

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: While we have gone back to our routines of work, school and other responsibilities, may the hope of the resurrection of Jesus not fade from our hearts and minds.
People: The tomb is still empty.
Leader: The power of God's love does not grow old or tired.
People: Life, abundant and eternal, is God's promise as we face sin and death.
Leader: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, even as Jesus walked with the two on their way to Emmaus and they did not recognize Him; we, too, often fail to have eyes to see Jesus and Your presence with us on the roads we walk. Forgive us when our hopes have faded and we have given up. Forgive our lack of faith or eyes to see what You are doing. And forgive us when we are not open to You doing the unexpected and providing "new" life beyond what we can see or imagine. Restore in us the belief of love and life that overcomes sin and death. Make Yourself known to us, in the name of and through Jesus! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Gracefully Broken" Matt Redman
Jen & Shane Callahan, Duet

*DOXOLOGY

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be,
For all we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*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;
On 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

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**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 6:25-34
(pages 906 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Worried?" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 1050 "He Lives"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" Karrin Ford

The Elder of the Week is Dale Harry

28. MISSION UPDATE – The monies that were requested and then donated by the congregation for hurricane disaster relief were used to help pay for our mission team who traveled to Houston in January. Money was also given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help in their response to all of the devastation.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

29. VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

The Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna is looking for a volunteer(s) to help pick up food at the Shop and Save and Aldi's every Tuesday morning. If you can spare a few hours please contact Vickey at 412.781.7831 or Alexis at 412.721.3343. Please help us to help others!

30. VISITORS DAYS FOR COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

The ministry of Community Bible Study is an interdenominational Bible study with classes throughout the U.S. and abroad that welcomes people from all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge. Their mission is "To make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all." The local women's class meets Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. at North Park Church on Ingomar Rd. There is also an excellent children's program that meets during the study (infant through homeschool teens). The class meets for 30 weeks, Sept. – May. As this year's study is concluding, visitors days will be held to introduce women for Sept. start. **Come check out the class on 4/19 or 4/26 (there is no childcare for visitors days)** Contact Pam Dudgeon (412) 821-4829 or visit their website www.communitybiblestudy.org

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 4-8-18

TODAY (4-8-18) 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
 11:10 AM – Easter Cantata – SA
 12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Combined Jr. & Sr. High Clubs – YH
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting with Confirmation Class – CCR

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service- CH
 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Staff Meeting – KL
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA
 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM – Act One – CE
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH
 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Wednesday Eve. Bible Study – FH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study@ Harbaugh's
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 3:30 PM – Friendship Tea Set-up – FH

SATURDAY 6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Friendship Tea – FH, KIT

SUNDAY (4-15-18) 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
 12:15 PM – M&m's – FH
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Frank Klebacha by his wife, Edie.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Dale Harry.

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
 Nicole Graco
 Jerry Nist
 Larry Thompson
 Becky Winek

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Michael Beal
 11:10 – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday April 15, 2018
 Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Birth – 5th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Amy Meyer, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: amy@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400, Ext. 106

1. LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS

All adults working with our children have full security clearances.

Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level

Staffed by "Miss Holly" Shreiber & Church Members

Open Sundays 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement

Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Teen Assistants

Open Sundays 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5th Grade: Christian Education (CE) Building, 9:45-10:45 AM – An hour of learning God's truths, games, stories, art, and music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.

Pre-K/K: First Floor Red Room **Grades 1-2:** Blue Room

Grades 3-5 Second Floor Purple Room

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – Children Pre-K through 2nd Grade meet in the Green Room, first floor of the CE Building, for a time to experience and learn about God in a worship space designed just for them. This week's lesson is *Road to Emmaus* and will be taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms and Debbie Piel.

4. M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM – For kids in grades 3-5 from 12:15-2pm in Fellowship Hall. Starting with a light lunch, children dive into a time of games, activities, prayer, and lessons to build each child's walk with God. Upcoming sessions: 4/15, 4/29 (make up day) and 5/6. The last meeting and party will be June 3rd. Questions? Contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or conntthree07@gmail.com.

5. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ROME! Paul and The Underground Church June 18-22, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM for children 4 yrs. by 6/1/18 through completing 5th grade. Join us as we venture to ancient Rome to experience life when the church was just beginning! We'll visit the Apostle Paul under house arrest, sneak away to the hidden Underground Church, and try ancient traditions and foods in the market place. Together, we'll enjoy music, drama, Olympic games, and special art projects in carpentry and leatherworking shops. **Best of all, we'll discover that God's love is the most powerful gift of all through our study in the book of Romans! ~ New This Year ~Online Registration and Payment at www.elfinwildchurch.org. Paper forms available by sanctuary entrances & in the church office. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: amy@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5200, ext.106.**

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 _____

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, contact

Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

6. UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS! – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at the following events – *ALL ARE WELCOME!* You may join at any time.

MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7:00 PM -8:30 PM

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM (resumes April 11)

Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1st-5th grade)

EASTER CANTATA

You are invited to join on this morning at the 11:10 service as we offer the Easter cantata “Because He Lives... Amen.”

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, contact

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

7. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every other week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend! This study will be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house. **WE WILL RESUME ON APRIL 11TH.**

8. 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! **TONIGHT WE WILL HAVE COMBINED CLUBS FROM 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!**

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. 2018 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.

10. 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 Sunday, April 15, 2018. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

11. PLEASE PRAY WITH US – Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 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.

12. 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, 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.

13. 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 connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

14. STEPHEN MINISTRY – "SMILE"...*Stephen Ministry Is Life Encouragement.* Are you, or is someone you know, in need of a good "SMILE". If so, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller or one of our Pastors. **Verse of the Month-***"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."* 1 John 3:16

15. 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 every day 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 8:00 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

16. COME JOIN US FOR “COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP” from 9:20 AM to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. We are looking for volunteers for the third Sunday of the month. If interested, please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or connthree07@gmail.com

17. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June). The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour. All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following: May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).

18. WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP – All women are welcome to join us in the Kennedy Library for a time to support one another while discussing scripture and how it applies to our life. Please contact Kara Rea with any questions at 412-328-5367.

19. WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: THE PARABLES OF

JESUS – The Parables of Jesus are told in stories that reveal hidden lessons.

Come and help us to discover the mystery of the lessons as well as discuss how to apply Jesus' teachings to our lives. Participants of all ages are invited to bring a Bible to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 to study the parables of Jesus. Led by Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly, specific parables will be read and discussed each week in an informal setting.

The Spring dates are as follows:

April 11- The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

April 18- The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

April 25- The Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21: 33-46) and The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31)

May 2- The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-46)

20. THE MEALS MINISTRY often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table outside of Fellowship Hall.

21. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Church will once more “leave the building”! Please help us to determine the needs in our community. Is there a park that needs to be cleaned up? Is there a family in need of help around their home? Help us to come up with ideas to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Contact Becky at rswinek@gmail.com with your ideas.

22. PLEASE HELP US by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

23. 2018 PER CAPITA For anyone who uses auto pay, PayPal or ACH, this is a notification that you did not receive a Per Capita envelope for 2018. You may pay your per capita by placing it in a pew envelope and making sure that your name (first and last) and the words “Per Capita” are written on the envelope.

24. PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is the amount assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2018 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$33.05 per member
1 Member \$33.05 2 Members \$66.10 3 Members \$99.15 4 Members \$132.20

25. CLC MEN'S GROUP: A new 2 year CLC men's group called “All In” started yesterday. It is a small group of men who meet weekly to gain a greater understanding of who God is, strengthen their relationship with Him, and form a bond as brothers in Christ. If you are interested, please contact Dirk Lesnett or Matt Harbaugh at harbaugh.matthew@gmail.com.

26. PERKS TO PRAY AND PLAY is a new rebate program available at the four Mihelic Shop 'n Save locations where customers can register their personal Shop 'n Save perks cards under pre-authorized schools, churches, and other non-profits. As customers shop throughout a given period (the periods are January-June and July-December), their purchases are tracked by their Shop 'n Save card and 2% of all qualified purchases are calculated. That total is given in the form of gift cards to the organizations that are registered. Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has been pre-registered so we can begin receiving gift cards from Shop 'n Save. Sign up forms and information forms are located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

27. BOY SCOUTS –To all boys age 11 thru 17, if you like exciting and new adventures, hiking, camping, and challenging yourself while having fun, then Troop 157 is for you. We are having a sign-up night and information meeting on April 30th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 for additional information and details.