

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

February 20, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

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

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Jesus (Matthew 6:21)

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *"Choral in E Minor and Musette from Organ Book"* Jean Langlais

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stephanie Walker
Ligonier Camp and Conference Center

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27; John 4:23

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***HYMN NO. 327** *"O Word of God Incarnate"* Munich

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM *"Jesus Loves You"* Stellar Kart
Youth Choir
(see music insert)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:10)

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Michael and Jessica (Bauer) Milford

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Nolan Richard Milford

Hymn No. 492 "Baptized in Water" Bunessan

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 32:1-6

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 1:5-7

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION 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.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"My Own Little World"* Matthew West
Youth Choir
(see music insert)

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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Carolyn Hervey, Director
Telephone – 412-486-2322

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 Ann Ritter.
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** (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 "Great Banquet" is being taught by Carolyn Hervey, Elaine Jans and Bonnie DeMatteo.

5. **M & ms – WINTER & SPRING** meeting dates are Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 18, and Jun. 22 when we will have a pizza lunch immediately following VBS. We gather from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All youth in grades 4 through 6 are welcome to join us. Parents are welcome too!

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



6. **12 and 12 time.** During February we are asking students to bring in a 12-pack of pop or water and a dozen cookies or some other kind of snack with a decent shelf life. This allows us to keep our costs down for our different youth activities. Thanks for your support!
7. **JR. HIGH CLUB 4:30-6PM TONIGHT.** This group is for students in grades 6-8. Come and join us for some fun, food and fellowship as we also discuss how we live as a disciple of Jesus in our daily lives. We hope you will join us. For more information contact Jason.
8. **SR. HIGH CLUB 6:30-8PM TONIGHT.** This group is for students in grades 9-12. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship and food as we explore what it means to live out our Christian faith in the midst of high school. We hope you will come out and join us. For more information contact Jason.



9. **SPRING MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS – INFORMATION MEETING**
SUNDAY, 02/20 OR SUNDAY, 02/27 (Choose a date that's best for you.)
Kennedy Library: 9:30-10 am.
 Members of Elfinwild Presbyterian will take a mission trip to San Jose del Negrito, Honduras, from May 21-28. Come to an informational meeting, led by Dr. Mark Meyer, to learn about the goals for this trip, expenses, travel details, climate and culture, and to have your questions answered. Attendance is not a commitment to the trip, so even if you have a slight interest, please join us!
10. **PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE.** Male or female needed 20-24 hours per week on Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday and Sunday mornings on a temporary basis with the possibility for a permanent position here at the church. Salary is \$9.50/hour. If interested, contact Jack Ritenbaugh in the church office at 412-486-5400.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House Women's Bible Study – Peach Room
MONDAY	5:30-9:00 pm 7:00 pm	NO Preschool Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Building Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building TOPS Handbells AARP Board Meeting Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Worship Planning – Kennedy Library Elementary Choir – Choir Room CLC – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 9:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Women's Bible Study – Youth House Lions Club – Corner Conf. Room CLC – Youth House Youth Choir – Choir room
FRIDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Cub Scouts – Friendship Hall Boy Scout Troop 157 & Webelos Camping
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 3 pm	Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Boy Scout Troop 157 & Webelos Camping

JOIN THE BUCKET BRIGADE

From time to time small cleaning, painting, landscaping or other similar projects arise at the church. While our custodians are busy doing the everyday cleaning and maintenance required to operate our campus, other small projects and tasks come up that can be handled by members of the congregation who have a skill, interest or expertise that they would like to share, but don't know what needs done, or who to contact.

With this in mind, the Board of Trustees has formed **The Bucket Brigade**. **The Bucket Brigade** will be similar to the group of volunteers that helped renovate the Church Avenue house prior to the Rea family arriving at Elfinwild this past summer.

Don Duncan has volunteered to lead this group of volunteers in completing some projects that need attention around the church property at various times throughout the year. These projects will range from minor painting projects, cleaning and dusting, spreading mulch and trimming hedges, washing walls, etc. – the opportunities are endless.

If you are interested in joining **The Bucket Brigade**, please complete the form and provide the information requested below. Serving the church through this volunteer opportunity is a great way to meet other members of the Elfinwild family, as well as help the church through use of your time and talents.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Duncan at 412-367-3827 or JNDDUNCAN@verizon.net or Jim Giel at 412-486-2774 or giewest@verizon.net.

THE BUCKET BRIGADE

NAME _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WHEN I CAN HELP (Check where appropriate):
MONDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____
TUESDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____
WEDNESDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____
THURSDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____
FRIDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____
SATURDAY _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____

SPECIAL SKILLS _____

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Thanks for considering this service opportunity.

- 11. **ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER NEEDED.** We are looking for someone who would like to serve the church and has gifts of administration to learn from and assist Jack Ritenbaugh, our Business Manager. Our goal is to have leadership that is “two deep” so that there is a back-up when one is needed. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lesnett or Jack Ritenbaugh.
- 12. **ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** are on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and save the cost of mailing. Thank you.
- 13. **THE COLUMBARIUM.** Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has established a special facility for the care and safekeeping of cremated remains. By establishing a columbarium at our church, it is possible to once again return to the tradition of making one's final resting place on the grounds of the church. Applications are now being accepted for reserving a niche in the Columbarium. Selection will be on a first come, first serve basis and selection began on January 15, 2011. Niches can be purchased for both burial and tribute. Brochures and applications are available through the church office. If you would like to speak with someone about the Columbarium and purchasing a niche, please feel free to contact Deb Thompson, 412-487-7001.
- 14. **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.
- 15. **USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS.** It has been brought to our attention that groups are taking it upon themselves to arrange meetings or programs in church facilities without contacting the office to see if the room that they intend to use is available. The proper procedure for usage of a room in the church, or any building on the campus, is to notify Lora King at 412-486-5400 to see if there is availability of the room on the church calendar. The meeting is then placed on the calendar with the time the room will be in use by the group. This procedure will then alert the sexton on duty to be aware of who is in the building at certain times and they can arrange their work schedules to clean the building in an orderly fashion and to maintain security of the facilities. **YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

16. **COMMUNION TEAMS BEING FORMED** If you are a present or former Deacon or Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you are eligible to assist the current Elders each month by serving communion. The Worship Team is in the process of forming teams to serve communion each month on an alternating basis. Volunteers for each team will need to commit to only six Sundays per year at either early or late service. If you are able to assist in this sacrament of worship, we would like to hear from you. Please respond by returning the tear-off below to the church office or contacting Liz Rogers at 412-487-5064. We look forward to hearing from you.

Name _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

17. **SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR** Don't forget that we have coffee hour every Sunday following 8:30 worship. Coffee, tea, juice, and donuts are served in the Upper Gathering Room. Come join in this fellowship time.
18. **LET'S THINK SUMMER!** Stephanie Walker from LIGONIER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER is here today and will visit the Sunday school classrooms to talk about the wonderful opportunities available to us when we GO TO CAMP!! Questions about LCCC? Ask Ruthie Riethmuller or Susan Skowron.



19. **“THE WIZARD OF OZ” PERFORMANCE** The Shaler High School will be hosting a FREE dress rehearsal performance for the senior citizens of the area on Thursday, March 3, at 5:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Either following the performance or during intermission, the school will host a reception for the attending senior citizens. We hope to see a large crowd that evening!

20. **POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT NHCO.** North Hills Community Outreach has four positions available: volunteer coordinator, garden coordinator, development assistant (all part-time), and housing case manager (full-time). For complete job descriptions, visit www.nhco.org.

21. **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED** The Bread of Life Food Pantry, a community ministry of and located at the Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna Borough, is seeking resumes and letters of interest for the position of Volunteer Coordinator. This position will serve as the principal point of contact for all volunteer food pantry workers by recruiting, orienting, scheduling, training, assigning, encouraging and tracking the activities of the volunteer staff and volunteer groups who assist in the operation of the Food Pantry; coordinate the various community and organization food drive and fundraising activities; and assist in the promotion and marketing of the Food Pantry throughout the community by speaking to various local service and community groups. Excellent people, recordkeeping, organizational, problem solving and communications (written and oral) skills are required. Some computer skills using Word, Excel, and Power Point are preferred but not necessary. This position will have an average work week of 6-10 hours each week of the month. The position provides a salary and reimbursement for mileage and telephone expenses. Resumes and letters of interest (outlining background and experience) should be sent to: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Volunteer Coordinator Position, 94 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15223. **NO TELEPHONE CALLS PLEASE.**

22. **DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR “SPRING SHARE.”** North Hills Community Outreach is collecting items for “Spring Share” that will help approximately 500 local families in hardship. Please deliver your donations (baskets, candy, granola bars, snack size treats, gift cards, etc.) from March 7 – April 16 to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. For more information, contact Vicki at 412-487-6316, option 1.

23. **WALK OR RUN FOR NHCO!** North Hills Community Outreach is a charity affiliate for this year's Pittsburgh Marathon, as well as a participating charity in Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community. The organization is recruiting walkers, runners and volunteers for both events. To learn more, contact Jen Drayton at 412-487-6316, option 2, x 3210 or visit www.nhco.org/fundraisers.

24. **SENIOR CITIZEN-LOW INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE.** Sponsored by AARP and held at Elfinwild Volunteer Fire Company, 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. February 2-April 7, 2011 – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. First come, first served. Call the Shaler North Hills Library at 412-486-0211 for more information. The library has tax forms!