

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSION**

POSTLUDE: "Savior of The Nations Come"

J.H. Buttstedt

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Liturgist: (8:30) Richard Sanderson
(11:10) Bethann Dolan

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

8:30 A.M. & 11:10 A.M.
December 13, 2009
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Isaiah 35:1-10
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 Becky Winek in the chapel.

ADVENT CELEBRATION – TODAY – DECEMBER 6TH – 2:00-4:00 PM

Celebration begins today at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary with a time of music and a message. There are 3 rooms in which to create – (1) a gingerbread house – (2) a Nativity card and (3) a Baby Jesus ornament to hang on your Christmas tree.



***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
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 6, 2009

Eight thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

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

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid." Jesus*

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 "Come, All Ye Shepherds" Bohemian Folk Song / arr. Thompson
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" French Carol / arr. Roberts
Handchimes

***HYMN NO. 9 (8:30)** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

***OPENING SONGS OF APPROACH (11:10)**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"Emmanuel"

Praise Team w/ congregation
(See music insert)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:3

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

The Hughes Family (8:30)
The Piel Family (11:10)

COLLECT: God of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30)

"Celtic Advent Carol"
Ruthie Riethmuller - Piccolo
Chancel Choir

Barrett/Angerman

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30)

"A Prayer for Advent"
Tori Panza, Cello
Chancel Choir

Williams/Nolan

(11:10)

"Offering"

Paul Baloche

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

***HYMN NO. 3 (8:30)**

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

Psalm 42

***SONG OF EXPECTATION (11:10)**

"One Small Child"

David Meece

Praise Team w/ congregation
(See music insert)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10
(Page 608 O.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Lion and the Lamb"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*** HYMN NO. 20 (8:30)**

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Aberystwyth

*** SONG OF RESPONSE (11:10)** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Praise Team w/congregation
(See music insert)

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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 Becky Winek.
2. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Kevin Thomas by Dean and Elizabeth Thomas and Pam Walker.
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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am	Handchimes – Choir Room
	9:45 am	Choir Help Session
	12:10 pm	Trustees Meeting – Kennedy Library
	12:30-1:30 pm	Pageant practice for Angels & Shepherds+Gabriel+Mary+Joseph+Readers
	2:00-4:00 pm	Advent Celebration-Fellowship Hall, Peach Rm., Cor. Conf. Rm. Sr. High Trip – Jumonville returns
MONDAY	7:30 am	Preschool – C.E.
	9:00 -11:00 am	Preschool Moms Bible Study – Youth House
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting – Choir Room
	6:00-8:30 pm	Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY		CALL DEADLINE
	7:30 am	Preschool - C. E. Building
	9:00-11:00 am	Preschool Moms Bible Study – Youth House
	9:00 am	Naomi Circle – Peach Room
	1:00 pm	Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall
	5:00-6:00 pm	Gr. 2-5 Elementary Choir – Choir Room
	5:00 pm	AARP Christmas Dinner – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	TOPS
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts – C.E. Building
	7:00 pm	Personnel Committee – Kennedy Library
	7:00 pm	Men's Bowling – Fun Fest Lanes
	7:00 pm	Handbells – Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am	Preschool – C. E. Building
	8:30 am	Mom & Me – Peach & TR
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library
	7:30 am	Preschool – C. E. Building
	8:30 am	Mom & Me – Peach & TR
	9:00 am	Building Meeting – Kennedy Library
	12:30 pm	Sr. Achievers' Christmas Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Spiritual Warfare Prayer Meeting – Chapel
	7:00 pm	Financial Peace – Peach Room
	7:00 pm	APNC – Kennedy Library
7:15 pm	Youth Choir – Gr. 6-12	
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Preschool – C. E. Building
	8:30 am	Mom & Me – Peach & TR
	4:15-6:45 pm	Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts –Pack Meeting – Friendship Hall
SATURDAY	7:00 am	CLC – Kennedy Library
	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building
	7:00-9:00 pm	Sr. High Movie Night – Youth House

21. 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

22. APNC UPDATE – The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is made up of the following people: Dave Frazier, Mike Gaydos, Donna Gottschalk, Margaret Hartley, Steve Heere, Douglas Riethmuller, Patty Robinson, Lauren Shideler and Dale Weisenstein. The group began meeting in June with the initial task of completing the Church Information Form (CIF). The form has been approved by Session and will be posted online for review by potential candidates and sent on to Presbytery. A computerized match with Pastor Information Forms (PIF's) will follow and matching forms will be sent to the APNC for consideration. In addition, prospective pastors may self-referral to the APNC, and members of Elfinwild may refer candidates for review. As referrals are made, the APNC will begin the process of screening and selecting individuals for interview.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

23. CELEBRATE LIFE! Please join us to celebrate the Grand Opening of our newest Women's Choice Network pregnancy center location in Monroeville Mall on December 15 from 2-7 pm. Tour the new medical facility, meet our staff, and enjoy Christmas cookies at the beautiful new Center located on the lower level of Monroeville Mall near the old Boscov's. Brief ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 pm. Celebrate all that God has done to save precious lives in our community. Christmas shopping optional! For more info, call 724-935-0130.

24. CAR GIVEAWAY TO FAMILY IN NEED. On Christmas Eve, Community Auto in Pine Township is giving away a fully detailed 2002 red Buick Century four-door sedan (\$6,000 value) filled with presents to one local family in need. To be eligible, applicants must have dependent children living in their household and meet income and other guidelines. The deadline to enter is December 18, 2009. Interested applicants can download complete rules and an application at www.communityauto.org or call 412-487-6316 to request one in the mail. Community Auto is a partner organization of North Hills Community Outreach that accepts donated vehicles, repairs them and then sells them below fair marked value to low-income families. This is the first year that Community Auto will give away a vehicle for the holidays.

Use the RESPONSE CARDS found in the pew racks to notify us of your prayer requests.

Include your name for follow-up.

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



5. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** (age 4 - 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson on "The Shepherds" is being taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson and Carolyn Hervey.
6. **M & m's – ALL 4TH THROUGH 6TH 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.

Dec. 16 -Share a joyful noise with Christmas caroling.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



7. **"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.
8. **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.


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9. **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 will begin today, December 6.
10. **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2009.** It's time to order your Christmas poinsettia plants! The cost for each plant is \$8.00. Place your money

for a plant, the Pastors Fund, or a donation to the Bread of Life Food Bank in the special envelopes located in the pews and mark the outside with the memorial name and your own name. (Make all checks payable to Elfinwild Church). Today, Sunday, December 6, is the last day to place your order for poinsettias with your payment. Any orders received after this date will be applied to the Food Bank.

11. **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.
12. **YOUR NEW YEAR ENVELOPES.** 2010 offering envelopes are available on tables at the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and help save mailing cost.
13. **REMINDER – 2010 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed in to the church office.
14. **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.
15. **PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE READY.** You can pick yours up today outside the Chapel after both the 8:30 and 11:10 am worship services.
16. **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.
17. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will meet Tuesday, December 8, 2009 for its Christmas Dinner Party at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, Refreshing punch served after 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment by singer Joe Marotta.
18. **THE SENIOR ACHIEVERS** will meet Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. for their Christmas luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment by Steven Vance, the strolling violinist.

19. **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. 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.

20. **PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS** is a mission to those in homes or hospitals who may not be receiving any gift for Christmas. St. Barnabas is one of the sponsors. We have been asked to partner with Parkwood, Glenshaw and Calvert Presbyterian Churches to provide 91 twin-size blankets for the John Kane Regional Hospital facility in Glen Hazel. If you can purchase and wrap a twin size blanket or two, and bring them with you to worship on Sunday, December 13, the blankets will be delivered to the residents for Christmas.

Our youth have been participating in PFP for a number of years. They have adopted the Orion Care Facility on Ferguson Road and will deliver their presents in person on Sunday, December 13, as well.