



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE (see insert)

“Spirit Song”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Andrew and Maggie (Giel) Bovaird

Questions to the Congregation

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Bryce Lamar Bovaird

Hymn (see insert)

“Baptismal Song”

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to His. Accepting His power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promise You make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God’s favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of His beloved Son.

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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

John Carter

Chancel Choir

(11:10)

“You Are My All in All”

Dennis Jernigan

Praise Team

\*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.**

(8:30)

ANTHEM

“Order My Steps”

Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 1

(page 826 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Keeping Faith in a Foreign Land”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

(11:10)

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Shout to the North”

**Men of faith, rise up and sing, of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness  
complete**

(Chorus)

**Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth**

**Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r, of our awesome King of love**

Repeat Chorus

**We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined, by the pow'r of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You, You've burned the truth  
on our lips**

Repeat Chorus

**Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs  
again  
Of our God who reigns on high, by His grace again we'll fly**

Repeat Chorus

**Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.**

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” John Scriveyner

**The Elder of the Week is Kristin Coco**

*Special thanks to our liturgists:*

*8:30 –Rick Dayton 11:10 –Rev. Nicole Laing*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT  
AND TREASURE**

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

*Anonymous*

**28. 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.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 2-19-17**

**TODAY** (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

**MONDAY** 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH  
 7:00 PM – Webelos I – PR  
 7:00 PM – Walk Bike Shaler Meeting – KL  
 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training Session – CCR  
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE  
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH  
 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA  
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE  
 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
 7:00 PM – Youth Choir – CR

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE  
 8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service  
 6:00 PM – Lion's Club – CCR  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR  
 7:00 PM – Webelos II – PR  
 7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Meeting – KL

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Tiger Cubs – Red Room  
 Student Ministry Leaders' Retreat

**SATURDAY** Student Ministry Leaders' Retreat  
 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  
 8:30 AM – Stephen Ministry Training – CCR

**SUNDAY** (2-26-17) Student Ministry Leaders' Retreat  
 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 celebration of the baptism of Bryce Lamar Bovaird, Son of Maggie (Giel) and Andrew Bovaird, Grandson of Sharyl and Jim Giel, Jr. and Jan and Fred Bovaird, Great- Grandson of Suan and Jim Giel, Barbara Lanke and William Unrath, Jane Fadzen, Betty Jean and William Bovaird and Madelyn and Lovelette Puyda

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Kristin Coco.

**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 – Jim Saraceno  
 11:10 – Mike Dolan

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday, February 26, 2017  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: [emily@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> will meet in their classrooms.

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – For ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This week's lesson will be *Jesus's Feeds 5000* 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 March 1, 2017 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](mailto: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** – Thursdays, 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](mailto: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. 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION BREAD** – For those with gluten sensitivity, a gluten free option is provided whenever Communion is offered. You will find it in the center of the bread plate, in a separate bowl. Measures have been taken to prevent cross contamination.

**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](mailto: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)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**19. HELP US REBUILD IN GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA!**

We were unable to get into the Carolina's in February, so we are going a little farther north where they are prepared for help with rebuilding. The residents in Eastern WV are still recovering from last fall's flooding. Please help us get them back into their homes. **The Presbyterian Project**, a partnership of 5 area churches, is taking a group of workers March 12-18, 2017. Cost is \$350/person, with scholarships available if needed. Contact Penny Young at 412-818-7118 or [youngp@fcpc.us](mailto:youngp@fcpc.us) if you would like to be part of this outreach. Thank you.

**20. HOSPITALITY MEALS** – Thank you to those that have been signing up to bring our Elfinwild Family meals. I wanted to mention that in order for you to be able to sign up you need to receive the email from the direct link that I set up. You cannot forward my email as the link connects with the emails that I allow access to. Please email me if you need to be added or if you have questions. Thank you, Tessa Connelly [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com).

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

**22. 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](mailto:mrdd1@comcast.net).

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

**23. 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.

**24. 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.

**25. 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.

**26. 2017 PER CAPITA** – For anyone who uses auto pay or ACH, this is a notification that you did not receive a Per Capita envelope for 2017. You may pay your per capita by placing it in a pew envelope and making sure that your name and the words “Per Capita” are written on the envelope. **Per Capita Apportionment** is the fee assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$31.50 per member. Elfinwild is required to make payments each quarter in 2017 to pay this assessment.

1 Member	<u>\$31.50</u>	3 Members	<u>\$94.50</u>
2 Members	<u>\$63.00</u>	4 Members	<u>\$126.00</u>

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**27. 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!