

\*HYMN NO. 387      *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*      Bradbury

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      1 Kings 18:16-46  
(Page 337 in the pew bible)

SERMON      *“If the Lord is God – Follow Him!”*      Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN      *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*      see insert

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSION

POSTLUDE      *“Choral: In Peace and Joy”*      Bach

**THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:**

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| <b>8:30 a.m.</b> | <b>11:10 a.m.</b> |
| Diana McKay      | Don Pritchard     |
| Marna Bodnar     | Chris Sutton      |
| Bob Hughes       | Jim Giel          |
| Eileen Hughes    | Dick Friedline    |

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
8:30 and 11:10 am  
Bethany Harbaugh preaching  
2 Kings 17-19; Isaiah 3; 6; 13-14; 49;53

**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.

**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION** are extended to Dot and Mel Stoker and family on the death of Mel’s brother, Robert S. Stoker.



***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 15, 2012**

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

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

*"We will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow up into him who is the head, that is Christ."*  
Ephesians 4:13-15

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

*"Toccata Giocosa"*

G. Martin

**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: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**People: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

**\*HYMN NO. 466**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Azmon

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**ANTHEM (11:10)**

*"Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"*

Chris Rice

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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.

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Soul's Voice"*

Luciotti

**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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**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 Dean Thomas in the chapel.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Dean Thomas.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given by Lora King in memory of all of her loved ones.
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. **M & ms "MESSIAH & ME"** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the following winter and spring dates: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18 and May 16. Any questions, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.
5. **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 is baptized*" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal and Bethann Dolan.
6. **SONG OF THE MONTH FOR "KIDS OF THE KINGDOM"** The preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes will sing the song "Cast Your Burdens" at the 11:10 worship service on January 29.

#### **STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

7. **JR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 4:30-6:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. We have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing songs, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. We hope to see all our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Club!
8. **SR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in grades 9-12. We also have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing together, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. All Elfinwild 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends are welcome to attend.

9. **JR./SR. HIGH OPTION: CHARLESTON, WV WITH YOUTHWORKS. JUL 29 – AUG. 3**  
**Jr./Sr. High Mission Trip: to Charleston, WV -- Cost \$315 per person.** We will once again team up with *YouthWorks* to go to Charleston. The trip and work will be similar to what we did this past summer in Chattanooga and the Eastern shore of Virginia. You can find out more about *YouthWorks* and this particular site in Charleston, WV by going to [www.YouthWorks.com](http://www.YouthWorks.com). Time is running out to sign up for this trip. A \$30 deposit must be in by TODAY!
10. **NICARAGUA TRIP MEETING: JANUARY 22 8-9PM** If you are signed up for the Nicaragua mission trip, please mark this date. Important information will be given out as we begin our preparation for this wonderful trip. These meetings are for all who are going and parents are welcome to attend as well.
11. **“ROCK OF AGES” BENEFIT CONCERT ON JANUARY 29 at 5:00 PM** at Hampton Presbyterian Church; Cost is \$10.00. All proceeds from this concert benefit the Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry in the North Hills. The cost includes dinner as well as admission. We will meet at the youth house at 4:30pm for those who would like a ride to Hampton Presbyterian Church. If you would like to meet us at the church, please be there at 5:00pm. Jason needs to know if you plan to attend by January 24th. Our own youth group band will be playing and if you are interested in performing, let Jason know ASAP.
12. **SEVEN SPRINGS SKI TRIP, FEBRUARY 4.** We are planning a one-day ski trip to Seven Springs. The Cost will be determined by the size of our group. We need at least 20 people to get a group discount; otherwise will need to pay the regular weekend lift and rental fees. Please check the Seven Springs website for lift ticket and rental fees. If you are interested, let Jason know by January 25th. If there is not enough interest for this event, it may not happen so the sooner you let Jason know the better chance there will be for us to go.
13. **“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5.** Once again we will be collecting food on the day of the big game. We ask that you bring nonperishable food items to worship that day. We will have students at the doors to the sanctuary to collect food in bins. All donations will then be taken to the “Bread of Life” food pantry. We hope you will give generously to this effort!

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

14. **2011 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS** - Please pick up your statement from the table at the rear of the sanctuary.
15. **YEAR END REPORTS** are due no later than January 23, 2012 for inclusion in the Annual Report for the year 2011. Please submit your ministry/committee report to the church office, attention Lora King, or by e-mail to: [lora@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:lora@elfinwildchurch.org).

### **THIS WEEK**

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| SUNDAY    | 4:30 pm<br>4:45 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>6:30 pm   | Jr. High Club – Youth House<br>God & Life – Kennedy Library<br>God & Church – Kennedy Library<br>Sr. High Club – Youth House   |
| MONDAY    | 7:00 am<br>6-9:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm   | No Pre-School – Martin Luther King day<br>Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E.<br>CLC #5 – Youth House<br>Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall   |
| TUESDAY   | 7:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>6-9:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:30 pm   | Pre-School – C.E.<br>Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library<br>Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E.<br>TOPS<br>Trustees Meeting – Corner Conf. Room<br>Financial Peace – Youth House<br>Praise Team - Sanctuary   |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 am<br>6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:15 pm  | Pre-School – C.E.<br>Cub Scouts – Green Room<br>M&ms Youth Group – Fellowship Hall<br>CLC #2 – Kennedy Library<br>Chancel Choir – Choir Room   |
| THURSDAY  | 7:00 am<br>7:00 am<br>9:15 am<br>11:30 am<br>10-11:00 am<br>10-11:00 am<br>2-3:00 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:15 pm | Men’s Bible Study – Kennedy Library<br>Pre-School – C.E.<br>Women’s Bible Study – Youth House<br>Senior Achievers – Fellowship Hall<br>Preschool Parent Meeting – C.E.<br>Child Evaluation Process – C.E.<br>Child Evaluation Process – C.E.<br>Girl Scouts – Peach & Toddler Rooms<br>Cub Scouts – Green Room<br>CLC #3 – Youth House<br>Youth Choir – Choir Room |
| FRIDAY    | 7:00 am<br>5:00 pm<br>7:00 pm  | Pre-School – C.E.<br>Men’s Retreat - Laurelville<br>Cub Scouts – Friendship Hall   |
| SATURDAY  | 8:30am-3:00 pm   | Men’s Retreat - Laurelville<br>Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E.  |

16.

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2012, in the sanctuary, immediately after the 11:10 worship service.

In addition to matters usually considered at the annual meeting, consideration will be given to an amendment of the bylaws to provide for no fewer than 15 and no more than 18 trustees (a change from the existing 15-member limit). Everyone is welcome.

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

17. **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. Deadline will be January 29. Please contact Cindy Neil if you have any questions at 412-487-6226. Thank you for reaching out to our college students!
18. **2012 ESTIMATE OF GIVING (PLEDGE) CARDS.** If you have not received the Stewardship letter and pledge cards in the mail, cards are available in the pew racks in the sanctuary.
19. **2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES.** Please pick up your offering envelopes from the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. This will save the expense of mailing them to you.
20. **FELLOWSHIP HOUR.** Tessa Connelly is still looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour. People are needed at 8:00 am to make coffee and cut donuts, and during and after fellowship time to pour juice and clean up. Making a donation of juice or coffee is another way you can contribute. Please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-213-0384 or tconnelly08@verizon.net if you are willing to occasionally commit a small amount of time on Sunday mornings.
21. **BABYSITTER NEEDED.** The women's Bible study is looking for a second babysitter for their Thursday morning meeting (9:15 to 11:30) at the youth house. Please call Kara Rea at 412-486-2994 for information on compensation and completing the church's background check.

22. **ELFINWILD MEMORABILIA NEEDED** Elfinwild will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community during 2012. Special services will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2012 – 100 years from the Sunday that the congregation was organized. In addition, a special celebration Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012. Details for both events will be coming over the next several months.

During the months leading up to our celebration, we will be honoring a decade a month with newsletter articles as well as a display in the gathering area.

If you have any pictures, Sunday School pins, copies of bulletins, or other memorabilia related to Elfinwild and would like to share those for the various displays, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 or drop them off at the church office. Your items will be returned to you when they are no longer needed.

23. **TELL US YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES** Much like your own families, every member of the Elfinwild family has memories and stories about their life as a member at Elfinwild. We would like to hear about those youth group trips, Sunday School classes, church picnics, adult fellowship groups – or whatever memory that you would like to share.
- Please write them down, in any form – typed or long-hand – and forward them to Jim Giel, Jr. as soon as possible. We will share them throughout the year with the “family” so that the newer members hear the “old” stories and the “older” members hear the stories of the newer members.
24. **2012 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 on the wall in the north narthex. Please include your name for billing purposes. The cost is \$37.00 and the church will bill you. There are 3 Sundays in February, and 2 in March still available.
25. **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 served-basis. Niches can be purchased for both burial and tribute at a cost of \$900 per niche. 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 contact Jack in the church office, 412-486-5400.
26. **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** The Women's Bible study is growing! We will have two meeting times for the winter. Either Thursday mornings from 9:15 -11:30 at the Youth House, or Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 at the home of Pam McKern (647 Agate Road, Allison Park). Our topic will be “Passages of Marriage”. Call Kara Rea for more information at 412-486-2994. Please join us.