

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:24; 1 John 4:16

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

People: **and God abides in them.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(10:00)

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON 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. Forgive us for 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

Romans 5:8-9

Leader: God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him! Friends, believe and receive the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:00)

“Panis Angelicus”

César Franck

(10:00)

“No Greater Gift”
Summer Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

*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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ 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;
On 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.**

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

Genesis 2:15-18
(page 2 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Gods’ Gift of Marriage –Part 1”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

COMING TO THE TABLE

Communion will be served by intinction

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 562 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22**

*POSTLUDE

“La Réjouissance”

G. F. Handel

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
10:00 –Tor Voller*

The Elder of the Week is Steve Heere

THE OFFICE RENOVATION HAS BEGUN!

The office renovation began last week. The Church and Music offices are now located in the library. Please use caution when coming in to the church during the renovation as the construction continues.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 7-1-18

TODAY (7-1-18) Communion
 8:00 & 10:00 AM – Worship – SA
 10:00 AM – Sr. High Mission Trip Commissioning – SA
 11:30 AM – Seasoned Saints Lunch – FH

MONDAY 7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 12:00 PM – Men’s Luncheon – FH
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 4th of July- Church Closed

THURSDAY 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
 5:00 PM – Fitzpatrick/Quinn Wedding Rehearsal – SA
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Music Rehearsal – CR

FRIDAY 4:00 PM – Fitzpatrick/Quinn Wedding – SA

SATURDAY 6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL
 Sr. Highs Leave for Texas

SUNDAY (7-8-18) Sr. Highs in Texas
 8:00 & 10:00 AM – Worship – SA
 9:00 AM – Music Outreach Meeting – UGR
 9:15 AM – Usher Meeting – CCR
 11:15 AM – Deacons Meeting – FH
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Carl Nelson by his wife, Barbara and family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Steve Heere.

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 USHERS

Paul Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak

10:00 USHERS

Jennifer Muszynski
Patti Zahnhausen
Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 – Dennis Kriek
10:00 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday July 8, 2018
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Birth – 5th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Amy Meyer, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: amy@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400, Ext. 106

1. LOVING CHILD CARE DURING SUMMER WORSHIP

During the summer months from June 3-August 26, child care during our 8am and 10am worship services will be provided to children ages birth through 4 years in the toddler room in the basement. Miss Tracey and Miss Holly will provide care along with adult and teen assistants as needed. All adults have full security clearances.

New! The infant nursery on the sanctuary level will be available for nursing mothers during the summer months. Comfortable chairs, a changing table, and the option to listen to worship are all available.

2. SUMMER CHILDREN’S CHURCH

During the 10AM worship service from June 3-August 26, children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are welcome to the green room in the preschool building for time of exciting bible stories and creative play. *For older children who attend worship in the sanctuary, please check out worship guides at the back of the church designed just for you!*

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

3. UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS! – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, youth choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at rehearsal – **ALL ARE WELCOME!** You may join at any time.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 1 Summer Choir
July 8 Praise Team
July 15 Summer Choir

July 22 Youth Orchestra* (Reh. 7/19)
July 29 Summer Choir
August 5 Orchestra * (Reh. 8/2)
August 12 Praise Team

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

You are invited to join us in leading worship with song this summer. All of the listed groups will be participating in the 10AM worship service on the scheduled day. Summer choir (open to all ages 6-106) will rehearse at 9:30AM in the Chapel on the dates listed.

** Please contact Ron if you are interested in orchestra or youth orchestra asap so that music may be provided prior to rehearsal*

MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7:00 PM -8:30 PM

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1st-5th grade)

Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM

**Regular rehearsals will resume again in September*

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, contact

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

4. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every other week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend! This study will be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house. **WE WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!**

5. REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House. **WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE LOOK FOR SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!**

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. 2018 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 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.

7. OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER gathering will NOT meet during the summer months of June, July, or August. Please continue to lift up those on our weekly list of concerns, and prayerfully consider joining this powerful ministry in September!

8. 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, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: side dishes with noodles (no rice), side dishes with potatoes, jelly - any flavor, canned whole potatoes, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, boxed mac & cheese, jars of spaghetti sauce, canned chili or stew, broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, large bottles of juice, pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie

mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, cooking oil, boxes of crackers, salad dressing & ketchup, napkins & tissues, paper towels, and baby diapers.

9. HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY – Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

10. STEPHEN MINISTRY – While many activities take a Summer break, please know that Stephen Ministry does not! If you or someone you know may benefit from high quality Christian care, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller. See bulletin back for contact information.

Verse of the Month: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

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 every day 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 - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

12. THE MEALS MINISTRY often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table outside of Fellowship Hall.

13. PLEASE HELP US by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

14. PERKS TO PRAY AND PLAY is a new rebate program available at the four Mihelic Shop 'n Save locations where customers can register their personal Shop 'n Save perks cards under pre-authorized schools, churches, and other non-profits. As customers shop throughout a given period (the periods are January-June and July-December), their purchases are tracked by their Shop 'n Save card and 2% of all qualified purchases are calculated. That total is given in the form of gift cards to the organizations that are registered. Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has been pre-registered so we can begin receiving gift cards from Shop 'n Save. Sign up forms and information forms are located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

15. SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM and will continue through the end of August.

16. THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for the summer will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM beginning June 25th and will run through Friday, August 24th.

17. THE LIBRARY will be closed until the office renovation is complete.

18. YOU ARE INVITED to hear about the Ludwig family's work in Niger on July 18th at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Rachel and Michael Ludwig are currently serving as PCUSA Mission Co-workers in Niger. Rachel grew up in Pittsburgh and Michael attended seminary here. Since 2014, they've been serving in Niger with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) where they're

involved with Community Health Evangelism, a ministry that seeks to help the nation, enhance relationships between Christian and Muslims, and provide a welcomed way of sharing the good news of Christ. A number of our North Branch churches, as well as others throughout the Presbytery, support the Ludwig's, and this will provide an opportunity for all of us to hear about their on-going ministry together. Light refreshments will be available to enjoy. Please RSVP by calling the Church office.

19. MEN'S LUNCHEON – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In July, we will meet on Tuesday, July 3rd at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the response form in the pews to make your reservation.