

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN NO. 422**      *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*      Beach Spring

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSION**

**POSTLUDE**      *"Blessed Be the Name"*      R. Hudson / arr. H. DeCou

Liturgist: (8:30) Dan Voigt / Cindy Neil  
(11:10) Dan Voigt / Bob Kennedy

**THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:**

**8:30 a.m.**      **11:10 a.m.**  
Diana McKay      Don Pritchard  
Marna Bodnar      Chris Sutton  
Bob Hughes      Jim Giel  
Eileen Hughes      Peggy McNeil  
Steve Heere

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, January 31, 2010  
1 Corinthians Chapter 12  
Dirk Lesnett preaching



**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 Mike Dolan 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.



***Welcome to  
Elfinwild Presbyterian Church***

***We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us  
on this day that the Lord has made.***

***Please relax and enjoy the music before the service starts.***

***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.***

**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.**

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

**January 24, 2010**

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

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

*"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**                    *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*                    Lobe Den Herren  
Setting by John Behnke

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

**People:** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**Leader:** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre,

**People:** Praise him with tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flute,

**Leader:** Praise him with the clash of cymbals; praise him with resounding cymbals.

**People:** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**All:** Praise the Lord.

**\*HYMN NO. 482**                    "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"                    Lobe Den Herren

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC (11:10)**                    Cherubs and Sonbeams

**MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the Good News!

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

**ANTHEM (11:10)**                    *"Bow the Knee"*                    Machen-Harland / arr. Robert Sterling  
Chancel Choir

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**                    *"Meditation on the tune St. Agnes"*                    Gordon Young  
**(11:10)**                    "To Share Our Faith"                    Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**\*HYMN NO. 306**                    *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*                    *Crusaders' Hymn*

**\*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.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                    Psalm 138:6-8 and Ephesians 1:3-12  
(Page 552 O.T. and Pages 180 & 181 N.T. in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**                    *"Growing in Purpose"*                    Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz

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The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church will convene on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A light soup and sandwich lunch will be served by the Deacons before the meeting, just after 11:10 worship service. Everyone is welcome.

*Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session*

*Jim Giel, Jr., President Board of Trustees*

**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to Blair and Dan Voigt on the death of Blair's grandfather, Ralph Meyer, at the age of 97 and also to Don and Andrea Grau on the death of their sister-in-law Sue.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Graham and Emily Watkins on the birth of Aiden Winfield Watkins on January 12, 2010 and to Joshua and Tasha (Piel) Corwin on the birth of Katelyn Belle Corwin on January 15, 2010.

1. **PLEASE WELCOME** the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz as our guest minister this morning. Doug is the Associate pastor to Medium Congregations at Pittsburgh Presbytery.
2. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Mike Dolan.
3. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are giving in loving memory of my parents by Lora King.
4. **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.
5. **PRAYER CONCERNS**. To add, change or remove names from prayer concerns list, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am 10:00 am 4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Handchimes – Choir Room Choir Help Session Jr. High Club Sr. High Club Deacons' Meeting
MONDAY	7:30 am 10:00 am 5:30-9:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Choir Room Act 1 – C.E. & Fr. Hall Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:30 am 1:00 pm 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool - C.E. Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E. Building TOPS Girl Scouts – C.E. Building Men's Bowling – Fun Fest Lanes AARP Board Meeting Handbells – Choir Room Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 7:15 pm	Preschool – C..E. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 9:15-11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Pre-School – C.E. Women's Bible Study – Youth House Lions Club – Cor. Conf. Rm. Spiritual Warfare Prayer Meeting – Chapel Financial Peace – Peach Room APNC – Kennedy Library Youth Choir
FRIDAY	7:30 am 7:00 pm	No Pre-School – Staff Workshop CS – Fr. Hall
SATURDAY	7:00 am 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am – 6:00 pm	CLC – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Fr. Hall & C.E. Pinewood Derby – Fellowship Hall



## The Elfinwild Valentine Ball

*Cherish one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Ephesians 5:22

*Come enjoy a special night out.*

*Celebrate the joy of Christian fellowship & marriage.*

**February 20, 2010**

**6:00pm-10:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Dinner Menu:**

***Braised Eye of Round***

***Shrimp Pasta***

***Vegetable and Salad***

***Special Valentine Dessert***

***Catered by Cindy Bowen***

***Music & Dancing DJ – Glenn & Donna Goss***

*(Love songs from all eras –request your favorite song when you purchase your ticket)*

***\$40 for two - Tickets can be purchased before or after service on Sundays starting***

***January 17th through February 6th or by calling the church office. 412-486-5400***

***Call Kim Szymoniak with any questions.412-367-1441***

*Whether it's your first date, an evening with a good friend or your 50th Valentine's Day*

*together this is a night to be enjoyed by all!*

## CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-5th Grade



- 6. 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 Mustard Seed" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Tori Potock and Melissa Kutzer.
- 7. M & m's – ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** are invited to join us for fun and fellowship! We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR

February 18 (This is a Thursday. Due to the 17<sup>th</sup> being Ash Wednesday, we'll go bowling!)

March 18



## STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

- 8. STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Parents, students or friends of Student Ministries – if you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive updates and important information, please e-mail your address to Kyle Pinta at [KJPinta@aol.com](mailto:KJPinta@aol.com).

## Elfinwild Church News

- 9. 2010 MEMORIAL FLOWERS.** If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event or to memorialize an individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose a date and sign the calendar in the north narthex. Please include your name for billing purposes. The cost is \$37.00 and church will bill you. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REST OF JANUARY, 3 SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY AND 2 SUNDAYS IN MARCH ARE AVAILABLE.**
- 10. YOUR NEW YEAR ENVELOPES.** 2010 offering envelopes are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and help save mailing cost.
- 11. REMINDER – 2010 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed in to the church office.
- 12. PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE READY.** If you have not already done so, you can pick yours up today in the back of the sanctuary.
- 14. FROM THE FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM** - On Sunday, May 2, the Family Ministry Team is sponsoring an Octogenarian Luncheon to honor those of the congregation who are 80 years and older. Many hands will be needed to make this special event a success. If

you are interested in volunteering to help in one of the many needed areas, please contact Nancy Tiernan at the church or Patty Robinson at 412-487-0413.

- 15. YEAR END REPORTS** are due on January 22, 2010 for inclusion in the Annual Report for the year 2009. Please submit your ministry/committee report to the church office, attention Lora King, or by e-mail to: [lora@elfinwild church.org](mailto:lora@elfinwild church.org).
- 16. PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you would like to be on the e-mail prayer chain list, or if your e-mail address has **changed**, please send a request to Cindy Neil at [jcncln1@verizon.net](mailto:jcncln1@verizon.net). This is a great way to solicit prayer in a matter of minutes from a large number of fellow Christians. Cindy has been having mail returned to her as undeliverable, so please be sure to update your e-mail address if it has changed.
- 17. PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY** - Elfinwild's Professional Directory is now available. A directory was sent to anyone who submitted an advertisement. Additional copies are located outside of the chapel and in the church office for anyone desiring one. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- 18. APNC UPDATE** – The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been meeting weekly to review the more than 55 resumés received thus far from men and women across the country. The committee is in the process of formulating questions for use in telephone interviews that are being conducted in January. An established prayer team is providing daily prayer for the needs of the APNC. Committee members Dave Frazier, Mike Gaydos, Donna Gottschalk, Margaret Hartley, Steve Heere, Douglas Riethmuller, Patty Robinson, Lauren Shideler and Dale Weisenstein thank the congregation for their prayers, and ask for continued prayer for discernment, wisdom, and guidance as the process continues.

John and Cindy Neil



- 19. OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR.** With funding from the United Way of Allegheny County and in partnership with Family Services of Western PA, North Hills Community Outreach is reaching out to potential volunteers through a project called Open Your Heart to a Senior. Volunteers can help

older adults remain safe and independent in their own homes by helping with simple tasks:

- Taking a senior grocery shopping, or taking their list with you when you do yours
- Driving someone to a doctor's appointment or to their worship service
- Visiting or calling to make sure a senior is safe and to prevent feelings of isolation
- Shoveling snow or raking leaves

Trainings are held throughout the county. To learn more, call 412-307-0071 or visit [www.openyourhearttoasenior.org](http://www.openyourhearttoasenior.org)

20. **CENSUS 2010 - U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS NOW RECRUITING FOR:**  
Crew Leader, Assistant Crew Leader, Enumerator. Call our TOLL FREE number to be scheduled for a basic skills test: 1-866-861-2010. Visit our website for more information: [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov). They are paying double the minimum wage. If you are interested, there are flyers on the table outside the chapel.
21. **ANCHORPOINT COUNSELING MINISTRY – COFFEE, TEA & TEENS –**  
Just a friendly reminder that our parent discussion group will be meeting again soon! We hope to see you! \$5.00 per session. Call us 412-366-1300.  
10:00 am – Noon one Friday a month. February 12, March 5, April 9 and May 7 at 800 McKnight Park Drive, Ste. 802, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.