

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:19
(Page 32 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Why Do We Celebrate Baptism?"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN NO. 444

"We Gather Here to Bid Farewell"

Winchester New

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSION

POSTLUDE

"Trompette Prelude"

James D. Kimball

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:00 a.m.

Pat Graham
Mark Connelly
Geoff Naylor
Jane Naylor
Clay Riegel

10:00 a.m.

Henry Tomer
Margaret Hartley
Don Duncan
Mike Gaydos
Becky Winek

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, August 14, 2011

"Why Do We Celebrate the Lord's Supper"
Dr. Lesnett preaching

THE PROUD GRANDPARENTS of Quentin Bernard, baptized at the 10:00 service, are Robert and Carol Bernard and Mark and Bev Feris.

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.

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants – 1st grade)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary

10:00 A.M. ONLY

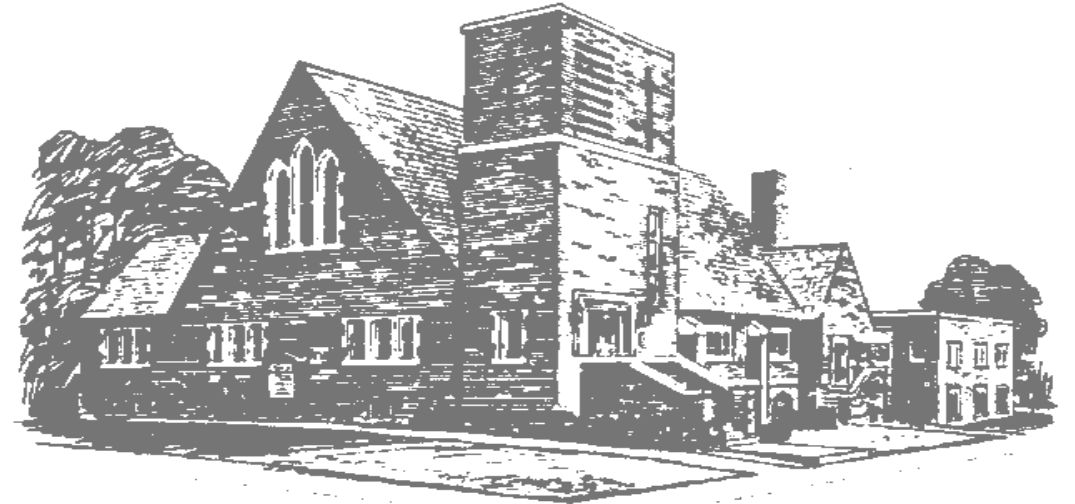
Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

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



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**

August 14, 2011

Eight and Ten O'clock

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

*"To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance."* Jude 1-2, NRSV

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *"Adagio in C"* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 NIV

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***HYMN NO. 442** *"The Church's One Foundation"* Aurelia

***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.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00)

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Rob and Danielle (Feris) Bernard

Questions to the Congregation - Elder Mark Feris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Quentin Bernard

Hymn No. 492

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Now Heaven in Fullest Glory Shown"* Franz Joseph Hayden
Marty Barstow, Baritone, Ginny Dawson, Piano

SENDING OF DAN AND BLAIR VOIGT

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Dream Echoes"* E. L. Lancaster
Andrew Lesnett, Piano

PRAYER 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.

***HYMN NO. 326** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Morecambe

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THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Ron Park and family on the death of Ron's father.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Marie Bowen.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are in celebration of the anniversary of Rob and Jen Callahan by the Callahan 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. **M & ms "MESSIAH & ME"** is a youth group designed especially with the 4th through 6th grade student in mind. A scripturally-based curriculum is used to share our faith and the message of God's eternal love, while we enjoy fellowship, games, activities, mission projects, field trips, and fun. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll kick off our fall season on September 21. Plan to join us and bring a friend! Any questions, please call Kristin Coco at 412-767-4539, or Bethann Dolan at 412-492-9991.

YOUTH MINISTRY



5. **UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS**

August 28: End of Summer Pool Party from 3-6pm @ Kelley's Mom's House. Join us for some swimming and a cookout! It will be a great way to celebrate the end of summer!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** - The church office will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm beginning tomorrow, Monday, August 15.
7. **2011 MEMORIAL FLOWERS**. Several dates for memorial flowers are available this summer. If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event or to memorialize an individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose any open date and sign the calendar in the north narthex. Please include your name for billing purposes. The cost is \$37.00 and the church will bill you. **CURRENTLY 8/21 and 8/28 are available, as well as several dates later in the year.**

8. **COME ON OUT AND CHEER FOR THE HOME TEAM!** Congratulations to the Elfinwild 1 team who are participating in the final softball league game. They will be playing North Hills Christian today at 1:00 pm at the Sangree Field.
9. **FALL KICK-OFF FELLOWSHIP & BREAKFAST.** As the heat of summer starts to dissipate and our schedules align with that associated with a new school year, we look forward to beginning a new season of regular worship, fellowship and the studying of His Word. Join us on September 4, 2011 for a continental breakfast during the Sunday School hour (10:00am - 11:00am) in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some fellowship, and catch up with the summer goings-on while kicking-off this new season with our church family. The Sunday School teachers for both children and adults will be introduced so that on Sunday, Sept. 11 we can jump right into the first lesson of our new year learning His Word .

10. **CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS! SAVE THE NIGHT!!!**

SEPTEMBER 28

Elementary Choir (Grades 2-5) and the **Chime Choir (Grades 3-6)** will rehearse on Wednesday evenings this year.

Elementary Choir - 6:30-7:15PM in the Chapel

Chime Choir - 7:30-8:00PM in the Bell Room on the Ground Floor

(* Please note that we will never meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month so that children eligible for our M & m Youth Group may attend.)

Questions?? Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller at mrdd1@earthlink.net or 412.487.3421. Thank you!!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	7:00 pm	Session Meeting – Cornerstone Conf. Rm.
MONDAY	1:00 pm	Naomi and Esther Circle Board Meeting – Kennedy Library
TUESDAY	11:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library nFOG Meeting – Pittsburgh Presbytery TOPS
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	CLC #2 – Kennedy Library
THURSDAY	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	CLC #3 – Youth House Student Ministry Support Team Mtg. - FH
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Nothing Scheduled
SATURDAY	6:00-8:00 am	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library

19. **LOCAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS** North Hills Community Outreach is requesting donations of macaroni and cheese, pasta, sauce, juice, cereal, soup, rice, peanut butter and canned potatoes. NHCO operates two food pantries in Hampton and Bellevue. Typically, 200 families are served over a four week period at the Hampton location alone; this month, 195 families have used the pantry in just three weeks. Donations may be dropped off weekdays between 9 AM – 4 PM at 1975 Ferguson Road, Hampton. For more information, to arrange an alternate drop-off time, or for tips on organizing a food drive, contact Brandi at 412-487-6316, option 1.

20. **ETNA OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM SPAGHETTI DINNER.** (See insert) Please remember that Elfinwild is part of this ministry team and if you could help by serving or perhaps making a dessert, just e-mail Rev. Jeffrey J. Potter revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org to volunteer your willingness to help, or at least plan to attend to help make this a very successful dinner.

21. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Do you have time to spare? Need a community service project for your school? Have a passion for the value and dignity of human life? Presbyterians Pro-Life needs your help. We have a need for volunteers with a variety of skills: filing, copying, stuffing envelopes, cleaning, organizing, and data maintenance and more. We will gladly train you if you have an hour or two a week to spare or a half day here and there during the months. To volunteer or for more information call Elfinwild member, Marie Bowen, at 412-487-1990 or 412-487-3297. Our office is located a 3942 Middle Road in Allison Park – you are welcome any time!

22. **SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 7:30 PM – SHALER AREA ALUMNI SOCCER GAME**

Started in 2007, The Scott Alexander Memorial Scholarship is a non-profit organization committed to Shaler Area High School. This awards a one-time scholarship to 2 graduating seniors. Over the past 4 years we've been able to award over \$7600 to 8 deserving students to assist with furthering their education. This year's scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 were awarded to Kari Nogacek & Craig Feehan.

There will be concessions & raffle prizes. Included are gift certificates for local businesses, Pirate Tickets, autographed baseballs signed by Bill Mazeroski & Andrew McCutchen, salon baskets, & rounds of golf for local courses. Come watch Shaler Alumni Soccer players relive their glory days under the lights, and help us raise money for a great cause. Contact Erich Kaiser (412-977-1917) or Lauri Edenhart (412-512-8828) with any questions.

11. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** for the month of August would especially appreciate receiving canned fruits, salad dressings and paper towels. You can put these in the bins at the north and south entrances to the sanctuary.
12. **PARISH NURSES NEEDED.** 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 names, contact information, credentials, and skills. Although the committee will be labeled “the Parish Nurses,” all those with a medical background (physicians, pharmacists, physical therapists, etc.) will be welcome to participate. There is nothing more rewarding than sharing your time and talents with those who are in need.
13. **DONATE BOOKS!** Daniel Sowa is organizing a senior project to collect books for under-privileged children in southern West Virginia. Please donate gently used books for children in grades K-12. There will be a collection box located in the North Narthex between July 30 and August 28 where you can place the books. The books will be donated to a library in southern West Virginia.

14. **PITTSBURGH 2011 WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**

**CONSOL Energy Center
October 7-8, 2011**

Would you like to escape from the everyday at a *Women of Faith* weekend and be refreshed, encouraged, and inspired? The God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine.

Tickets are \$89 each for a group of 10 or more, \$99 each for 1-9. Price includes all sessions (Friday 10:00 am – 3:30 pm; Friday 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm) plus a box lunch both days.

To reserve a ticket, please fill out the tear slip and place in the offering plate. Deadline for reserving tickets is Sept. 4, 2011. You will be contacted with ticket price and payment information. For more information, contact Cheryl Saraceno at 412-486-8270, or Saraceno@duq.edu.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

15. **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. 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 Jack Ritenbaugh at 412-486-5400. The cost of a niche through December 31, 2011 is \$800.00. As of January 1, 2012, the cost will increase to \$900 per niche.

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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
July 31, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$353,078.
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$343,304.
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$326,981.
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 16,413.



17. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR** Volunteer trainings are held at various times and locations every month. Call 412-307-0071 to learn more about helping a senior remain safe and independent in his own home.
18. **50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TEA.** On Friday, August 26, at 1:00 pm, Randy Vulakovich, State Representative, is having a celebration and presentation to couples who reside in the 30th Legislative District and have been married 50 years or more. Updates on legislative issues affecting senior citizens will be discussed. Couples must register to participate. Participation is limited to those who have not attended in previous years. The event will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1719 Mt. Royal Boulevard. Call 412-487-6600 to register.