

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1-10
(Page 223 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Children of God"

Rev. Jason Rea

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

***HYMN NO. 332**

"Live Into Hope"

Truro

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

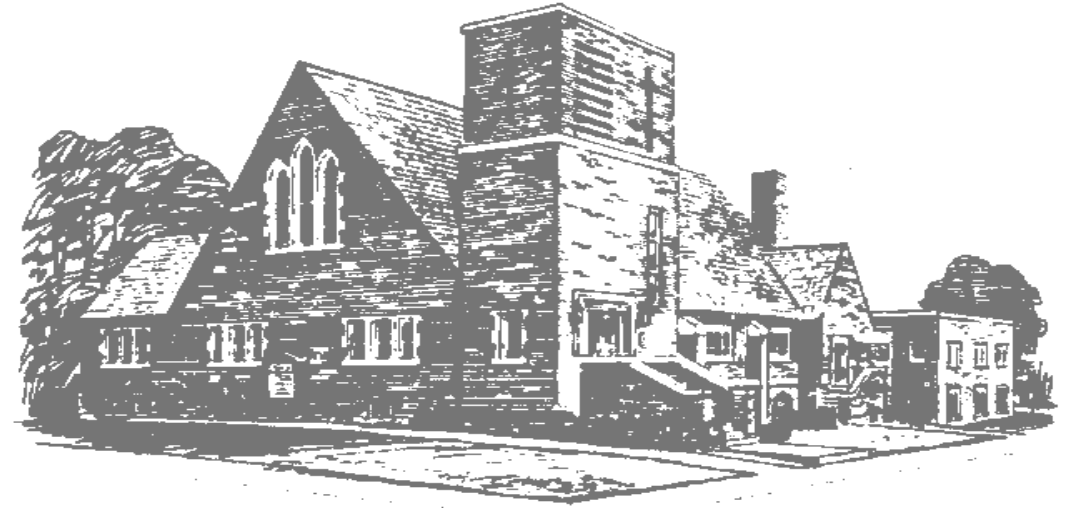
THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Pat Graham	Henry Tomer
Mark Connelly	Margaret Hartley
Geoff Naylor	Don Duncan
Jane Naylor	Mike Gaydos
Clay Riegel	Becky Winek

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, August 14, 2011
Dr. Lesnett 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 Bill Piel 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**

August 7, 2011

Eight O'clock

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

"My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:1-2

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 150

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!**

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: **Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

All: **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

***HYMN NO. 267**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Royal Oak

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What Faith Can Do"

Kutless

Matt Lesnett, voice; Scott Hughes, guitar; Marty Barstow, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8, 9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based upon 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Offertory on 'Pleading Savior'"

David Paxton

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. 310**

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

St. Agnes

***CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Apostles 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.

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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

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bill Piel.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Jim King by Lora, Karen, Jim and Jamie.
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 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 21st. 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.

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YOUTH MINISTRY



5. **UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS**

Today: Summer club from 6:30-9pm. Come join us for some food and fellowship as we watch a great movie and just hang out!

August 28th: 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. **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN THIS SUMMER.** Once again this summer we are trying to print fewer bulletins to save the cost of printing and paper. If you attend the early service and will not need your bulletin during the week, please return it to one of the bins at the back of the sanctuary for the next service. Thank you!
- 7. **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - The church office will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and return to normal operation on Monday, August 15.
- 8. **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.**
- 9. **COME ON OUT AND CHEER FOR THE HOME TEAM!** Or again this year, two home teams. Elfinwild 1 and Elfinwild 2 are participating in the softball league. Following are their schedules for their remaining games this year:
 - August 7 Playoffs start
 - August 14 Playoffs conclude

THIS WEEK

MONDAY	CALL Deadline	
TUESDAY	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library
	1:00 pm	Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	TOPS
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	CLC #2 – Kennedy Library
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	CLC #3 – Youth House
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall/Green Rm
SATURDAY	6:00-8:00 am	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library

- 19. **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.
- 20. **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.
- 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.

10. **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.

11. **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!!

12. **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: _____

13. **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. The 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.

14. **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.

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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

18. **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.