

SERMON

“Firm in Faith”

Rev. Jason Rea

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN NO. 210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

St. Anne

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Werk 9: VI”* Hermann Schroeder

THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:

8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Paul Braddock	Mel Stoker
Max Smith	Jennifer Muszynski
Kim Szymoniak	Jack Ritenbaugh
Bob Szymoniak	Patti Zahnhausen
Ron Tiedeman	Bill Sausser

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, July 24, 2011
Dr. Richard Morledge 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 Cindy Neil in the chapel.

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants – 1st grade)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary

10:00 A.M. ONLY

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

Location – 1st floor of church building

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

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

Children 3rd 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

July 17, 2011

Eight and Ten O'clock

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

*"For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches."*

Psalm 149:4-5

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *"Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Werk 9: IV & V"* Hermann Schroeder

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-5

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

Leader: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

People: Were we to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Leader: Let us sing praises to our God!

***HYMN NO. 361**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" Johann Sebastian Bach
Elinor Lindeman, Violin; Marty Barstow, Organ

CALL TO CONFESSION

based upon Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:17

The Proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based upon 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Abiding Faith"

Roy E. Nolte

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.

***HYMN NO. 383**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Olivet

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 5:6-14

(Page 219 N.T. in the pew Bible)

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Cindy Neil.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Frank Klebacha by Joanne Popovich.
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"** is a youth group designed especially with the 4th through 6th grade student in mind. A scripturally-based curriculum is used to share our faith and the message of God's eternal love, while we enjoy fellowship, games, activities, mission projects, field trips, and fun. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll kick off our fall season on September 21st. Plan to join us and bring a friend! Any questions, please call Kristin Coco at 412-767-4539, or Bethann Dolan at 412-492-9991.
5. **SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP TO EASTERN SHORE, VA.**
Hope everyone is excited for our departure. Here are some last minute reminders. We will pack our luggage on Saturday July 23 from 6:30-7pm in the Church Ave. parking lot next to the church. We will then meet at the Church (Church Ave. Parking lot) at 7:30am for prayer and departure! Please be on time as we have a long drive ahead of us. Please be sure to turn in all your forms and final payment prior to our leaving. If you need new forms or have questions about payment call, text or email Jason ASAP. Looking forward to this great trip!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. **THURSDAY EVENING SUMMERTIME WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Summertime, summertime! While making all the summer travel plans let us not forget our faith journeys and the importance of traveling *together*. The study will be "**Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent**" by Beth Moore. This study takes a look at the pilgrimage theme found in Psalms 120-134 and explores the major feasts of Israel. For the ancient Israelites, pilgrimage was a three-times-per-year journey to the temple in Jerusalem; for New Testament believers, all of life becomes a journey together toward the new Jerusalem. This is a 6-week study in workbook format. If you want to take this journey together, join us in the Gathering Room starting at 7:00 pm on the evenings listed below. The cost of a book is \$16.50. Call Nancy Tiernan to order one or purchase one online. Hope to see you there.

Every other Thursday night:

***July 21st**

***August 4th**

***August 18th**

7. **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN THIS SUMMER.** Once again this summer we are trying to print fewer bulletins to save the cost of printing and paper. If you attend the early service and will not need your bulletin during the week, please return it to one of the bins at the back of the sanctuary for the next service. Thank you!
8. **PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS ARE NOW 8:00 AND 10:00 AM AND WILL RUN THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.**
9. **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - The church office will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and return to normal operation on Monday, August 15.
10. **2011 MEMORIAL FLOWERS**. Several dates for memorial flowers are available this summer. If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event or to memorialize an individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose any open date and sign the calendar in the north narthex. Please include your name for billing purposes. The cost is \$37.00 and the church will bill you. **CURRENTLY 8/21, 8/28, 9/4 and 9/11 are available, as well as several dates later in the year.**
11. **CALENDAR NOTES....**
 - July 3rd – August 28th** worship hours are 8:00 & 10:00am
 - August 1st – 5th** Dance Camp (preschoolers through 2nd grade) and Drama Camp (3rd grade and older)
 - August 7th** the Dance and Drama children will offer their talents as part of the 10:00 worship service.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library TOPS
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	CLC #2 – Kennedy Library
THURSDAY	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	CLC #3 – Youth House Women’s Study Group-Gathering Room
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Friendship Hall
SATURDAY	6:00-8:00 am 1:00-5:00 pm 6:30-7:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall Sr. High Trip packing



17. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR** volunteer trainings are held at various times and locations every month. Call 412-307-0071 to learn more about helping a senior remain safe and independent in his own home.
18. **50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TEA.** On Friday, August 26, at 1:00 pm, Randy Vulakovich, State Representative, is having a celebration and presentation to couples who reside in the 30th Legislative District and have been married 50 years or more. Updates on legislative issues affecting senior citizens will be discussed. Couples must register to participate. Participation is limited to those who have not attended in previous years. The event will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1719 Mt. Royal Boulevard. Call 412-487-6600 to register.
19. **LOCAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS** North Hills Community Outreach is requesting donations of macaroni and cheese, pasta, sauce, juice, cereal, soup, rice, peanut butter and canned potatoes. NHCO operates two food pantries in Hampton and Bellevue. Typically, 200 families are served over a four week period at the Hampton location alone; this month, 195 families have used the pantry in just three weeks. Donations may be dropped off weekdays between 9 AM – 4 PM at 1975 Ferguson Road, Hampton. For more information, to arrange an alternate drop-off time, or for tips on organizing a food drive, contact Brandi at 412-487-6316, option 1.
20. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Do you have time to spare? Need a community service project for your school? Have a passion for the value and dignity of human life? Presbyterians Pro-Life needs your help. We have a need for volunteers with a variety of skills: filing, copying, stuffing envelopes, cleaning, organizing, and data maintenance and more. We will gladly train you if you have an hour or two a week to spare or a half day here and there during the months. To volunteer or for more information call Elfinwild member, Marie Bowen, at 412-487-1990 or 412-487-3297. Our office is located a 3942 Middle Road in Allison Park – you are welcome any time!
21. **NHCO COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** Beginning June 13, North Hills Community Outreach will collect new backpacks and school supplies for distribution to low-income children in grades K-12. Items needed include backpacks (large ones for older kids are especially needed), pencils, rulers, scissors, crayons, markers, notebooks and folders. For more information contact Vicki at 412-487-6316, option 1.

12. CHANGE FOR THE SHALER-ROSS MEALS ON WHEELS KITCHEN

ELFINWILD HOME MEALS TO YOU

For the past 30 years, the Shaler-Ross Meals on Wheels program has been a partnership between Lutheran Services Society and Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. This partnership has been responsible for services to thousands of people in need. After careful consideration, both Lutheran Service Society and Elfinwild Presbyterian Church believe that mission of providing meals to those in need will be enhanced by each providing this mission separately.

As a result, please be advised that effective **June 1, 2011**, the kitchen at Elfinwild operated by Lutheran Services Society has been discontinued ***but will continue as an independent ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church.*** This change will not have an effect on any of the services that we are currently providing. We will no longer use the Shaler-Ross Meals on Wheels or Meals on Wheels names as part of our program.

Linda Bennardo will continue as our kitchen cook and Marian Berberich will continue as our site manager. Those we serve will receive the same level of service from the same people they already know.

Also, **effective immediately**, any contributions/donations for the program should be designated to: ***Elfinwild Home Meals Ministry.***

Please note: If you have designated a 2011 pledge to Meals on Wheels and want that to continue to be paid to the Lutheran Services Society Meals on Wheels program, please contact Jack Ritenbaugh, Business Manager so that your gift can be paid to the appropriate kitchen. If we do not receive any direction from you to change, all contributions designated for Meals on Wheels will be directed to the *Elfinwild Home Meals to You* ministry.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED: In addition, if you are interested in serving on a ministry advisory board, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 as soon as possible. We will need 5 individuals to serve on this ministry advisory board.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification concerning this change or the program in general, please contact our ministry leader – **Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000** or Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774.

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church is happy to continue this ministry to serve those in need in our community. This outreach ministry, like the many others taking place at Elfinwild, is important to all and we look forward to this opportunity to continuing to serve our current clients and those needing this service in the future.

13. COME ON OUT AND CHEER FOR THE HOME TEAM! Or again this year, two home teams. Elfinwild 1 and Elfinwild 2 are participating in the softball league. Following are their schedules for this year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elfinwild 1</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Elfinwild 2</u>	<u>Field</u>
July 17	2:45	Windhurst	1:00	Windhurst
July 25	1:00	Sangree		
August 7	Playoffs start			
August 14	Playoffs			

14. PARISH NURSES NEEDED. We would like to revive the Parish Nurse group at Elfinwild Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Roderick at 412-487- 8223 or peakrod@verizon.net. She will be gathering names, contact information, credentials, and skills. Although the committee will be labeled “the Parish Nurses,” all those with a medical background (physicians, pharmacists, physical therapists, etc.) will be welcome to participate. There is nothing more rewarding than sharing your time and talents with those who are in need.

15. 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. 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 Jack Ritenbaugh at 412-486-5400. The cost of a niche through December 31, 2011 is \$800.00. As of January 1, 2012, the cost will increase to \$900 per niche.

16.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
June 30, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$303,878
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		299,161
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$279,588
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	19,573