

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM
(April 2, 2015)

GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 PM
(April 3, 2015)

EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM
(April 5, 2015) 8:30 AM
11:10 AM

*Celebrate the joy and glory of Easter morning
as we gather to rejoice around the empty tomb!
The darkness of the journey
vanishes in the light of
the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.*

*“This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad!
The stone the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone!
The Lord has done this
and it is marvelous to our eyes!”
Psalm 118*

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 3-22-15

TODAY (3-22-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE
12:15 PM – Worship and Arts Committee Meeting – KL
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

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Bible lessons – UGR
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 – Wolf Den – Red Room
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
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Bible lessons – UGR
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women's Bible Study – YH
10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – FH
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Bear Den 157 – PR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Bible lessons – UGR
7:00 PM – Webelos II – PR

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

SUNDAY (3-29-15) Palm Sunday
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 celebration of the birth of Ryan Walker Tomer, son of Kevin and Nicole Tomer and grandson of Henry and Charline Tomer.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Feris.

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 – Marge Cain
11:10 AM – Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday
Dr. Dirk Lesnett 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's lesson will be *Jesus is King* by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, Nicole Graco, and Carolyn Hervey.

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. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS are with the regular bulletins at the entrances to the Sanctuary. If your child would like one, please see one of the ushers.

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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. JR. AND SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT TO FAITH RANCH

When: April 24-25 Cost: \$75

This is our second annual spring re-treat to Faith Ranch! Both Jr. and Sr. High will travel to Faith Ranch in Ohio for an overnight re-treat. We will leave at 6pm on Friday night and return around 9pm on Saturday night. Activities will include things like a hayride, horseback riding and a barn dance on Saturday. The cost includes all meals on Saturday. There won't be a meal on Friday so students should eat prior to leaving although we will have snacks that night. We think this will be a fun event for all who attend. Spots are limited so you can register by turning in a \$25 deposit to Jason. Registration dead-line will be April 12th. For more information about Faith Ranch the facility, you can check out their website: <http://faithranch.org/>
For more information about how the retreat will flow, registration questions or what we will talk about contact Jason. Hope to see you all at the Ranch!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH COMMITTEES! We have two search committees who have just begun their task of seeking the right persons to serve Christ with us as Director of Music Ministries and Director of Children and Family Ministries. Please remember them in your prayers. The two committees are:

Director of Music Ministries: Chair, Ann Ritter; Co-Chair, Bob Lindeman; Secretary, Penny Young; Sharon Griffin, Heather Heere, Tom Hegerle, Bonnie Vidt and Jeff Weber

Director of Children and Family Ministries: Co-Chair, Diane Hart; Co-Chair, Amy Meyer; Secretary, Patty Robinson; Bethann Dolan, Josh Gaydos, Matt Harbaugh and Steve Heere

If you are interested in being on a prayer team please contact one of the members of either committee.

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. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. ELFINWILD'S SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA will be held April 18, 2015 from **11:00 AM - 1:00 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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!

23. 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. 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.

24. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS

Several partner agencies of United Way's Open Your Heart to a Senior initiative need volunteer drivers for various programs around Allegheny County. Meals on Wheels, Free Rides for Seniors shuttle drivers and drivers who can transport seniors to medical appointments in the volunteer's own vehicle are all needed. For more information on the program locations, or to register as a volunteer with OYHS, please call 412-307-0071 or email allegheny@openyourhearttoasenior.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 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:30 AM Worship

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

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3-10)*

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 33:20,21

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord;
All: He is our help and our shield.
 Leader: In Him our hearts rejoice,
All: for we trust in His holy name.

(8:30)
 *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

(11:10)
 *SONG OF PRAISE “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
 My God my Savior has ransomed me.
 And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
 (Chorus)**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
 But God who called me here below will be forever mine,
 Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.**

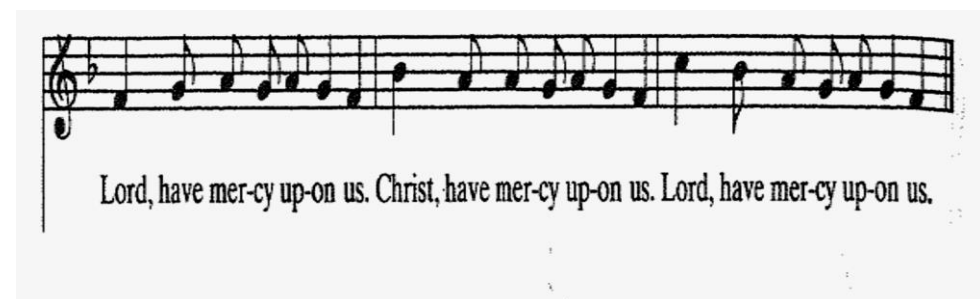
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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

(8:30)
 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 gracious God, you are the God of peace.
 We have failed to have peace, in our own lives and in our land.
 We have been selfish and proud.
 We have preferred personal gain over mutual well being.
 We have sought comfort rather than follow the call to sacrifice.
 And still, You have been patient with us, and merciful toward us.
 Forgive our sin, and give us grace to seek Your Kingdom first.
 Keep us humble and lead us to lives of service, that by loving our
 neighbors and being peacemakers, we will love You.
 In the name of Jesus, and for His sake, we ask this. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 3:21-24

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

(8:30) “Arioso” J.S. Bach
 Heather Heere, Clarinet and Alec Chapman, Piano

(11:10) “Cornerstone” 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.**

*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 5:1-11
 (page 1056 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Peace with God” Rev. Jason Rea

(8:30)
 *HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 488 “The God of Abraham Praise”

(11:10)
 *SONG OF RESPONSE “How Great is Our God”

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
 He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
 And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God!
 Sing with me, how great is our God,
 And all will see how great, how great is our God.**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
 Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
 The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
 The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb**

Chorus

Bridge

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise
 My heart will sing, “How great is our God!”**

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
 8:30 – Eric Dudgeon
 11:10 – Rob Callahan*