



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

**January 16, 2011**

**Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock**

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

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*  
Hebrews 11:1

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**     *"Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 562"*     Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on 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 in truth.

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

**\*HYMN NO. 155**

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

Darwall's 148th

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM (11:10)**

*"Till the Storm Passes By"*

Mosie Lister

Chancel Choir

In the dark of the midnight have I oft hid my face, While the storm howls above me, and there's no hiding place. 'Mid the crash of the thunder, precious Lord, hear my cry, "Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by." 'Til the storm passes over, 'Til the thunder sounds no more, 'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky. Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand; Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times darkness whispered, "There is no need to try, For there's no end of sorrow; There's no hope by and by." But I know Thou art with me, And tomorrow I'll rise where the storm never darkens the skies.

When the long night has ended and the storms come no more, Let me stand in Thy presence on that bright, peaceful shore. In that land where the tempest never comes, Lord, may I dwell with Thee when the storm passes by. 'Til the storm passes over, 'Til the thunder sounds no more, 'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky. Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand; Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Give Thanks"*

*Setting by Joel Ramey*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

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**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to Steve Young, his sister Beth and their families on the death of Rich Young on January 12, 2011. Visitation will be today from 2-4 and 7-9 pm at the McDonald-Linn Funeral Home in Avalon. Funeral service will be at 11:00 am on Monday, January 17 at the funeral home.

**PRAYER FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE:** Any person who desires to make a commitment, has a personal need, or a concern for someone, will be able to meet with Elder Steve Heere in the chapel.

**CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP**

**8:30 and 11:10 A.M.**

Cradle Roll (infants – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Preschool (age 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be in Young Child & Worship

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

Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up worship with their families.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Steve Heere.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** 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 "Jesus in the Wilderness" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey and Beth Interthal.

5. **M & ms – WINTER & SPRING** meeting dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 18, and Jun. 22 when we will have 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. **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.

7. **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.

8. **2011 SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

**Jr. High Trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee:**

When: June 26– July 1, 2011

**Sr. High Mission Trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia.**

When: July 24-29, 2011

Cost per student for both trips is approximately \$300. We will do everything we can to bring that cost down and will firm up that number once we know our 2011 budget. **To reserve a spot for either trip, turn in a \$50 non-refundable deposit to Jason with your student's name and mission trip in the memo line by tomorrow, January 17.** Both trips will be through YouthWorks. YouthWorks is a non-profit youth mission agency. If you would like to read more about YouthWorks and its mission trips, check it out on the web at: [www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com).

9. **2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS** The confirmation class begins today, January 16, during the education hour and will run until June 3. The class will be designed for 7th and 8th graders, but is open to any student, 7th grade and up, who wishes to join the church.

**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	7:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	No PreSchool. – Martin Luther King Day Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall Officer Training – Kennedy Library
TUESDAY	7:30 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. TOPS Personnel Committee – Kennedy Library Handbells – Choir Room Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 1:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Worship Planning – Kennedy Library M&m's Youth Group – Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:30 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool – C.E. Women's Bible Study – Youth House Sr. Achievers – Fellowship Hall Lions Club – Corner Conf. Room Girl Scouts – Friendship Hall Youth Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	7:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. All Church Retreat - Laurelville Cub Scouts – Fr. Hall
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 3 pm 7:00 pm-12:00 Midnight	All Church Retreat - Laurelville Act 1 – Fr. Hall & C.E. Boy Scout game night in Friendship Hall

**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 to express an interest in helping out.

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. Servng 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](mailto:JNDDUNCAN@verizon.net) or Jim Giel 412-486-2774 [giewest@verizon.net](mailto:giewest@verizon.net).

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

Thanks for considering this service opportunity.

- 10. **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 yesterday 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.
- 11. **PER CAPITA INFORMATION FOR 2011** This is the fee assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2011 apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$23.60 per member. It is divided as follows: \$14.90 to Presbytery, \$2.20 to Synod, and \$6.50 to General Assembly. Elfinwild is required to make payments each quarter. There is a designated envelope in your offering envelope box for this purpose, if you choose.
- 12. **REMINDER – 2011 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed in to the church office.
- 13. **SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR ON JANUARY 23, 2011**. At 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall, Amy from Hosanna Industries will be speaking about a house they are building in Haiti. This project is being supported by our Mission Committee. All adult classes are invited to join together for this presentation.
- 14. **WELL-USED PIANO NEEDS A GOOD HOME**. The church has a well-used piano looking for a home! The piano is located in the C.E. Building and can be viewed by making arrangements with Jack Ritenbaugh. If you are interested in the piano, it can be yours – as long as you can remove it. If more than one person wants this piano, names will be drawn and the person chosen will get to take this piece of Elfinwild home.  
  
If you want to view the piano, please see Jack Ritenbaugh by Sunday, January 23. If you are interested in the piano, please submit your name to Jim Giel, President Board of Trustees, by Monday, January 24, 2011 – 5:00 pm. Either leave your name by calling 412-486-2774 or via e-mail at [giewest@verizon.net](mailto:giewest@verizon.net).

15. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** would appreciate canned fruits, kids' cereal, condiments (salad dressing, ketchup, mayonnaise), and any kind of crackers for January. Please deposit these in bins at the front or center entrances on Church Avenue. Thank you.
16. **DONATIONS NEEDED** for care packages to be sent to our college students living away from home. So that each box will contain the same items, please confine your donations to the following: Lance crackers- 6-packs (peanut butter or cheese), small packs of Oreos or Chips-a-Hoy cookies, microwave popcorn, chewing or bubble gum, small boxes of Valentine conversation heart candy, small candy bars (Hershey, Nestle Crunch, etc.), Lipton Cup-A-Soup, small bags of gummy candy or hard candy. Please feel free to include short personal notes or Valentine cards. Donation boxes will be located in the back of the sanctuary and in the hallway by the Chapel. Please contact Cindy Neil if you have any questions at 412-487-6226. Thank you for reaching out to our college students!
17. **SHARE YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES**. Elfinwild Church will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:giewest@verizon.net).

18.

**The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2011, in the sanctuary, immediately after the 11:10 worship service. Everyone is welcome.**

**Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session  
James Giel, President, Board of Trustees**

19. **HANDCHIMES** will resume the first Sunday in February.
20. **ELEMENTARY CHOIR** will resume at the end of January. A letter will be sent with the exact day, date, and time. Lots of transition in the music ministry. Exciting times ahead! Contact Ruthie Riethmuller at [mrddl@earthlink.net](mailto:mrddl@earthlink.net) or 412-487-3421 with questions.
21. **SENIOR ACHIEVERS** will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Sharon McRae, Director of the Shaler Library, will talk about many new things happening at our library. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and cake are provided. Guests and friends are welcome.

22.

<b>ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
<b>Financial Statement</b>		
<b>December 31, 2010</b>		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$546,000
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		551,738
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$563,620
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	-11,882

23. **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Bread of Life Food Pantry needs some volunteers to help collect food items from donors at the Mt. Nebo Sam's Club – Saturday, February 5, 2011 as part of its annual Souper Bowl of Caring donation drive. Volunteers are needed for 3 - 2 hour shifts (10 am- noon; noon – 2 pm and 2 pm – 4 pm). Volunteers will distribute fliers as shoppers enter Sam's Club and take donations as shoppers exit Sam's Club and then load the donations into various vehicles for transport back to the Food Pantry in Etna. Others will be needed to unload the items at the Pantry.

If you or a group can assist with this important food drive, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 by Monday, January 31, 2011.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry provides food products for over 150 qualifying families each month and is an important outreach ministry of the Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in partnership with Elfinwild, Glenshaw, and Parkwood Presbyterian Churches.