

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Let us praise the Lord together.

Leader: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor the brightness of the moon need shine.

All: For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 464** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Hymn to Joy

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you, by the guidance of your Holy Spirit who is always with us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News:

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, Amen.

*STATEMENT 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.

SENDING PRAYER FOR MISSION TEAM

Penny Young, Ann Ritter, Marilyn Colaizzi, Jenny Dayton, Patti Toomey, Dwight Pearson, Bob Whitaker, Bob Hughes

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Ron Bernhardt, organ

*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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12
(Page 902 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Following the Star” The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Music for Reflection

“Adente Festivo”

Sibelius

Timothy Sutton, cello

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 63

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

Dix

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ron Bernhardt, organ

Our sympathy to the Kapff family on the death of Paul Kapff.

***If you need prayer there are elders in the chapel to meet
and pray with you after the service.***

We are happy to welcome Ron Bernhardt, his wife Patti, and their children Augie, Becca, and Richie to Elfinwild Church. Ron will be serving as our new organist here at Elfinwild and we are so blessed to have his gifts in service to God for our congregation. Please extend a warm welcome to their family! Look for the introductory article in January's CALL Newsletter.

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 A.M. ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

Location – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

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

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.

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Welcome to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

***We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.***

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

EPIPHANY

January 6, 2013

8:30 and 11:10 Worship

You are invited to use the following Scripture for reflection
as you prepare your hearts for worship.

*Praise be to the Lord God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Psalm 72*

PRELUDE

Ron Bernhardt, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME