

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 260

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others; it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails”. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

POSTLUDE

“The Lord God Ineffable”

David Paxton

Special thanks to our liturgists:

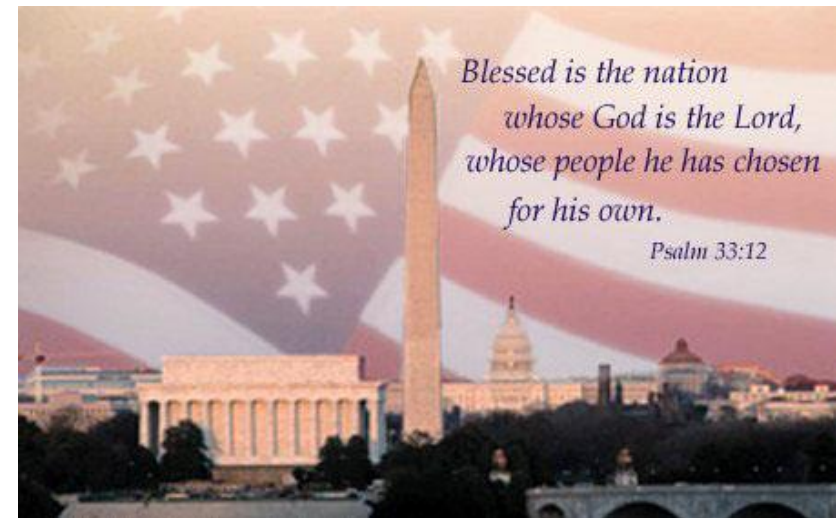
8:00 – Dwight Pearson

10:00 – Matt Harbaugh

The box below reminds us where we stand on our annual operating budget. The box doesn't cover Missions– every dollar given for Mission work goes out for Mission work. Rather, the box tells us where we stand on keeping the bills paid. For several months we've been running with an “unfavorable” position. But what goes on here is far from “unfavorable.” Our Church is a busy place. Seven out of seven days a week, people meet and gather here – for our Faith and for our community. The Pre-School ministry brings over 300 children and adults through our doors every week. Our staff, for the first time in years, is at full capacity. As with any building, there are unexpected expenses. Please tithe and contribute regularly. – Your tithes and contributions help keep it all running!

Stewardship Committee

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement May 31, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$287,930
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$295,551
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$7,621



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

July 3, 2016

8:00 and 10:00 AM Worship

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

“You my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

PRELUDE

“Christ, the Bread”

James Southbridge

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Pam Dudgeon, Elfinwild Home Meals Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 262 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(10:00)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction
 Questions to the Parents – Alisha (Sanders) and David Nist
 Questions to the Congregation
 Presentation of Gifts
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Baptism of Liam Nist

HYMN No. 492 “Baptized in Water”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for Your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our home and in all the world; show us how to walk in Your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. 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. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!!

*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

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Mr. Tom McElhone, Shaler Township Commissioner

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:00) “Together We Serve” Ray Adomonis, Soloist
 (10:00) “Sing Ye Joyfully!” Chancel Choir

*HYMN No. 428 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (Verses 1 and 2)

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 46
(page 533 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“God is Our Ever Present Help” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
 Prayer of Consecration
 Words of Institution
 Receiving the Bread+
 Receiving the Cup+
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 +(please hold each element until all are served)

20. WEST VIRGINIA FLOODING 2016

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

The flooding in West Virginia left a trail of destruction, and the road to recovery has just begun. Please continue to pray for those affected. The Presbyterian Project (consisting of the churches of Calvert Memorial, Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, John McMillan, Glenshaw and Parkwood) has committed to helping with the clean-up process. In response to immediate needs in the communities we are collecting the following items to deliver to those in need in West Virginia.

Bleach, large trash bags, sponges, latex gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, baby formula, diapers, hand-held can openers, and pop-top canned goods. If you wish to donate to help purchase the items, please make your check payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and mark on the line "West Virginia Relief."

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials.

They are also collecting Wal-Mart and Sheetz gift cards to give to families for needed personal items and gasoline.

We are working with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Work camps to find the best time for a group of volunteers to travel there and help with the rebuilding process. If you are interested in joining a team in your congregation, please contact Penny Young, Becky Winek, or Bob Whitaker.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 7-3-16

TODAY (7-3-16)	Communion 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA 7:00 PM – Patriotic Celebration – SA
MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH
THURSDAY	7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
SUNDAY (7-10-16)	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:15 AM – Deacons Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – Session Meeting at the Lesnett home

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Dwight Pearson.

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.

8:00 AM USHERS

Paul Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

10:00 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Janell Haygood
Patti Zahnhausen
Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 AM – Zach Hughes
10:00 AM – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, July 10, 2016
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: 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 10:00 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. 10 AM GREEN ROOM FOR AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 2

- Each week throughout the summer, we will meet and do an activity during the 10:00 service. If you are interested in teaching a lesson or for more information, please contact Emily Cooper.

3. MUSICAL THEATER – If you are still interested in auditioning for *Haphazardly Ever After the Musical* please contact Ron or Emily as soon as possible.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

4. SUMMER CHOIR – All are invited to sing in our summer choir. We will rehearse 30 minutes before the service at which we are singing. No experience is necessary – just a willing spirit! The dates we will be singing are:

July 3rd at 10 AM July 31st at 10 AM July 17th at 8 AM August 14th at 8 AM

5. MEN'S CHOIR – All men are invited to join us in singing this summer as part of a men's ensemble. We will rehearse 30 minutes before the service at which we are singing. The dates we will be singing are:

July 10th at 10 AM

August 7th at 8 AM

6. MUSICAL OFFERINGS – You are invited to share your musical gifts as the offering during our summer services. Please contact Ron Bernhardt if you are interested. We would love to be blessed by your talents.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact

Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

7. THE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND LEADERS will be leaving for their mission trip to Steubenville on July 17th. Please pray for their safety and for an enriching experience.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

8. 2016 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$47 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.

9. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Are you looking for a summer ministry? Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue through the summer (June, July and August) 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.

10. LIGONIER CAMP HAPPENINGS! Registrations for Summer Camps are open! Head to the mountains for a wonderful time of faith, fun and fellowship! Campers experience the love of Jesus first hand at LCCC! Many camp options are available. There is family camp, too!
<http://www.ligoniercamp.org/summer-camp-registration>

11. ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY –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 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

12. 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.

13. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:00 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

14. SAVE THE DATE!! Summer is here!! Get out your calendars & mark the Church Picnic for Sunday August 21st!

15. ARE YOU MISSING SOME DISHES OR CONTAINERS? Please stop by the kitchen to claim your items.

16. 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. Interested parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 5th at 6 PM in fellowship hall. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

17. A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION will be held on tonight at 7:00 PM in Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. We will recognize and celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Through patriotic music and readings, we will remember the courageous steps of faithful service that have earned our freedom, and honor those who continue to work to support and defend the liberties we enjoy. All members of Shaler area government, police, fire departments, EMS, and veterans are warmly invited to attend. Allow us to recognize and thank you for your protection and service to the community. R.S.V.P. To: Elfinwild Church (412) 486-5400 or epchurch@elfinwildchurch.org

18. OUR SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. These worship hours will continue through the end of August.

19. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for the summer will be from 9:00AM to 1:00 PM from June 27th through Friday, August 12th.