

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-2
(Page 152 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Thinking Differently"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN NO. 139

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Italian Hymn

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSION

POSTLUDE

"Verset"

Domenico Zipoli

Liturgists: 8:00 am Kristin Coco
10:00 am Steve Heere

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

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| 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, August 7, 2011
Rev. Jason Rea preaching
Communion

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 Kyle Pinta 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

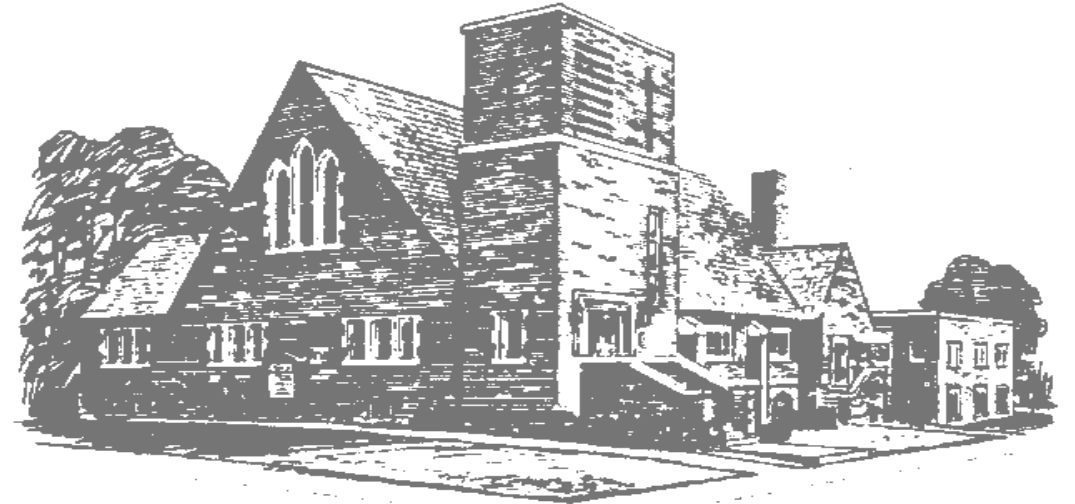
Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

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 31, 2011

Eight and Ten O'clock

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

*"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

Psalm 19:14

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Arioso"

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

***HYMN NO. 260**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM

"The Twenty-Third Psalm"

Antonin Dvorak

Marie Bowen – Soprano; Ginny Dawson – Piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, the God of life, teach us ever more to respect and love all the lives you create. Forgive us our lack of concern and love for those who are yet unborn, who are born with impairments, who are rejected by their parents. Teach us to open our hearts and our homes to all your children. Forgive us when we are negligent and uncaring for those who are elderly, for those who are forgotten in nursing homes, who merely exist in their old age, who cannot afford medical care, who suffer from a careless society. Teach us to open our hearts, to open our homes and churches, to visit the lonely, to bring your love into their lives on this earth. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God. Thanks be to God.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Come Unto Him"

George Frideric Handel

Marie Bowen – Soprano; Ginny Dawson – Piano

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. 426**

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Canonbury

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Heidelberg Catechism

I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him "our Lord" because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Kyle Pinta.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Wayne and Walter Kaufman by the Kaufman family.
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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



5. **UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS**

August 7th: Summer club from 6:30-9pm. Come join us for some food and fellowship as we watch a great movie and just hang out!

August 28th: End of Summer Pool Party from 3-6pm @ Kelley's Mom's House. Join us for some swimming and a cookout! It will be a great way to celebrate the end of summer!

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:

***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. **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.
9. **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 and 8/28 are available, as well as several dates later in the year.**
10. **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

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| MONDAY | 9:00 am | Dance and Drama Camp Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm | Dance and Drama Camp Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library TOPS Adult Discipleship Mtg – Pastor’s Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Dance and Drama Camp CLC #2 – Kennedy Library |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm | Dance and Drama Camp CLC #3 – Youth House Women’s Bible Study – Gathering Room |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 am | Dance and Drama Camp |
| SATURDAY | 6:00-8:00 am | CLC #4 – Kennedy Library |

18. **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.
19. **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!
20. **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.
21. **20 NEW TUTORS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER AT ANCHORPOINT COUNSELING MINISTRY**

The Anchorpoint tutoring program is seeking volunteer tutors ages 16 years and older. No experience necessary. Work one-on-one with students in grades K-12. Assist with homework; help students study for tests and complete projects. You’ll have a wonderful opportunity to mentor and encourage students in need. The tutoring program operates Monday-Thursday 3:30-8:30 pm. Volunteers may tutor one or more hours per week. Training is provided. Contact Sandy Niekum: tutors@anchorpointcounselingministry.org or 412.366.1300.

11. **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 their remaining games this year:

July 31 No game
August 7 Playoffs start
August 14 Playoffs conclude

12. **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.

13. **PITTSBURGH 2011 WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**

**CONSOL Energy Center
October 7-8, 2011**

Would you like to escape from the everyday at a *Women of Faith* weekend and be refreshed, encouraged, and inspired? The God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine.

Tickets are \$89 each for a group of 10 or more, \$99 each for 1-9. Price includes all sessions (Friday 10:00 am – 3:30 pm; Friday 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm) plus a box lunch both days.

To reserve a ticket, please fill out the tear slip and place in the offering plate. Deadline for reserving tickets is Sept. 4, 2011. You will be contacted with ticket price and payment information. For more information, contact Cheryl Saraceno at 412-486-8270, or Saraceno@duq.edu.

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Number of Tickets: _____

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. **DONATE BOOKS!** Daniel Sowa is organizing a senior project to collect books for under-privileged children in southern West Virginia. Please donate gently used books for children in grades K-12. There will be a collection box located in the North Narthex between July 30 and August 28 where you can place the books. The books will be donated to a library in southern West Virginia.



16. **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.

17. **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.