

ANTHEM "We Wait for Thee" Johnson
Chancel Choir
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:1-8; Matthew 20:20-28
(Pages 675 and 922 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "We Want" The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup*

Please hold each element until all are served and we will partake together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*please join in singing the refrain with the choir:



WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

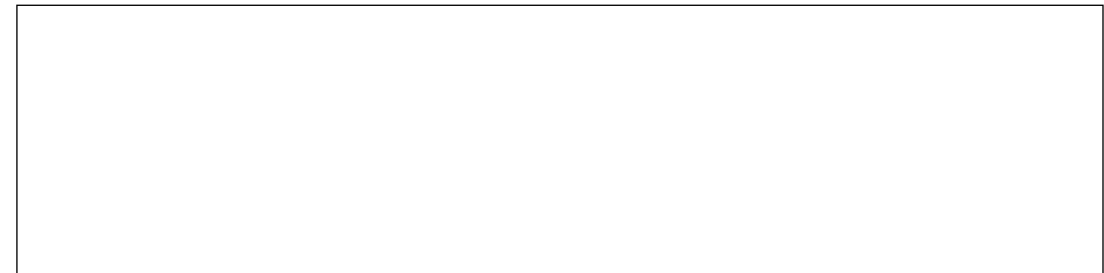
***SONG OF JOYFUL RESPONSE**

O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

POSTLUDE Mike Hengelsberg, Organist

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Ken and Ruth Volle on the death of Ken's mother, Frances Volle, on Sunday November 18, 2012.



**Welcome to
Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

***We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us
on this day that the Lord has made.***

We invite you to:

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.***

***If you need prayer there are elders in the chapel to meet
and pray with you after the service.***

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.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

December 2, 2012

Eight-thirty O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want...surely His goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Mike Hengelsberg, Organist

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Becky Winek

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PLENTY Dean and Elizabeth Thomas

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)
God of goodness, who shepherds us with care, remind us in this season of expectations that you are the only gift that truly satisfies. Loving God, who fills the empty spaces in our hearts, teach us that we will never want for anything, knowing that you have satisfied us with eternal life and the joy of our salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 2** "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we forget that you sent Jesus to live among us so that we would never have to be in need or want. We admit that we use toys and technology to take the place of what truly satisfies our souls. Forgive us for trying to replace you with

the things of this world. Teach us to let you be the shepherd of our souls, trusting you to provide for and fulfill all our needs. By your mercy, help us to let go of cheap, worldly substitutes and to open our hearts anew to your filling as we prepare for the coming of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF THANKS No. 144** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" (first stanza only) Hyfrydol

***STATEMENT 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.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Love Unmeasured, Love of God" Larson/Boersma
Chancel Choir

From the edge of the horizon, farther than the eye has seen, from the mountain to the valley, flows an ever-growing stream. Living water for the thirsty, river flowing deep and broad, springing from the throne of heaven, love unmeasured, love of God. O how blessed the one who trusts in God, firmly planted he shall stand like a tree beside the river, drinking deeply from God's hand. Fearing not the heat of noonday, bending not when storm winds blow, never failing to be fruitful, God has promised, it is so.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 A.M. ONLY

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

Location – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 am

Pat Graham

Mark Connelly

Len Colaizzi

Marilyn Colaizzi

Clay Riegel

11:10 am

Henry Tomer

Margaret Hartley

Don Duncan

Dave Jenkins

Becky Winek

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday December 9, 2012

The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Andrew Coco

11:10 – Skip Young

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bob Lindeman.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Dean and Elizabeth Thomas and Pam Walker by Kevin Thomas
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-6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Bethany Harbaugh at bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 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, "The Prophets Show the Way" is being taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rae Thompson, and Carolyn Hervey.

5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6** The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10 AM teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome.
6. **M&ms “MESSIAH & ME”** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our winter meeting and activity dates: December 19 (Caroling) and January 16 (Stargazing).
7. **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Every Sunday, the Preschool – 6th grade Sunday school classes have a time of music from 9:45-10 AM in Friendship Hall. The next time they will sing is on December 23, 2012 at the 11:10 AM worship service.
8. **CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Once a month, on Sunday mornings, we are looking for an adult who enjoys spending time with very young children and babies. The available time slot is from 8:30-10:45 (during the early church service and Sunday School) on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We would love to have you come and care for the young children of the church.
9. **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS** This is a reminder to sign your kids up for the Christmas Pageant. Just put a note in the offering plate to Bethany Harbaugh telling her what part your child(ren) would like to be. Angels and shepherds will rehearse on December 9 after the 11:10 AM worship service.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Jason Rea at jason@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

10. **NO CLUBS TONIGHT!** Clubs will resume next Sunday Dec. 9th. Jr. High will meet from 4:30-6 PM and Sr. High will meet from 6:30-8 PM. Our Jr. and Sr. High Clubs are a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different types of games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us tonight!
11. **STUDENT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Christmas cards of the Elfinwild Sanctuary at Christmas are now on sale in the Gathering Space after each service. This is a great way to commemorate 100 years of Christmases at Elfinwild and help our students raise money for retreats and mission trips.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am 2-4:00 pm	Sunday School Community Advent Celebration – All Church Sr. High Returns from Laurelville
MONDAY	7:00 am 10:00 am 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Health Care Task Force Mtg. Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – FH Bell Practice – CR Pack 157 Com. Mtg. – Peach Rm. Missions Mtg. – Donna Thompson’s
TUESDAY	7:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7-8:30 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Men’s Luncheon – FH Personnel Committee - KL Financial Peace – YH Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach and TR Webelos II – Green Rm. Elem. Choir 2 nd -5 th Chancel Choir - CR
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Men’s Bible Study Mom & Me – Peach & TR Women’s Bible Study – Youth House Presbytery Mtg. at Bethel Presbyterian Church Lion’s Club - FH Girl Scouts 51493 – Peach & TR Chime Choir K-2 – Chapel Chime Choir 3-6 – Chapel Wolf Den Cub Scouts – Red Rm. Youth Choir – CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & TR Act 1 Fr. H and C.E. Pack 157 Pack Mtg. - FH
SATURDAY	6:00 am 8 am – 2 pm 4-8:00 pm	CALL DEADLINE CLC #4 - KL Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E. Congregational Open House @ Lesnett’s

18. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY.** The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially like any type of crackers, Jell-O, puddings, baking items, such as cake mixes and cookie mixes, and condiments. All monetary gifts help the pantry to provide perishable goods such as turkey and vegetables. Thank you.
19. **THE COST OF FLOWERS.** Effective January 1, 2013, the cost of flowers will increase from \$37 to \$42.
20. **100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK** The 100th Anniversary Book is available for pickup at the Church Office, beginning Wednesday, November 28th. If you signed up for a copy, please stop by the Church Office and purchase/pickup your copy. If you are unable to stop by, feel free to send a check to the Church Office and your copy will be sent to you. The cost for the book is \$25.00, please add \$5.00 to cover the cost of mailing.
21. **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2012** It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettia Plants! Orders may be placed in the special envelopes located in the pews. Please indicate the money for the plant, Pastors' Fund, or a donation to the Bread of Life Food Bank. Mark the outside with the memorial name and your own name. The cost for each 6" plant is \$8.00. Today, Sunday, December 2nd, is the last day to place your order. Include your check made payable to Elfinwild Church. Any orders received after this date will be applied to the Food Bank. Thank You!
22. **2013 OFFERING EVELOPES** Please pick up yours on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary. Note: Numbers have changed.
23. **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON** Our first luncheon for widows was a great success. We would like to do it again and invite others who may not have come. Please make a reservation by calling the office for our next lunch, **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012** at 12 noon. You do not need to be alone.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

24. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR ORIENTATIONS FOR INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS** Many area seniors need friendly, caring volunteers to help with yard work, light housecleaning, grocery shopping, providing transportation to a medical appointment, or just a friendly phone call or visit. Open Your Heart to a Senior is committed to helping seniors live safely and independently in their own homes throughout Allegheny County. Upcoming orientation dates are: Dec. 5 at 9:30 AM – NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, 15101; Dec. 8 at 1 PM - Family Services of Western PA, 6401 Penn Ave., 2nd Fl., East Liberty, 15206; Dec. 10 at 6 PM – UPMC Lighthouse Pt., 500 Chapel Harbor Dr., Fox Chapel, 15238; Dec. 19 at 5:30 PM – Family Services of Western PA, 6401 Penn Ave., 2nd Fl., East Liberty, 15206
25. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744 WILL MEET DECEMBER 11, 2012** for a Christmas Dinner Party at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA. Refreshments will be at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. Entertainment will be provided by "Chalk Artist," Gary Means.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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14. **DID YOU KNOW** that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and for 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
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17. **ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** As our snowbirds go south for the winter, we have a need for additional drivers and volunteers during the winter months. If you have a couple of hours during the week to assist in the kitchen or can assist in delivery of the meals, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry.

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