

SERMON

“God Loves All God’s People”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN NO. 439**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

St. Peter

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSION**

POSTLUDE

“Lord You Give the Great Commission”

setting, Aaron David Miller

THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Paul Braddock

Dick Matthews

Kim Szymoniak

Bob Szymoniak

Ron Tiedeman

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“That He Gave”

Dr. Lesnett preaching



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 Bob Lindeman in the chapel.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Ginger Wolff and family on the death of Helene Wilkinson, the oldest member of Elfinwild Church, who died on March 5 at the age of 103. Helene was also Donna Gottschalk’s grandmother. There will be a Memorial Service for Helene at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 2 in the sanctuary with a luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Danielle (Feris) Bernard and Rob Bernard on the birth of a baby boy, Quentin Noel Bernard, on March 22. Proud grandparents are Mark and Bev Feris.



***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
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2011

Eight-thirty O'clock

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

*"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
not counting men's sin against them."* 2 Corinthians 5:19

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

"Seek Ye First with Pachelbel's Canon" Karen Lafferty
Handchimes Arr. By Lynne Hollander

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

***HYMN NO. 421**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age" Wareham

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Kyrie Eleison" See Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Go Ye Into All the World" Eugene Butler
Chancel Choir

***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.

***AFFIRMATION 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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chancel Choir Alfred Hay Malotte
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. 394**

"There is a Balm in Gilead" Balm in Gilead

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:16
(Page 89 N.T. in the pew Bible)

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants – 1st grade)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

9:45 - 10:45 A.M.

Classes For Young Disciples

11:10 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.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bob Lindeman.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of her parents by Mary Anna Orrison.
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 – WINTER & SPRING** meeting dates are as follows: Apr. 13, May 18, and Jun. 22 when we will have a pizza lunch immediately following VBS. Unless otherwise noted, we gather from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All youth in grades 4 through 6 are welcome to join us. Parents are welcome too!

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



5. **EASTER CANDY SALE COMING** the last week in March. Student Ministry students will be selling Pollak's candy in time for Easter again this year. Your favorite student or students will have more information soon!
6. **PIE AUCTION HELP NEEDED**. The pie auction is on Saturday, April 2. If you can bake, or do a craft, or have a service such as painting, or tickets to donate to musicals or sporting events and would like to help our students to go on their summer Mission Trips, please contact Kyle Pinta at 412-487-6163 or kipinta@aol.com to donate your items. We

can't do all that we do without you!

7. **JR. HIGH CLUB 4:30-6PM TONIGHT.** This group is for students in grades 6-8. Come and join us for some fun, food and fellowship as we also discuss how we live as a disciple of Jesus in our daily lives. We hope you will join us. For more information contact Jason.
8. **SR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 6:30-8PM.** This group is for students 9-12. Come join us for a great evening of fun, fellowship and worship as we explore what it means to live our Christian faith in the midst of high school. For more information call Jason.



**Elfinwild Church
News**

9. **EASTER MEMORIALS 2011.** It's time to order spring flowers to beautify the church on Easter. The cost for each plant is \$9.00. Place your money for a plant, the Pastor's Fund, or the Bread of Life Food Bank in the special envelopes located in the pews. Mark the outside of the envelope with the memorial name and your own name. Make all checks payable to Elfinwild Church. **April 13** will be the last day to place your order for flowers. Any orders received after this date will be applied to the Food Bank. The flowers can be taken from the sanctuary after the 11:10 service on Easter morning.
10. **SCHOLARSHIPS.** The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students applying for or 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. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, April 15, 2011. For more information, contact Jason Rea or the church office.
11. **ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER NEEDED.** We are looking for someone who would like to serve the church and has gifts of administration to learn from and assist Jack Ritenbaugh, our Business Manager. Our goal is to have leadership that is "two deep" so that there is a back-up when one is needed. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lesnett or Jack Ritenbaugh.
12. **COMMUNION EDUCATION RETREAT** On Saturday, April 16th, from 9:00am - 12:30pm in the Gathering Area a Communion Education Retreat offered by the Reverend Dirk Lesnett and the members of the Elfinwild Children's Ministry Team will be held. In interactive and exciting ways, we will learn about the history and meaning of the meal; the events of Holy Week; and what it means to be 'living forgiven.' This retreat is designed for a parent and child to experience together and would be most appropriate for 3rd & 4th grade children, however, all children and parents, 1st - 6th are welcome. We will be having an Agape Feast as our lunch, in which everyone is asked to bring an item such as bread, cheese, fruit or juice to share. It is important in our planning to know if you are coming.

Please complete a registration form which is available in the church office or online.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House Deacon's Meeting
MONDAY	7:30 am 5:30-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	No Preschool – Staff Workshop Act I – Fr. Hall and C.E. Building C25K (Couch to 5K) Hampton Community Center Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30-9:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	No Preschool – Staff Workshop Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building TOPS Handbells Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool–C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Lenten Dinner – Fellowship Hall Lenten Study – Fellowship Hall Elementary Choir – Choir Room C25K (Couch to 5K) – Hampton Community Center CLC – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool–C.E. Women's Bible Study – Youth House Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room CLC – Youth House
FRIDAY	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool–C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Webelos Den Mtg. – Friendship Hall Cub Scouts – Friendship Hall
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 3 pm 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Memorial Service – Helene Wilkinson - SA Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall Pie Auction – Fellowship Hall



The Lenten Study
The Prodigal God
Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith
By Timothy Keller
Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall
March 9th – April 20th
6:00-6:30 – Dinner 6:30-7:30 – Study

Dr. Dirk Lesnett will be leading a Lenten DVD study based on the book **The Prodigal God** by Timothy Keller. Keller opens up a familiar parable to new insights. He takes the story of the prodigal son from Luke 15 and offers a cultural historical view that is challenging and inspiring. The conversation should be lively and the opportunity for spiritual growth is limitless. A pot-luck supper will be served at 6:00. The study will follow at 6:30.

I would like to participate. I would like _____ books at \$8.00 each

It warms the heart and body to break bread and study the Word of God together as we travel through the Lenten season. Consider sharing a favorite recipe and great conversation. Sign-up for a week or two and let us know what you would like to bring:

- _____ Hearty soup, chili or casserole
- _____ Salad
- _____ Dessert
- _____ I would like to help with set up at 5:15

The Deacons are providing the meal for Ash Wednesday, March 9th.
On Wednesday, March _____ 16th, _____ 23rd, _____ 30th,
April _____ 6th, _____ 13th.

Name _____

Phone# _____

- * **Babysitting will be provided. Please call the office to let us know how many children will be coming.**
- * **Cancellations due to weather will be posted on the website: www.elfinwildchurch.org or call the office 412-486-5400 with any questions .**

13. **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. Selection will be on a first come, first serve basis and selection began on January 15, 2011. 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 Deb Thompson, 412-487-7001.
14. **SHARE YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES.** Elfinwild Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2012 and one of the planned projects is publication of a church history. Included will be biographical sketches of pastors, listings of members and church officers, and of course, pictures. What we're looking for here, however, is your memories. We want your input for a section called Memories of Elfinwild. Please write what you especially remember about Elfinwild over its 100 years. Long or short, light or serious, recent or long-past, the more stories gathered the more we will understand the legacy of our beloved church. Please send your stories to Jim Giel, Jr. at the church office or e-mail him at gielwest@verizon.net.
15. **USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS.** It has been brought to our attention that groups are taking it upon themselves to arrange meetings or programs in church facilities without contacting the office to see if the room that they intend to use is available. The proper procedure for usage of a room in the church, or any building on the campus, is to notify Lora King at 412-486-5400 to see if there is availability of the room on the church calendar. The meeting is then placed on the calendar with the time the room will be in use by the group. This procedure will then alert the sexton on duty to be aware of who is in the building at certain times and they can arrange their work schedules to clean the building in an orderly fashion and to maintain security of the facilities. **YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**
16. **COFFEE HOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.** If you want to continue to enjoy this time of fellowship, we need your help. If you would be willing to set up and clean up after coffee hour, please call Jean Schrenker at 412-486-2522 and volunteer your services; otherwise there will be no more coffee hours.
17. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.** The pantry would especially appreciate any type of kid's cereal, condiments, baking items, boxed/package potatoes or rice, and paper products in April and May. Please place food in boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

18. **MANY THANKS TO ALL** who participated in Calvert Church's Spaghetti Dinner last Saturday. Calvert and the Partner church members enjoyed good food and good fellowship, and \$916 was received to benefit the programs hosted at Calvert.
19. **ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** can be found in the reception area next to the Church Ave. entrance. Please pick yours up and save the cost of mailing. Thank you.



20.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
February 28, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$101,543
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		101,613
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 96,545
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	5,068

21. **ALLIED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES** has placed a 2 cu. ft. recycling bin in the Church Avenue lot next to the Abitibi paper recycling bin. This bin will take all recycling materials such as cans, cardboard, plastic, glass, and phone books which can be co-mingled. The paper will continue to be deposited in the Abitibi recycling bins. There will be red containers located inside the church facilities to place these materials for disposal. This recycling bin is for church use only.

22. **COUCH-TO-5K.** The purpose of the c25k program is to share the physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual benefits of running to the Elfinwild Church community. The goals of the program include raising awareness of the benefits of physical activity, providing a fun, safe, and healthy environment in which to learn, providing a program supported by information, knowledge and motivation, ***taking participants from their couches to the finish line of their first 5K (3.1 miles)*** and teaching good stewardship of the body to honor God.

The Elfinwild c25k program will run 10 weeks and began last week on March 21. The participants will meet twice per week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Hampton High School and Community Park at 6:30pm. A third workout will be done on their own later in the week. Each session will conclude with some dynamic stretching and core work. The entire group schedule will be e-mailed every Sunday evening so that those who may have conflicts during the week can do it on their own. Several guest speakers will encourage participants throughout the session and running Mentors will also be on-hand to motivate the group. The culminating event will be the Stoneridge Church 5K/10K on Monday, May 30th in Shaler. The cost of the program is \$50/person or \$75/family (t-shirt included.) Proceeds benefit the Elfinwild Church youth programs. All members and their families are highly encouraged to participate!

23.

SENIOR CITIZEN-LOW INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE. Sponsored by AARP and held at Elfinwild Volunteer Fire Company, 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116 from February 2 through April 7, 2011 – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. First come, first served. Call the Shaler North Hills Library at 412-486-0211 for more information. The library has tax forms!

24.

DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR "SPRING SHARE." North Hills Community Outreach is collecting items for "Spring Share" that will help approximately 500 local families in hardship. Please deliver your donations (baskets, candy, granola bars, snack size treats, gift cards, etc.) from March 7 – April 16 to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. For more information, contact Vicki at 412-487-6316, option1.

25.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR. North Hills Community Outreach matches caring volunteers with elderly individuals who need a little help to remain independent in their own homes. To help with grocery shopping, rides to the doctor, snow shoveling or home safety checks, call 412-307-0071. Help is needed in every community and neighborhood. Trainings are held throughout the month at various North Hills and greater Pittsburgh locations.

26.

WALK OR RUN FOR NHCO! North Hills Community Outreach is a charity affiliate for this year's Pittsburgh Marathon as well as a participating charity in Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community. The organization is recruiting walkers, runners and volunteers for both events. To learn more, contact Jen Drayton at 412-487-6316, option 2, x3210 or visit www.nhco.org/fundraisers.

27.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR FREE HOME REPAIR PROJECTS
For the third consecutive year, North Hills Community Outreach is partnering with Christ Lutheran Church in Millvale to provide minor home repairs to a limited number of qualified seniors and low-income adults with physical disabilities living in northern Allegheny County. Applications are now being accepted for repair projects that will be completed by supervised groups of youth from June 27– July 1. To apply, contact Cathy Pschirer at 412-307-0069.