

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25
(Page 1 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Joseph's Humility"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN NO. 56**

"The First Nowell" vv. 1,2,6

The First Nowell

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSION**

POSTLUDE

"Wachet Aug – Nicolai"

Liturgist: David Tiernan

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 SERVICE

10:00 A.M.

December 26, 2010
"After the Gifts Have Been Unwrapped"
Dr. Lesnett preaching



THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Henry and Charline Tomer and family on the death of Charline's father, Dr. Richard Walker.



**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
3200 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania 15116
Telephone 412-486-5400 Fax 412-486-7080

e-mail: epchurch@elfinwildchurch.org

www.elfinwildchurch.org

Staff

Dirk Lesnett – dirk@elfinwildchurch.org

Jason Rea – jason@elfinwildchurch.org

Nancy Tiernan – nancy@elfinwildchurch.org

Lora King – lora@elfinwildchurch.org

Jack Ritenbaugh – jack@elfinwildchurch.org

John Dyke – john@elfinwildchurch.org

Don Pritchard – Security

John Steinmiller – Sexton

Bob Slahtovsky – Sexton

Jim Mekis - Sexton

Bob Kennedy – Financial Secretary-rgkmjk@verizon.net

Jim Thompson – Parish Visitor

Amanda Gaydos - amandaga@consolidated.net– Web Page

Officers

Clerk of Session – Mark Riethmuller

President - Trustees – James Giel, Jr.

President - Deacons – Henry Tomer

Programs

Marian Berberich – Meals-On-Wheels 412-486-8000

Senior Achievers – Walt Brown 412-821-1615

Deacons' Hospitality Contact:

Bev Friedline – 412-215-1161

Elfinwild Church Preschool

Carolyn Hervey, Director

Telephone – 412-486-2322

preschool@elfinwildchurch.org.

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 Bob Lindeman in front of the chapel.

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

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bob Lindeman.
2. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God.
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** will not meet today.



STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

5. **Tonight, Dec 19 Caroling and Christmas Party: Caroling 3-5pm Christmas Party 5-7pm**

Join us for caroling followed by our Christmas party. We will break up into groups along with others in the congregation and carol from 3-5pm. The party will begin following our caroling at 5pm and will go until 7pm. Dinner will be provided along with other tasty treats. We will be having our first annual gift exchange so each student is encouraged to

bring a wrapped gift. Gifts can be silly gifts you have lying around which are in good condition or a new gift you purchase, but gifts should be \$5 or less in value. Even if you can't make either caroling or the party join us for the part you can make!

No Youth Group over Christmas Break. We will return after the new year in January! Look for our January Calendar for more details!

6. **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CAR MAGNETS.** Student Ministries are again selling the popular "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets. They are \$5.00 and the profits will be used to offset the cost of transportation to our Jr. and Sr. High mission trips next summer. They will be on sale in the new gathering space on the sanctuary level each Sunday during coffee hour until Christmas. If interested, call Kyle Pinta at 412-487-6163 and we will make sure that you get your magnet. These magnets are a wonderful way to remind others of the reason for Christmas.



7. **REMINDER – 2011 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.
8. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – 2010 YEAR END.** The last regular Sunday offerings for inclusion in the 2010 year will be December 26, 2010. After that time, any giving you want to be included in 2010 must reach the church office by 12/31/10, explicitly identified as "2010." Offerings received Sunday, 1/2/11, will be posted into 2011.
9. **YOUR NEW YEAR ENVELOPES.** 2011 offering envelopes are available on tables at the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up to help save mailing costs.
10. **PER CAPITA INFORMATION – 2011.** This is the fee assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2011 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$23.60 per member. Elfinwild is required to make payments each quarter in 2011 to pay this assessment. This amount is divided as follows: \$14.90 to Presbytery, \$2.20 to Synod and \$6.50 to General Assembly.

The designated envelope is included in your box of envelopes so that members, if they choose, may pay the Per Capita separate from their 2011 Estimate of Giving.
 1 Member \$23.60 2 Members \$47.20 3 Members \$70.80 4 Members \$94.40

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	10:00 am 10:50 am 3:00-5:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm	Advent Study – Fellowship Hall Pageant performers to dress Christmas Caroling Jr. & Sr. High's Christmas Party to follow caroling
MONDAY	9:30 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. – Christmas Parties Elementary Choir – Choir Room Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E.
TUESDAY	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. – Christmas Parties TOPS Financial Peace – Youth House AARP Board Meeting Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 11:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	No Pre-School – Staff Workshop Staff Christmas Luncheon – Olive Garden Worship Planning – Pastor's Study Youth Ministries – Presents for Patients – Orion Care Home CLC – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Pastor's Study Youth Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	9:30 am 7:00 pm 10:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – ½ DAY Service of Lessons and Carols Candlelight Communion
SATURDAY		CHRISTMAS DAY

17. **2011 MEMORIAL FLOWERS.** If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event

or to memorialize an individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose a 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.

18. **UPDATE ON THE ELEVATOR.** For the past several Sundays, the newly installed elevator has not been fully operational. This has been a frustration for us as well as any of you who have counted on this new addition to our facility to gain access to the various levels of our physical plant.

We have been working with our architect, the building contractor, and most importantly Marshall Elevator to determine what may be causing the operational failures and how they can be resolved so that those who need to take advantage of the elevator can.

It has been discovered that a major component of the electrical safety system that operates the elevator was defective. This component was replaced and we have been assured that the elevator should operate without any future failures. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we have tried to work out the “bugs” on this new addition to our facilities.

19. **THE COLUMBARIUM** Work has started on the columbarium and it is anticipated to be completed by mid January 2011. The columbarium will add a new dimension to the total ministry of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and bear witness to our members’ relationship with this church and the community of faith. Our church is the first in the community to have a columbarium and throughout the year we have worked closely with the Shaler Township Board of Commissioners to bring this ministry to fruition. The pricing structure for individual niches will be available soon (details also in the January *Call*). If you would like to speak with any member of the committee about the columbarium and purchasing a niche, please feel free to contact Deb Thompson, 412-487-7001.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

20. **NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER?** North Hills Community Outreach will hold orientation sessions for prospective volunteers on January 6, 10 am at NHCO Millvale, 416 Lincoln Avenue, and 6:00 pm at NHCO Allison Park, 1975 Ferguson Road. Contact Jennifer Drayton at 412-487-6316, option 2, x3210 for more information or to sign up. Volunteers are also needed to help senior citizens with transportation to the doctor, grocery shopping, snow shoveling, and friendly visiting. Call the Open Your Heart to a Senior line at 412-307-0071 to learn more.

11.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
November 30, 2010		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$489,349
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		496,155
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$511,779
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	-15,624

12. **ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Today Sunday, December 19, in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. Will be the last Advent class. Dr. Lesnett will teach and lead a discussion on some of our favorite songs of Christmas. Do you know the stories behind “Silent Night,” “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” or “What Child is This?” Come and remember the great songs of Christmas as we enjoy different recordings and discuss the importance of all these songs that we have loved to sing during the Christmas season for so many years.
13. **CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY.** If you are planning to carol today, please meet in Fellowship Hall at 2:45 pm to get your group assignments.
14. **LIBRARY NEWS** To all who so patiently have held onto books while the library was closed this past year, we thank you. Now it is time to return the books to their home, the church library. Please place books on top of the card catalog. Thank you!
15. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** would appreciate canned fruits, kids’ cereal and boxed packages of rice and potatoes, from now through December. Other contributions would be gladly accepted. Please deposit these in bins at the front or center entrances on Church Avenue. Thank you.
16. **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 giewest@verizon.net.

17. **2011 MEMORIAL FLOWERS.** If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event or to memorialize an individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose a 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.

18. **UPDATE ON THE ELEVATOR.** For the past several Sundays, the newly installed elevator has not been fully operational. This has been a frustration for us as well as any of you who have counted on this new addition to our facility to gain access to the various levels of our physical plant.

We have been working with our architect, the building contractor, and most importantly Marshall Elevator to determine what may be causing the operational failures and how they can be resolved so that those who need to take advantage of the elevator can.

It has been discovered that a major component of the electrical safety system that operates the elevator was defective. This component was replaced and we have been assured that the elevator should operate without any future failures. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we have tried to work out the “bugs” on this new addition to our facilities.

19. **THE COLUMBARIUM** Work has started on the columbarium and it is anticipated to be completed by mid January 2011. The columbarium will add a new dimension to the total ministry of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and bear witness to our members’ relationship with this church and the community of faith. Our church is the first in the community to have a columbarium and throughout the year we have worked closely with the Shaler Township Board of Commissioners to bring this ministry to fruition. The pricing structure for individual niches will be available soon (details also in the January *Call*). If you would like to speak with any member of the committee about the columbarium and purchasing a niche, please feel free to contact Deb Thompson, 412-487-7001.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

20. **NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER?** North Hills Community Outreach will hold orientation sessions for prospective volunteers on January 6, 10 am at NHCO Millvale, 416 Lincoln Avenue, and 6:00 pm at NHCO Allison Park, 1975 Ferguson Road. Contact Jennifer Drayton at 412-487-6316, option 2, x3210 for more information or to sign up. Volunteers are also needed to help senior citizens with transportation to the doctor, grocery shopping, snow shoveling, and friendly visiting. Call the Open Your Heart to a Senior line at 412-307-0071 to learn more.

11.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
November 30, 2010		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$489349
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		496,155
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$511,779
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	-15,624

12. **ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Today Sunday, December 19, in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. Will be the last Advent class. Dr. Lesnett will teach and lead a discussion on some of our favorite songs of Christmas. Do you know the stories behind “Silent Night,” “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” or “What Child is This?” Come and remember the great songs of Christmas as we enjoy different recordings and discuss the importance of all these songs that we have loved to sing during the Christmas season for so many years.

13. **CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY.** If you are planning to carol today, please meet in Fellowship Hall at 2:45 pm to get your group assignments.

14. **LIBRARY NEWS** To all who so patiently have held onto books while the library was closed this past year, we thank you. Now it is time to return the books to their home, the church library. Please place books on top of the card catalog. Thank you!

15. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** would appreciate canned fruits, kids’ cereal and boxed packages of rice and potatoes, from now through December. Other contributions would be gladly accepted. Please deposit these in bins at the front or center entrances on Church Avenue. Thank you.

16. **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 giewest@verizon.net.