

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 115:1-7; 111:10

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.
People: Why do nations say “Where is their God?” Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.
 Leader: But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see; they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats.
People: Those who make them will be like them and so will all who trust them.
 Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, all who follow His precepts have good understanding.
People: To Him belongs eternal praise!

(8:30)
 *SONG OF PRAISE (see insert) “Jesus Messiah”
 (11:10)
 *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
 *PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Mark 12:28-31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are many times we think we love You well, O God. But upon hearing Your call to love You with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for You is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for You; in grace rekindle our love for You in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Luke 8:44-50

Leader: Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from

the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: 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.

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE Ann Ritter

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” Dennis Allen
 Elementary Choir

(11:10) “Sing of the Lord’s Goodness” John Carter
 Chancel Choir

*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.**

PRAYERS 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.**

ANTHEM

(8:30) “With One Heart” Mark Patterson
 Elementary Choir

(11:10) “Order My Steps” Jack Schrader
 Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 21
 (page 368 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “The Holiness of God” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)
 *SONG OF COMMITMENT (see insert) “How Great Is Our God”

(11:10)
 *HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 276 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Grand Triumphal March” Alexandre Guilmant
 (Opus 47, No. 2)

The Elder of the Week is Wendy Boody

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
 8:30 –Matt Kolodziej 11:10 –Alyssa Boody*

NOTICE OF 2017 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place today, Sunday, February 12, 2017, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following 11:10 worship. The meeting will include a light lunch served by the Deacons and a presentation about the year just completed and the year ahead.

Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees
 Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

**Seek joy in what you give,
 not in what you get.
 Anonymous**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 2-12-17

TODAY (2-12-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Cadette Girl Scouts – CCR
12:15 PM – Annual Congregation Meeting – FH
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR
5:00 PM – Brownies – PR
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH
7:00 PM – Webelos I – PR
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training Session – CCR
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – KL

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – PS
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH
6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – OOO's Luncheon – FH
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
6:30 PM – M&Ms – FH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study – YH
6:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
1:00 PM – Presbytery Meeting at Pittsburgh Seminary
5:30 PM – Daisies – Purple and Yellow Rooms
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders' Meeting – YH
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Pinewood Derby Set-up – FH
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Den 8 Bear Cub Scouts – PR

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One - FrH
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Pinewood Derby – FH

SUNDAY (2-19-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in loving memory of Jim Jene by Dee and the family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Wendy Boody.

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.

8:30 USHERS

Len Anderson
Bill Stadler
James Young
Tim Keenan

11:10 USHERS

Scott Muszynski
Don Grau
Kelly Simile
Jennifer Callahan
Shane Callahan

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Michael Beal
11:10 – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, February 19, 2017
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400

1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH

2 1/2. The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and the 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. This week's lesson will be *Jesus's First Miracle* and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson, and Carolyn Hervey.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME

YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be February 15th at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

5. JOIN US! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM **Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM **Youth Choir** – Thursday, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact

Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

6. REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House. We hope to see you there!

7. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend. This study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

8. FAMILY DINNER NIGHT....Sizzling sausages, fluffy pancakes and the smell of warm maple syrup... offered by Student Ministries at the Annual PANCAKE SUPPER. Served on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, from 4:30 to 7 PM. The donation of \$6/adult or \$4/child is greatly appreciated by our students to help defray the cost of mission trips and retreats.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. 2017 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex.

If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

10. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM**. We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

11. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: Side dishes with noodles (no rice), Side dishes with potatoes, Jelly - any flavor, Canned whole potatoes, Boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, Boxed mac & cheese, Jars of spaghetti sauce, Canned chili or stew, Broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, Large bottles of juice, Pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, Cooking oil, Boxes of Crackers, Salad dressing & ketchup, Napkins & tissues, Paper towels, and Baby diapers.

12. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

13. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

14. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

* “The Wired Word” (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday Evening Bible Classes-

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

15. COMING TO THEATERS FOR ONE INSPIRING NIGHT

It's the story that shook the world ... and challenged the faith of those who lived through it. Now, the amazing true story of how Samaritan's Purse staff trusted God in the midst of the devastating Ebola crisis in Africa is coming to theaters for one night. Plan now to see **FACING DARKNESS** on Thursday, March 30th only. **Tickets Are Now Available!** You can find a preliminary list of theaters and tickets can be purchased online from participating theaters at facingdarknessmovie.com. Don't miss out on the ministry movie event of the year.

16. ELFINWILD PRESCHOOL is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. For information about the weekday preschool or to register for next year, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. We love to share information about the program. Learning and growing in God's love provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christ's love and welcome families in the community.

17. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP We gather after the 8:30 AM. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. **Volunteers are needed on Sundays for clean-up.** Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

18. HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY – Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

19. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT, A group of local churches including; Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, Glenshaw, Hiland, John McMillan and Parkwood, are planning a mission trip to the Carolinas in the near future. The January trip has been cancelled. There has been significant damage to homes along the East coast, but we will focus our efforts in the Carolinas to try to keep the destination within a reasonable driving distance. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$400/person at this time, but more details will follow, keep checking back!! We do have scholarship money available if you would like to experience this type of mission work. Please think and pray about it!! If you have any questions or are interested please contact Penny Young at (412) 767-4325 or youngp@fcpc.us.

20. YOUR 2016 STATEMENTS OF GIVING are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up.

21. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures and the upcoming class syllabus are available in the Gathering Room, on the windowsill. Also, for folks experiencing difficulty at this time of year, a number of "Surviving Christmas" articles are there for the taking! If you have any questions, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

Verse of the Week- “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

22. SAVE THE DATE! The Women's Ministry Annual Ladies Tea is on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Think about being a hostess and setting a table, there will be chances to win prizes. More information will be coming soon.

23. ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY – The winter season sees many of our loyal volunteers either unable to get to the Meals Kitchen or go to warmer climates for the winter months. The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry everyday either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any time during the hours of 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

24. ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN AND FRIENDS OF SAN JOSE DEL NEGRITO, HONDURAS, MISSION TRIP - JUNE 17-24, 2017

Could this be your year to join a church-wide mission trip to the mountains of Honduras? We are excited to be able to partner with the community of San Jose del Negrito to improve homes of the most needy by painting, light construction, cleaning, and working “shoulder to shoulder” with homeowners. We will also conduct a 2 day Vacation Bible School program as well as one evening worship service for the community at large. Trip expenses are approximately \$1200-1500. In addition, immunizations at the ACHD (\$200-400) and a passport will be required. Some financial assistance may be available through Elfinwild's Mission Team.

25. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, February 15th at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

COMMUNITY NEWS

26. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

27. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.