

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:19-21

Leader: Let us worship God, Who has done great things.
People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.
 Leader: Let us worship God, Who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.
All: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him, and we rejoice!

(8:30)
 *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(11:10)
 *SONG OF PRAISE "Famous One" Tomlin/Reeves

Chorus
 You are the Lord
 The famous One famous One
 Great is Your name in all the earth
 The heavens declare
 You're glorious glorious
 Great is Your fame beyond the earth

Verse 2
 The Morning Star is shining through
 And ev'ry eye is watching You
 Revealed by nature and miracles
 You are beautiful You are beautiful

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Verse 1
 And for all You've done and yet to do
 With ev'ry breath I'm praising You
 Desire of nations and ev'ry heart
 You alone are God You alone are God

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

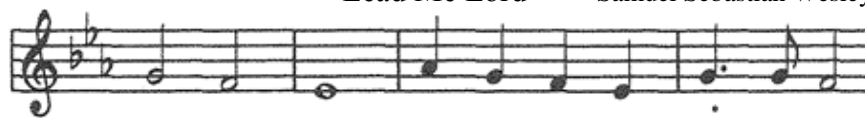
(8:30)
 ANTHEM "Christ Is Able To Save" Marty Parks
 Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.

"Lead Me Lord" Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ- teous-ness;



make thy way plain be - fore my face.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 91:14-15

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show my salvation. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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 Janell Haygood

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Largo from 'Winter'" Antonio Vivaldi
 Handbell Choir

(11:10) "By His Wounds" Powell/Nasser
 Praise Team

*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

(8:30) "Our Father" Phillip Keveren
 Chancel Choir

(11:10) "Lord's Prayer" Eric and Tara Park
 Praise Team

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1-2; 4; 6-8; Malachi 1-4

SERMON "Rebuilding the Walls" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)
 *HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

(11:10)
 *SONG OF COMMITMENT "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

**My Jesus my Saviour
 Lord there is none like You
 All of my days I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love
 My comfort my shelter
 Tower of refuge and strength
 Let every breath all that I am
 Never cease to worship You**

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Chorus
 Shout to the Lord
 All the earth let us sing
 Power and majesty
 Praise to the King
 Mountains bow down
 And the seas will roar
 At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy
 At the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You
 Forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares to the promise
 I have in You

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "High Praise" Rachel Sawyer

The Elder of the Week is Bob Siar

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
 11:10 – Ivy Wegner*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

"Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given."

Anonymous

31. SUMMER MEANS LCCC! It is time to register for Ligonier Camp! On the blue banner in the lower entry way of the church, you will find brochures about traditional summer camp and family camp! Scholarships are available! To apply for one, check the scholarship box on the registration form at the time of registering (a small deposit will be needed). After that, at the www.ligoniercamp.org website, under the "registration tab" you will find the word "scholarship". Click it...download the packet and complete the forms and send them to camp! Questions? Contact Ruthie Riethmuller 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

32. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

33. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 3-12-17

TODAY (3-12-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
12:15 PM – Deacon's Meeting – CCR
12:30 PM – Children's Ministry Meeting – KL
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training Session – CCR
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – KL

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustee Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR, CH
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – Triple O's – FH
5:45 PM – 7:30 PM – Lenten Dinner and Bible Study for all ages- FH
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – M&M's – FH
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Lenten Study Child Care – TR
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Kids' Lenten Study 4 yrs-2nd grade – PR
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Lenten Study- 3rd grade-5th grade – UGR
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR, CH
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
5:30 PM – Daisies – Purple and Yellow Rooms
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders' Meeting – YH
7:00 PM – Webelos II – PR
7:00 PM – Handbells – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR, CH
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Blue and Gold Banquet set-up – FH

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC #6 – YH
8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – FrH
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Blue and Gold Banquet – FH

SUNDAY (3-19-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in loving memory of her husband, Karl by Dot Lange.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Bob Siar.

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.

8:30 USHERS

Paul Braddock
Bob Szymoniak
Kim Szymoniak
Max Smith
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Dorothy Thompson
Patti Zahnhausen

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Michael Beal
11:10 – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, March 19, 2017
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 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL – Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. This week's lesson will be *Jesus and Zacchaeus* and will be taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Nicole Graco.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME

YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be March 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will be joining the Lenten Bible study. Please join us!

5. SUPPLIES NEEDED – We are in need of plastic Easter eggs and styrofoam egg cartons for a Sunday School project. Please drop them off in the church office by Monday, March 27th.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

6. 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!

Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM
Handbell Choir – Thursdays 7:00 PM

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 _____

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. 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 hope to see you there!

8. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY –During Lent, we will not be meeting at Bethany's home, but are encouraging the girls to attend the Lenten dinner and Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 5:45 PM. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

9. ELFINWILD CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND – The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students enrolled in a college or other post-high school education program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of service to the Church, financial need and community service/extracurricular activities. Applications are available in the Church office or from Jason, and the deadline for submission is Friday, April 14, 2017. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

10. ELFINWILD DINNER AND PIE AUCTION – April 22, 2017. Tickets by presale: \$20 per person or reserve a Table for 8 for \$150. Tickets will be sold at a church table beginning April 2nd or contact Nancy Kriek at 412-527-4338. Tickets sold out last year. *Much of the success of this fundraiser comes from donations from members. If you would like to donate a baked good, an item or a service to be auctioned, contact Kyle Pinta at 412-216-1855.*

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

11. 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. **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.

12. LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY – Please join us on Wednesdays, beginning on March 1, 2017 through April 5, 2017 at 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 followed by Bible study for all ages at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

13. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:30 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.

14. 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. 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.

15. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall) Ends May 14th.

* "Visiting Israel" taught by Henry Tomer on May 21st and 28th (Fellowship Hall)

* "The Wired Word" (Cornerstone Room)

16. EASTER MEMORIALS - Please order your 2017 Easter Memorials by using the white envelopes located in each pew. Each 6" potted lily plant or hyacinth plant will be available for \$12. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 9th. ***Please specify which flower you would like on the envelope.** You may pick up the lilies you purchase AFTER the 11:10 service on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

17. 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.

18. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, March 15th at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

19. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP We gather after the 8:30 AM. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. **Volunteers are needed on Sundays for clean-up.** Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

20. 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.

21. MISSION TRIP TO GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA!

The Presbyterian Project will be helping the residents in Eastern WV recover from last fall's flooding and will be therefrom March 12-18th. Please pray for an enriching experience and for their safety.

22. HOSPITALITY MEALS – Thank you to those that have been signing up to bring our Elfinwild Family meals. I wanted to mention that in order for you to be able to sign up you need to receive the email from the direct link that I set up. You cannot forward my email as the link connects with the emails that I allow access to. Please email me if you need to be added or if you have questions. Thank you, Tessa Connelly connthree07@gmail.com.

23. STEPHEN MINISTRY-informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. Also, please stop and pick up a copy of the article "The Grieving Need You Most After The Funeral". It has very wise and practical advise to come alongside our grieving friends! If you have any

questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

VERSE OF THE MONTH-"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

24. SAVE THE DATE! The Women's Ministry Annual Ladies Tea is on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Think about being a hostess and setting a table, there will be chances to win prizes. More information will be coming soon.

25. 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.

26. ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN AND FRIENDS OF SAN JOSE DEL NEGRITO, HONDURAS, MISSION TRIP - JUNE 17-24, 2017

Could this be your year to join a church-wide mission trip to the mountains of Honduras? We are excited to be able to partner with the community of San Jose del Negrito to improve homes of the most needy by painting, light construction, cleaning, and working "shoulder to shoulder" with homeowners. We will also conduct a 2 day Vacation Bible School program as well as one evening worship service for the community at large. Trip expenses are approximately \$1200-1500. In addition, immunizations at the ACHD (\$200-400) and a passport will be required. Some financial assistance may be available through Elfinwild's Mission Team. Please contact Mark Meyer at: littlepine@verizon.net for more information.

27. 2017 PER CAPITA – For anyone who uses auto pay or ACH, this is a notification that you did not receive a Per Capita envelope for 2017. You may pay your per capita by placing it in a pew envelope and making sure that your name and the words "Per Capita" are written on the envelope. **Per Capita Apportionment** is the fee assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$31.50 per member. Elfinwild is required to make payments each quarter in 2017 to pay this assessment.

1 Member	<u>\$31.50</u>	3 Members	<u>\$94.50</u>
2 Members	<u>\$63.00</u>	4 Members	<u>\$126.00</u>

28. TODDLER ROOM ATTENDANT POSITION is now open. The Toddler Room Attendant will maintain the Toddler Room as a secure, nurturing environment where each child will see, hear and feel the love of Jesus Christ and parents can feel confident their child will receive the highest quality of care and ministry. This person will work each Sunday from 9:30-12:30 (or after the second service has been completed). As an important ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, the Toddler Room teacher must be a compassionate, understanding and spiritually motivated individual and a fully committed believer in Jesus Christ. Interested applicants should apply at: <https://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/edu/6016938341.html>

29. THERE WILL BE A MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY, March 12th in the library after the 11:10 church service.

30. EASTER HOSTING! – Students LOVE spending holidays in the homes of Americans! ***Do you have extra room at your table this Easter?***

If you are interested in hosting a student or two, please contact Christa: christa.prism@gmail.com or the PRISM office: 412-683-0342.