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
June 18, 2017
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.

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”
Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray in Matthew 6:12

Prelude
“Strong and Loving Father”
Adam Mason

Welcome and News of the Church
Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, “I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I call you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

People: We did not choose Christ, but He chose us and appointed us to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last.

Leader: God has made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Christ.

People: We are to be the first to hope in Christ for the praise of the glory of God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 403  “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(10:00) COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:21-35 (page 920 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Forgiveness” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

SONG OF CONFESSION

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me (repeat). Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right Spirit within me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Open My Eyes” Tom Birchwood

*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.

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.

(10:00) ANTHEM “Standing on the Promises” Russell Carter

Men’s Choir

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

POSTLUDE “Be Joyful in the Lord!” Marc Jordan

Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:00 – Rick Dayton  10:00 – Henry Tomer

The Elder of the Week is Bob Wegner
THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 6-18-17

TODAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       (6-18-17)  8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
               11:15 AM – Inquirers’ Class – FH

MONDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Vacation Bible School
       7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
       7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Vacation Bible School
       6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Vacation Bible School
       7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH

THURSDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
       9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Vacation Bible School
       10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service

FRIDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Vacation Bible School

SATURDAY  Mission Trip to Honduras
       8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL

SUNDAY  8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
       (6-25-17)  9:00 AM – Gathering with Dr. Freddy – UGR
               10:00 AM – VBS Kids sing
               11:15 AM – Inquirers’ Class – FH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory and honor of our Fathers and Grandfathers by the Giel Families.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Bob Wegner.

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
Len Anderson
Tim Keenan
Jim Young
Bill Stadler

10:00 USHERS
Scott Muszynski
Don Grau
Kelly Simile
Jennifer Callahan
Shane Callahan

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 – Jim Saraceno
10:00 – Mike Dolan

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 1/2 to 4 yrs. 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.

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

3. JOIN US!
   – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try! Throughout this summer we will rehearse 30 minutes prior to worship. Please feel free to join us:
   June 18 at 10:00 - Men’s Choir
   July 2 at 10:00 – Summer Choir
   July 9 at 8:00 – Men’s Choir
   July 16 at 8:00 - Summer Choir
   July 30 at 10:00 – Summer Choir
   Aug. 13 at 8:00 & 10:00 – Praise Team
For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

4. **REGULAR CLUBS** – We will not meet during the summer, but look for special events throughout the summer!

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**ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

5. **2017 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.

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6. **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...** Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue 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.

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7. **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, Vickie 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, puddin & 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.

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8. **ELFINWILD PRESCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. For information about the weekday preschool or to register for next year, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. We love to share information about the program. Learning and growing in God’s love provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christ’s love and welcome families in the community.

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9. **SUMMER WALKS IN THE PARK** – Mondays in June, July & August at 7:00 PM at Hartwood Acres. All are welcome. We will NOT meet on July 3rd. Please speak with Kristin Coco if you have any questions.

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10. **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.

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11. **STEPHEN MINISTRY** informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. The June article is “This Powerful Story Will Convince You to Stop Saying ‘Let Me Know If You Need Anything.’” It helps to practically explain what someone who has suffered a sudden trauma or grief may need the most. Pick up a copy today! If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or mrd1@comcast.net.

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**VERSE OF THE MONTH** – “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

12. **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 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

13. **INQUIRERS’ CLASS** – If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, what it means to follow Christ, or how to become a member of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, this class is for you. We will meet for six weeks at 11:15 AM, after the second service in Fellowship Hall. We will have lunch and then begin class. Childcare will be provided. Classes began on June 4th. While being present for each session is most helpful, we understand that schedules may not permit your attendance at every session. Please call the church office with any questions. 412-486-5400.

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14. **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 in Fellowship Hall.

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15. **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGAN JUNE 4TH**! Our summer worship hours are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. These worship hours will continue through the end of August.

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16. **THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** for the summer will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM beginning on June 26th and will run through Friday, August 18th.

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17. **A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION** will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

18. **SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY** – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will bewoven together like pieces of a quilt into a brick walkway leading a path to the Memorial site. The bricks will be a permanent commemoration of our veterans. Individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a 4 x 8 inch brick. The goal is to memorialize and honor all veterans and those currently serving who are associated with our community, as well as to enhance and beautify the Memorial site. For more information, please contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 or 412-487-8183.