAY	12:10 pm 2:00 pm 4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Special Trustee Meeting – Corner Conf. Room Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House Women's Bible Study – Peach Room
MONDAY	7:30 am 5:30-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Building C25K (Couch to 5K) Hampton Community Center Technology Team – Kennedy Library
TUESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 5:30-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Staff Meeting – Choir Room Men's Luncheon – Fellowship Hall Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building TOPS Handbells Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool–C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Worship Planning Lenten Dinner – Fellowship Hall Lenten Study – Fellowship Hall Elementary Choir – Choir Room C25K (Couch to 5K) – Hampton Community Center CLC – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir room
THURSDAY	7:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool–C.E. Women's Bible Study – Youth House Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Lions Club – Corner Conf. Room CLC – Youth House Women's Bible Study – Kennedy Library
FRIDAY	CALL DEADLINE 7:30 am 9:00 am 3:00-6:00 pm 7:00 pm	NO Preschool Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Lions Club Dinner Preparation Cub Scouts – Friendship Hall
SATURDAY	9:00 am-3:00 pm 7:00 am-4:00 pm	Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Lions Club Dinner Preparation



The Lenten Study
The Prodigal God
Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith
By Timothy Keller

Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall
March 9th – April 13th
6:00-6:30 – Dinner 6:30-7:30 – Study

Dr. Dirk Lesnett will be leading a Lenten DVD study based on the book **The Prodigal God** by Timothy Keller. Keller opens up a familiar parable to new insights. He takes the story of the prodigal son from Luke 15 and offers a cultural historical view that is challenging and inspiring. The conversation should be lively and the opportunity for spiritual growth is limitless. A pot-luck supper will be served at 6:00. The study will follow at 6:30.

I would like to participate. I would like _____ books at \$8.00 each

It warms the heart and body to break bread and study the Word of God together as we travel through the Lenten season. Consider sharing a favorite recipe and great conversation. Sign-up for a week or two and let us know what you would like to bring:

- _____ Hearty soup, chili or casserole
- _____ Salad
- _____ Dessert
- _____ I would like to help with set up at 5:15

On Wednesday, April _____ 6th, _____ 13th.

Name _____

Phone# _____

*** Babysitting will be provided. Please call the office to let us know how many children will be coming.**

*** Cancellations due to weather will be posted on the website: www.elfinwildchurch.org or call the office 412-486-5400 with any questions.**

12. **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.
13. **SHARE YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES.** Elfinwild Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2012 and one of the planned projects is publication of a church history. Included will be biographical sketches of pastors, listings of members and church officers, and of course, pictures. What we're looking for here, however, is your memories. We want your input for a section called Memories of Elfinwild. Please write what you especially remember about Elfinwild over its 100 years. Long or short, light or serious, recent or long-past, the more stories gathered the more we will understand the legacy of our beloved church. Please send your stories to Jim Giel, Jr. at the church office or e-mail him at gielwest@verizon.net.
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. **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.
16. **ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** can be found in the reception area next to the Church Ave. entrance. Please pick yours up and save the cost of mailing. Thank you.
17. **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. The paper will continue to be deposited in the Abitibi recycling bins. There will be red containers located inside the church facilities to place these materials for disposal.

This recycling bin is for church use only.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Financial Statement
February 28, 2011

Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$101,543
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		101,613
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 96,545
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	5,068

18.

19.

COUCH-TO-5K. The purpose of the c25k program is to share the physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual benefits of running to the Elfinwild Church community. The goals of the program include raising awareness of the benefits of physical activity, providing a fun, safe, and healthy environment in which to learn, providing a program supported by information, knowledge and motivation, ***taking participants from their couches to the finish line of their first 5K (3.1 miles)*** and teaching good stewardship of the body to honor God.

The Elfinwild c25k program will run 10 weeks and began last week on March 21. The participants will meet twice per week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Hampton High School and Community Park at 6:30pm. A third workout will be done on their own later in the week. Each session will conclude with some dynamic stretching and core work. The entire group schedule will be e-mailed every Sunday evening so that those who may have conflicts during the week can do it on their own. Several guest speakers will encourage participants throughout the session and running Mentors will also be on-hand to motivate the group. The culminating event will be the Stoneridge Church 5K/10K on Monday, May 30th in Shaler. The cost of the program is \$50/person or \$75/family which includes a t-shirt. Proceeds benefit the Elfinwild Church youth programs. All members and their families are strongly encouraged to participate!

20.

EASTER MEMORIALS 2011. It's time to order spring flowers to beautify the church on Easter. The cost for each plant is \$9.00. Place your money for a plant, 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. **Sunday, April 10** will be the last day to place your order for flowers. Any orders received after this date will be applied to the Food Bank. The flowers can be taken from the sanctuary after the 11:10 service on Easter morning.

21.

DID YOU KNOW that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you, or a family member that you are caring for, are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. Our Hospitality Ministry can deliver a meal to your home!
Or perhaps you have a doctor's appointment, but have no transportation or are unable to drive. The Deacons' Hospitality Ministry is able to help.

Deacons are here to SERVE YOU. Do you have a need for either of these services? If so, please call the church office, and we will respond to you.

22.

GLENSHAW AARP #3744 will meet Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Entertainment will be provided by Frank La Velle - an Entertainer with an Unforgettable Voice. Bring food for the food bank.

23.

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.

24.

LIONS CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER. Saturday, April 9 from 4:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults - \$7.00, Seniors - \$6.00, Children 3-10 years - \$4.00 and under 3 – free. Takeouts are available and there will be live entertainment.

25.

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. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, April 15, 2011. For more information, contact Jason Rea or the church office.

26.

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.

27.

COMMUNION EDUCATION RETREAT. On Saturday, April 16th, from 9:00am - 12:30pm in the Gathering Area a Communion Education Retreat offered by the Reverend Dirk Lesnett and the members of the Elfinwild Children's Ministry Team will be held. In interactive and exciting ways, we will learn about the history and meaning of the meal; the events of Holy Week; and what it means to be 'living forgiven.' This retreat is designed for a parent and child to experience together and would be most appropriate for 3rd & 4th grade children; however, all children, 1st - 6th, and parents, are welcome. We will be having an Agape Feast as our lunch, in which everyone is asked to bring an item such as bread, cheese, fruit or juice to share. It is important in our planning to know if you are coming. Please complete a registration form which is available in the church office or

online.