

***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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:7-10
(Page 1095 in the pew Bible)
Lector: Lora King

SERMON

“We are Weary” The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF JOYFUL RESPONSE NO. 387** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Bradbury

*O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

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

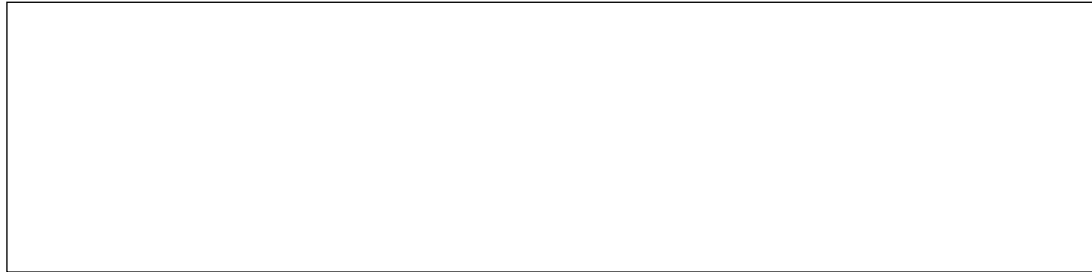
Location – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

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

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.



***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 9, 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. He makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside quiet waters...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 O Come All Ye Faithful Medley Arr. Larson/Callahan
Adult Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:27-31

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF REST The Callahan Family

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

Eternal shepherd of our souls, in your great mercy, you have provided for our every need with the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose arrival we await in joyful anticipation. Remind us in this fast-paced season to take the time to rest in the quiet meadows and green pastures that you have graciously given us in the beauty of Christmas time. Thank you that you not only call us to do your work, but also to rest in your love, and to enjoy the peace of your presence in all that we do and wherever we go. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Praise Team

Come Thou long expected Jesus	Born Thy people to deliver
Born to set Thy people free	Born a child and yet a King
From our fears and sins release us	Born to reign in us forever
Let us find ourselves in Thee	Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
Israel's strength and consolation	By Thine own eternal Spirit
Hope of all the earth Thou art	Rule in all our hearts alone
Dear desire of every nation	By Thine all sufficient merit
Joy of ev'ry longing heart	Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come soon Lord Jesus come soon,
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I will praise my great redeemer
Lord of Lords and King of Kings
Let the worship rise within me
"You are Lord," my heart will sing
Lost now found, sick now healed
Saved to show Your matchless grace
Waiting with hope and great assurance
Till I see Your glorious face

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patient grace, we confess that we are so busy that we forget to acknowledge you as God. We admit that we fill our calendars and our days to avoid going deeper in our relationship with you, our loving God, and with others. Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to rest in your good gifts. Christ, have mercy on us. Show us the things that have kept us from finding our peace and security in you. Lord, have mercy on us. Free us from the pressures to do more, and show us that you are always at work, even when we need to stop and find respite in your care. Forgive us, Lord, and wash us clean by the saving blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*HYMN OF THANKS

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Adeste Fidelis

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"You Have Won Me" Bethel
Praise Team

Grace, you've shown me grace
You've lifted my shame
Drawn me with loving kindness
Washed whiter than snow
You have redeemed and made me whole

Love, you've shown me love
By leaving your throne
By bleeding and dying on a cross
That wonderful cross
That took all my guilt and sin away

Jesus you have won me,
You have broken every chain
With love and mercy
You have triumphed over death
And you are worthy of glory and praise

Shout it out and lift up one voice in worship
Sing it out until all the earth can hear it
Jesus is alive and He saves, He rescues and saves

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JOIN US!
All Church Advent Sunday School Class
12/2-12/23 from 9:45-11AM in Fellowship Hall
Taught by Reverend Dr. Dirk Lesnett
“The Real Christmas Story”

Let’s read the Story revealed to us in Scripture about the birth of Jesus and see how it lines up with our contemporary understanding of the celebration of Christmas. Is waiting a virtue in our instant gratification society? Does the birth of the Savior bring peace to the land? Is there any “holy” left in holy-day? Why and to whom are we giving gifts or receiving them?

Week 1: Silent Night
Week 2: Do You Hear What I Hear
Week 3: Let There Be Peace on Earth
Week 4: O Come Let Us Adore Him

THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:

8:30 am	11:10 am
Pat Graham	Henry Tomer
Mark Connelly	Margaret Hartley
Len Colaizzi	Don Duncan
Marilyn Colaizzi	Dave Jenkins
Clay Riegel	Becky Winek

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday December 16, 2012
The Rev. Jason Rea preaching

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Skip Young and Scott Hughes
11:10 – Natalie Grau

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bill Piel.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Helen and Frank Reed by the Frank Reed Family. *Also, my apologies for the misprint in last week’s bulletin: the Chancel Flowers on December 2, 2012 were given in 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.

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, "Advent Mary and Joseph" 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 today (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. **CLUBS TONIGHT! Jr. High:4:30-6 PM (grades 6-8); Sr. High: 6:30–8 PM (grades 9-12)**
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!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am	Sunday School
	12:30-1:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal – Angels, Shepherds, Readers, Mary and Joseph
	4:30-6 pm	Jr. High Club – YH
	6:30-8 pm	Sr. High Club – YH
	5:30 pm	New Officer Training – Cor. Conf. Rm.
	7:00 pm	Session Mtg. – Cor. Conf. Rm.
MONDAY	7:00 am	Preschool – C.E.
	12:30 pm	Mary's Circle - FH
	5:30-8:30 pm	Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E.
	6:30 pm	CLC #5 – Youth House
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts – FH
TUESDAY	7:00 am	Preschool – C.E. Cooking Class/Parent Participation Day
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library
	1:00 pm	Caring Hands - FH
	5:00 pm	AARP Christmas dinner - FH
	7:00 pm	Trustee Mtg. – Cor. Conf. Rm.
	7:00 pm	Financial Peace - YH
	7:30 pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am	Preschool – C.E.
	8:00 am	Mom & Me – Peach and TR
	12:00 pm	Widow's Lunch – Cor. Conf. Rm.
	6:15 pm	Elem. Choir 2 nd -5 th
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class - YH
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir - CR
	THURSDAY	7:00 am
7:00 am		Men's Bible Study
8:00 am		Mom & Me – Peach & TR
6:00 pm		Girl Scouts 51493 – Peach Rm., TR, & Fr. H.
6:15 pm		Chime Choir K-2 – Chapel
6:45 pm		Chime Choir 3-6 – Chapel
7:00 pm		Wolf Den Cub Scouts – Red Rm.
7:15 pm		Youth Choir – CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am	Preschool – C.E.
	8:00 am	Mom & Me – Peach & TR
	7:00 pm	Bear Den (157) – Peach Rm.
	7:00 pm	Webelos I - FH
	SATURDAY	6:00 am
7:00 pm		Movie Night "The Nativity" - YH

16. **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.
17. **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.
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21. **WIDOW'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

22. **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. 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
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