

## **Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

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***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 ADVENT**

**December 20, 2009**

**Eight thirty O'clock**

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

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

**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.)

**Leader:** The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you.

**PRELUDE** "Noël Nouvelet" French Carol, arr / Roberts  
"Christmas Joy" Michael Helman  
Handbells

**\*HYMN NO. 22** "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" Regent Square

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:38

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE**

**COLLECT:** Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**ANTHEM** "No Room" Williams/Larson  
Elementary Choir  
"How Quietly"  
Chancel Choir w/ Elementary Choir Joel Raney

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Emmanuel" M. W. Smith

Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**\*HYMN NO. 49** "Once in Royal David's City" Irby

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 7:10-16  
(Page 605 O.T. in the pew Bible)

**SERMON** "There Will Be a Sign"  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett

**\* HYMN NO. 31** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSION**

**POSTLUDE:** "All Glory Be To God on High" F. W. Zachau

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**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  
Frank Klebacha  
Mike Gaydos  
Becky Winek

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	9:45 am 5:00 pm	Choir Help Session All Church Christmas Caroling Youth Ministries Christmas Caroling and club Christmas party
MONDAY	7:30 am 10:00 am	No. Preschool – Staff Workshop Staff Meeting – Choir Room
TUESDAY	7:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	No Preschool TOPS Girl Scouts – C.E. Building Men's Bowling – Fun Fest Lanes
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 7:15 pm	No Preschool Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 pm 10:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ½ DAY Family Candlelight Service Candlelight Communion Service
FRIDAY		CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY	7:00 am	CLC – Kennedy Library

**UPCOMING SERVICES**



December 24, 2009  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
7:00 pm – Family Candlelight Service  
Of Lessons and Carols  
10:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Service

December 27, 2009  
10:00 am Service  
Dirk 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 Steve Heere in the chapel.

**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to Jim Giel, Sr.'s family on the death of his brother Dick. Also sympathy is extended to Don Fisher and family on the death of Don's mother, Alice Fisher, who was 95.

**CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP**

**8:30 AND 11:10 A.M.**  
Cradle Roll (infants – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building  
Preschool (age 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be in Young Child & Worship  
Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building  
Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up worship with their families.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Steve Heere.
2. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Jeremy Bloom, Mike's brother, by the Mike Gaydos 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.
4. **PRAYER CONCERNS**. To add, change or remove names from prayer concerns list, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.

**CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-5th Grade**



5. **M & m's – ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** are invited to join us for fun and fellowship! We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR**

January 21  
 February 18 (This is a Thursday, due to the 17<sup>th</sup> being Ash Wednesday – we'll go bowling!)  
 March 18

**STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**



6. **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** magnets are on sale now for \$5.00 in the Narthex after the 8:30 service, between services, and after the 11:10 service. All proceeds go to help fund transportation costs for student mission trips.
7. **STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Parents, students or friends of Student Ministries – if you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive updates and important information, please e-mail your address to Kyle Pinta at KJPinta@aol.com.



8. **CHRISTMAS CAROLING TONIGHT FROM 5:00-7:00 PM.** Meet in Fellowship

**Hall to get your area assignment.**

9. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009 THERE WILL BE ONE CHURCH SERVICE AT 10:00 AM. DR. LESNETT WILL BE PREACHING. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

10. **NEW ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS – 9:45 AM IN THE PEACH ROOM**  
 This will be a *Talk It Over* class complete with a question box. This class will be facilitated by Dr. Dirk Lesnett and will talk over matters of faith that are on people's hearts. The class began on December 6.

<b>ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
<b>Financial Statement</b>		
<b>November 30, 2009</b>		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$503,055
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		486,561
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$478,003
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	8,558

12. **2010 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 church will bill you.
13. **YOUR NEW YEAR ENVELOPES**. 2010 offering envelopes are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and help save mailing cost.
14. **REMINDER – 2010 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed in to the church office.
15. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – 2009 YEAR END**. The last regular Sunday offerings for inclusion in the 2009 year will be December 27, 2009. After that time any giving you want included in 2009 must reach the church office by 12/31/09, explicitly identified as "2009." Offerings received Sunday, 1/3/2010, will all be posted as 2010.
16. **PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE READY**. You can pick yours up today outside the Chapel after both the 8:30 and 11:10 am worship services.

17. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** “food of the month” for December is condiments. Donations of catsup (“ketchup” if you prefer), mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressings, etc. would be very much appreciated by the clients of the food pantry. The Deacons thank you for helping needy families in our area.

18. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you would like to be on the e-mail prayer chain list, or if your e-mail address has **changed**, please send a request to Cindy Neil at [jcncln1@verizon.net](mailto:jcncln1@verizon.net). This is a great way to solicit prayer in a matter of minutes from a large number of fellow Christians. Cindy has been having mail returned to her as undeliverable, so please be sure to update your e-mail address if it has changed.

19. **PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY** - Elfinwild’s Professional Directory is now available. A directory was sent to anyone who submitted an advertisement. Additional copies are located outside of the chapel and in the church office for anyone desiring one. Thank you to everyone who participated.

John and Cindy Neil

20. **APNC UPDATE** – The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been meeting weekly to review the more than 55 resumés received thus far from men and women across the country. The committee is in the process of formulating questions for use in telephone interviews that will be conducted in January. An established Prayer Team is providing daily prayer for the needs of the APNC. Committee members Dave Frazier, Mike Gaydos, Donna Gottschalk, Margaret Hartley, Steve Heere, Douglas Riethmuller, Patty Robinson, Lauren Shideler and Dale Weisenstein thank the congregation for their prayers, and ask for continued prayer for discernment, wisdom, and guidance as the process continues.



21. **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT NHCO.** North Hills Community Outreach will hold orientation sessions for prospective volunteers on January 7, 10 am and January 14, 6:30 pm. Both sessions will take place at 1975 Ferguson Road in Hampton. Contact Jennifer Drayton at 412-487-6316, option 2, x3210 for more information or to sign up.

22. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR.** With funding from the United Way of Allegheny County and in partnership with Family Services of Western PA, North Hills Community Outreach is reaching out to potential volunteers through a project called Open Your Heart to a Senior. Volunteers can help older adults remain safe and independent in their own homes by helping with simple tasks:

- Taking a senior grocery shopping, or taking their list with you when you do yours
- Driving someone to a doctor’s appointment or to their worship service
- Visiting or calling to make sure a senior is safe and to prevent feelings of isolation
- Shoveling snow or raking leaves

Trainings are held throughout the county, To learn more, call 412-307-0071 or visit [www.openyourhearttoasenior.org](http://www.openyourhearttoasenior.org)

23. **ANCHORPOINT COUNSELING MINISTRY – IMMEDIATE OPENING – PART-TIME THERAPIST NEEDED.** Are you looking for additional income? We are seeking a part-time therapist (state licensed and HMO credentialed – UPMC, Highmark, United Behavior Health, etc.) to work a minimum of 10-15 hours a week. The ideal candidate must be a well rounded team player who is able to provide counseling to youth, adults, couples and families. The candidate must also be willing to participate with the entire clinical staff team to provide creative and dynamic ideas to support our mission to bring hope and understanding in our communities through our Christian Ministry. Send or e-mail resume to: Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry, 800 McKnight Park Drive, Ste. 802, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or [acm@anchorpointcounselingministry.org](mailto:acm@anchorpointcounselingministry.org). NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

