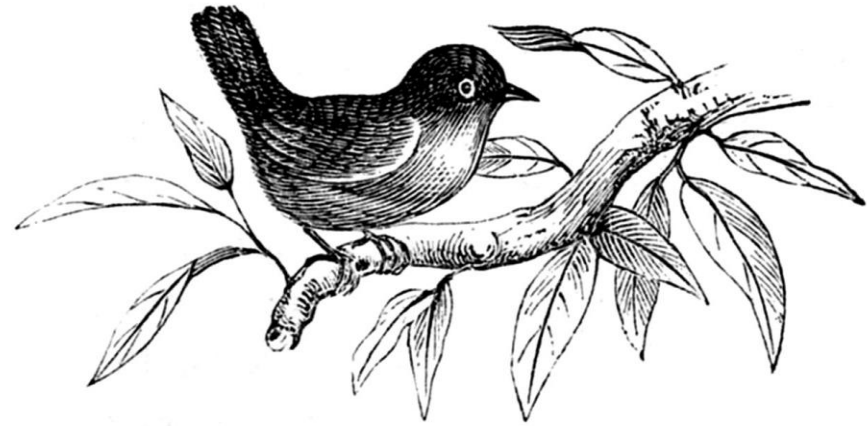


“...See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit;
The blossoming vines spread their fragrance.”
Song of Songs 2:11-13 (NIV)



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 _____

Ages of Children: _____

Other applicable information: _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 3-15-15

TODAY (3-15-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
11:10 AM – Young Child Sunday – SA
9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE
12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Youth Group – YH

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6th Grd. Girls’ Bible Study @Harbaughs
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
7:00 PM – Music Search Committee Meeting – KL

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose – CCR

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music Class – UGR
12:00 PM – OOO’s Lunch – FH
5:45 PM – Lenten Dinner – FH
6:30 PM – Lenten Study – FH
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Kids Lenten Activities – PR
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – FrH
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Messiah & Me Movie Night – YH
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
8:15 PM – Praise Team – SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music Class – UGR
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – FH, FrH, PR
7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders’ Meeting – YH
7:00 PM – Mission Committee Meeting @ Thompson’s

FRIDAY First Day of Spring!
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music Class – UGR

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act I – FrH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pie Auction – FH

SUNDAY (3-22-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Youth Group – YH

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given in memory of loved ones by Peg McNeil.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Becky Winek.

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 AM USHERS

Paul Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Janell Haygood
Patti Zahnhausen
Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, March 22, 2015
Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Bethann Dolan, Elder for Children’s Ministries at: mbergd@verizon.net or 412-492-9991

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 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Our classes will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45 AM. Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the RED room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 6th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade during the 11:10 service. This week the children will be attending worship for Young Child Sunday.

4. G-FORCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-*God's Love in Action* – June 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 am. All children ages 4 (by June 1st) through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Teachers and teen helpers are needed. Please see the registration and volunteer forms located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

5. M&ms MOVIE NIGHT – Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8 PM. This is for kids in grades 3-5. We will meet at the Youth House. Please contact Amy Meyer with any questions at 412-492-9968 or at: littlepine@verizon.net.

6. CHILDREN’S SUNDAY IS TODAY!! This is a day when the Church families and Preschool families join together for fellowship and worship. The morning starts at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall for a child friendly brunch, a drama presented by the Preschool Board members, and singing. Following this, the parents will go to the Sanctuary and the children will go to the Green Room, where they will prepare to enter the 11:10 Worship Service with music. All are welcome!

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. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB – Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This club is a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together.

8. 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 Wednesday, April 15, 2015. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

9. PIE AUCTION: MARCH 21ST FROM 6-8:30PM

Mark your calendar for our annual Pie Auction and be sure to contact Nancy Kriek about what items or pies/baked goods you might like to donate this year. For baked goods if the student makes them they will get all proceeds from the sale. If a parent makes and donates them the proceeds will go into the general pot to be divided amongst all students who serve that night. **You may call Nancy Kriek at 412-487-8616 or email her at: sciencenhl@aol.com if you have questions or to inform her what you would like to donate. You may also use the tear off form on the insert in the bulletin.**

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. DID YOU KNOW that you can listen to the sermons on our website? Please go to www.elfinwildchurch.org and click on the link.

11. ATTENTION MEN: There is an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God as well as be His ambassador in the community. A new CLC group started on March 14th and meets from 6:00 to 8:00 AM on Saturdays. Mike Gaydos and Mark Connelly are the co-facilitators. If you are interested, please contact Mike Gaydos at 724-272-6951 or by email to: projecteng@hotmail.com.

12. THE 2015 FLOWER CHART is now available! The cost for flowers in 2015 is \$44.00. Please contact the church office with any questions or sign up on the chart located in the north narthex.

13. YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2015 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Church Office.

ATTENTION! If you are making direct payments via a financial institution and do not use nor wish to have envelopes, please notify the church office. In this case, you will be assigned a 600 account number. Pew envelopes remain for other giving.

14. COFFEE HOUR HELP is needed! If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings in the Upper Gathering Room, please contact Tessa Connelly at: connthree07@gmail.com.

15. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All women are invited to join a new study on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am in the youth house. We will be reading *Love Speaks* by Annie Downs and talking about the positive and negative impact that our words have on others and ourselves and how we can allow God to speak through us to the world. Childcare is provided.

16. ELFINWILD'S SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA will be held April 18, 2015 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00. All ladies are invited to attend. You can come as a guest and enjoy great conversation and fellowship, or you can act as a hostess, decorating a table and welcoming guests! Either way, you will experience some wonderful friendship and some yummy treats! Let the Women's Ministry Team know you will be coming by filling out the tear-off in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or by contacting Tessa Connelly through the church office.

17. EASTER LILY MEMORIALS - Please order your 2015 Easter Lily Memorials by using the white envelopes located in each pew. Each 6" potted lily plant will be available for \$11. All orders must be received by Sunday, March 29th. You may pick up the lilies you purchase AFTER the 11:10 service on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

18. TROOP 157 WELCOMES its 58th and 59th Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Morgan Harris and Kenneth Andrews. Both young men are continuing with Troop 157 as Assistant Scoutmasters. The March Troop trip will be to the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Troop 157 will participate in the Scouting for Food Program during April. The Troop will attend Beach Jam at Wildwood, New Jersey with a private tour of the Philadelphia Mint from May 14-17. The Troop and Venture Crew will be camping on the beach. Troop 157 meets in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Call Tom Payne, Scoutmaster at 412-576-4113 for more information.

19. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, March 18th 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!

20. THE MISSION COMMITTEE will meet at Donna and Jim Thompson's home on March 19th at 7 PM.

21. PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY UPDATE – We are in the process of updating our Professional Directory. If you would like to be included in the Directory, or need to update your current information, please call the Church Office at 412-486-5400 or email Cindy Neil at: cindy@elfinwildchurch.org. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

22. 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.

23. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH offers free tax prep for low-income individuals through March 31 at its sites in Bellevue and Millvale as part of the United Way Money in Your Pocket coalition.

Appointments in the **NHCO North Boroughs** location, AGH-Suburban Campus, 100 S. Jackson Ave., Bellevue, are available Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 – 7:30pm.

Appointments in the **NHCO Millvale** location, 416 Lincoln Ave are available Saturdays only from 9:00 am to noon.

Appointments must be made by calling United Way helpline 2-1-1 or 888-553-5778, beginning January 14.

24. HOSANNA INDUSTRIES 5 K RUN/WALK – Come run/walk the HI-5K in North Park on Saturday, April 18th! Proceeds benefit Hosanna Industries, a local charity that helps our needy neighbors with home repairs, provides volunteer opportunities, and trains young people to be builders. Each runner receives a tech t-shirt, goodie bag, and refreshments before and after the race. Awards are given to the top time in each age bracket, as well as the top team. Teams (4 or more people) also have the option to compete in a fundraising challenge. For more information, please contact Bob Whitaker at 412-487-0663.

25. RAGING RABBITS OF THE SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY – Saturday, March 21st from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Seek out what candy is hidden in the darkened rooms of the library, but beware the Raging Rabbit who is out to steal your loot! Work in teams to search the library and keep the candy you find. Bring a flashlight or use the app on your phone.

26. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH is collecting baskets, basket covers, plastic grass, candy, granola bars, juice boxes, new small toys, and new small stuffed animals for Spring Share, an NHCO sharing project that will help approximately 300 local families in hardship. Donations are accepted through March 25th weekdays from 9 AM to 4 PM at 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA. For more information, please contact Vicki at vdburst@nhc.org or 412-487-6316, option 1.

27. SHALER AREA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 28th, 2015 from 8 to 11 AM in the Shaler Area Middle School Cafeteria. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and juice will be served. There will also be a Chinese Auction! Adults- \$6; Seniors- \$4; Kids 6-12- \$4; Kids under 5 are free. Proceeds will be used to purchase new band instruments and equipment. Thank you for your support!

28. COMMUNITY AUTO SEEKS VEHICLES FOR WAITING WORKING FAMILIES!

Do you or a family member have a vehicle you don't want anymore? Perhaps it's not worth the cost of repairs, or it sits unused? Community Auto, a program of North Hills Community Outreach, accepts vehicles in any condition, has them repaired, and sells them at below market value to local working families who need them to get to work. Last year 43 families purchased cars from Community Auto, and 100 more cars were sold at auction to support our program. You could change a life and get the maximum tax deduction. FREE pickup, towing and notary! Call 724-443-8300 or visit www.communityauto.org.



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
March 15, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 AM Worship**

*You are invited to use Scripture for reflection
or the following prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

*May the strength of God pilot us.
May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us.
May the shield of God defend us.*

*May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil,
and the temptations of the world.*

*May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us. May
your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.
Patrick of Ireland (389-461)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Financial Statement
February 28, 2015**

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$104,967
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$115,188
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$10,221

2015 LENTEN STUDY

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

THROUGH MARCH 25, 2015

6:30 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE REASON FOR GOD

BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

BY
TIM KELLER

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the reason for
the hope that you have.” 2 Peter 3:15*

A pot luck dinner will begin at 5:45 pm. Please
bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Dr. Lesnett will facilitate this conversation
covering topics that are some of today’s most
challenging questions to our faith, such as: “Why
does God allow suffering?” “How can you say
there is only one way to God?” “Why is the
Church responsible for so much injustice?” and
more.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
All: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
 Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
All: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
 Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"
All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No 460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

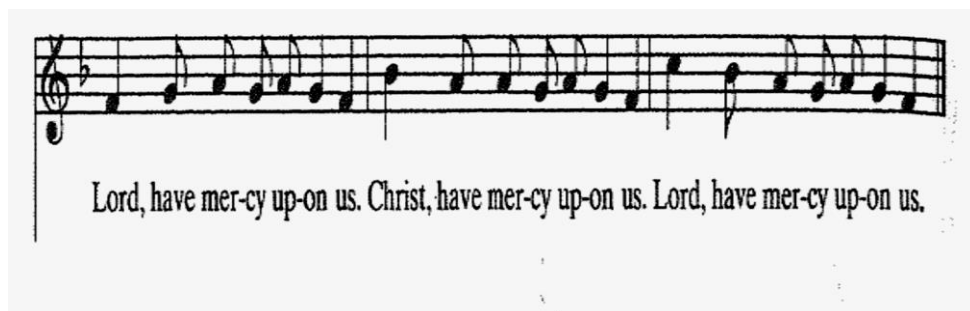
ANTHEM

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Chancel Choir

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Leader: Friends, 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.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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 life everlasting. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:16-25
 (page 1056 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Believing the Promises of God"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Standing on the Promises of God"

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
 8:30 – Nicole Graco*