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**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
May 14, 2017
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

**“I am the Alpha and Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to
come, the Almighty.” Jesus in Revelation 1:8**

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“There Is Power” <i>Praise Team</i>	Lincoln Brewster
(11:10)	“Brethren We Have Met to Worship” <i>Handbell Choir</i>	Sandra Eithun

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement April 30, 2017		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$232,752
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$226,620
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$6,132

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, princes and rulers, young men and women, old men and children.

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

(8:30)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Love the Lord”

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

(11:10)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 478 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10) SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING

“Jesus Loves Me”

(11:10) MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe, our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity. In the face of natural disasters and cruel humanity we doubt that love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, redeem our vision of what is and what will be. We need Your healing, forgiving and transforming Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:15-17

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. 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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“Trustin’ God”

Barney Robertson

Elementary Choir

(11:10)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Sandra Eithun

Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.**

ANTHEM

(8:30)

“We Believe”

Matt Hooper

Elementary Choir

(11:10)

“Cleanse Me”

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21-22
(page 1169 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“A New Heaven and New Earth”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT

“At the Cross”

Verse 1

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
Jesus

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(11:10)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Call”

Lani Smith

The Elder of the Week is Mark Feris

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:30 – Jeff Weber

11:10 – Jim Saraceno

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE**

**Empty pockets never held anyone
back. It's only empty hearts that do it.**

Norman Vincent Peale

26. SEASONED SAINTS TO BE HONORED – On June 11th the Deacons will again be hosting a luncheon to honor our congregation's amazing Seasoned Saints!! The luncheon will immediately follow the 10:00 AM service, and entertainment will be provided for your enjoyment. Invitations will be mailed out soon, but if you're 80 or over, please get this date on your calendars now!

27. 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.

28. 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

29. SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will be woven 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.

30. PRIMARY ELECTION DAY is May 16, 2017. Please exercise your right and duty to vote. Local positions that are up for election this year include the Magisterial District Judge, the Shaler Township Tax Collector, Shaler Township Commissioner seats for the Second, Fourth and Sixth Wards, and Shaler Area School Board Directors for the First, Second and Third Districts. Also, the seat on Allegheny County Council for Shaler Township will be on the ballot.

31. STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Parkwood Presbyterian Church, 4289 Mt. Royal Blvd. Allison Park, will be hosting a Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 3rd from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. In addition to strawberries and cake, there will be activities for children, horseback rides, and more! Please join them.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 5-14-17

TODAY (5-14-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:10 AM – Sunday School Kids Sing

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool–CE, FH
7:00 PM – Walk Bike Shaler – KL
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training Session – CCR

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – OOO's Lunch – FH
6:30 PM – M&M's – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study @ Harbaugh's
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Tiger Cubs – Red Room

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC #6 – YH
8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Kitchen Clean up

SUNDAY (5-21-17) Youth Sunday
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
12:15 PM – Mission Committee Meeting – KL
12:30 PM – Youth Group Cook Out – YH
1:00 PM – Eagle Court of Honor- FH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

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

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 USHERS

Michael Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Joanne Pearson

11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline
Bob Mankey

SOUND TECHNICIANS

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

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, May 21, 2017
Youth Sunday

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 will be taught by Sue Anderson, Carolyn Hervey, and Donne Rea Thompson.

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 last meeting for the school year will be May 17th, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Youth House. Please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

5. 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 7:00-8:30 PM

Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays 6-7:00 PM

6. ON MAY 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM St. Ursula Parish choir joined by singers from St. Bonaventure, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Francis De Sales, St. Patrick, Irish Tenor Cahal Dunne, The Elite Brass of Pittsburgh, and organist George Spencer will join together to perform Johnathan Willcock's Magnificat conducted by Christopher Brewer at St. Ursula Church. This concert is free and open to the public! We hope to see you there!

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 WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT!**

8. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend. This study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house. We hope you will come and bring a friend! Our last get together for this school year will be May 24th.

9. GOT SENIORS? GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: JUNE 4, 2017 – On June 4th we will recognize our graduating seniors. For this to happen we need your help. First, we would like for you to email Cindy at cindy@elfinwildchurch.org or call the church office and let us know the name of your graduate, school from which they are graduating, and their future plans (college, military, employment, apprenticeship etc.). Second, we would like to know if your senior will be able to attend the 10:00 AM service on June 4th. If so, we would like to invite them to come wearing their cap and gown in order to process together at the beginning of the service. We will meet outside of Jason's office at 9:45 AM and talk about how this will happen. If your student is unable to make the service that morning, please contact us with the above information and simply let us know that they will not be able to attend. We would appreciate responses by **Wednesday, May 31st** as we would like to honor all seniors by placing their information in the bulletin that day.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 & 28th (Fellowship Hall)

* "The Wired Word" (Cornerstone Room)

14. 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.

15. WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 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.

16. 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 conntthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

17. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. The May article is "40 Courageous Quotes from Billy Graham". Dr. Graham's Godly wisdom is so helpful during times of difficulty. Pick up a copy of it today! If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or at mrdd1@comcast.net.

VERSE OF THE MONTH-" Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25a

18. 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.

19. 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: <http://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/edu/6085665817.html>

20. 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 begin 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.

21. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

No doubt many of you have heard the news that the proposed Federal budget will create a funding problem for the Meals on Wheels programs throughout the country. ***This proposed budget does not affect the Elfinwild Meals Ministry.*** Our Meals Ministry **is not** affiliated with the Lutheran Services Society Meals on Wheels program. In June, 2011, the Elfinwild meals program severed its ties with the Meals on Wheels program and has run as an independent ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church since that time. Our funding is solely through the weekly payments made by our clients, contributions of local civic organizations (Glenshaw Century Club, Elfinwild Lions Club and others), memorial gifts, gifts of cookies and baked goods as well as surplus bread/rolls and baked goods from Shop N' Save and generous contributions made by members of the Elfinwild congregation. We do not and have not received any funding from any governmental sources. Please remember, there is no financial threshold required to receive the services of the Meals Ministry. Should you have any questions concerning the Meals Ministry, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 or Dick Friedline at the kitchen 412-486-8000.

22. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 4 hours hard labor with free pizza!

The Deacons and Trustees are combining to coordinate a deep cleaning of the Church kitchen on **Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. If needed, we will complete the job on June 17. Cabinets, cabinet contents, windows, ceiling vents, walls, counters and sinks will all get attention. Afterwards, floors will be cleaned and polished. Separately, some repairs/replacements are being considered. Please use the generic sign up forms returned to the Church office, or contact either of us if you can help or have questions. Thank you! Please contact either, Janell Haygood (412) 512-2847 or janellhay@gmail.com or Bev Friedline (412) 215-1161 or bevfriedline@yahoo.com

23. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, May 17th 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!

24. ON SUNDAY JUNE 11TH THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL

PRESENTATION SPONSORED BY THE MISSION TEAM. At 9:00 AM, between the two services, members of the Ananias Mission will be presenting to the congregation. Ananias Mission is one of many mission projects supported by Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. In 2014 entrepreneur Ed Wethli learned of a Syrian family who urgently needed to leave a home that was no longer safe for them, as a result of their Christian faith. Shortly before Christmas, he brought the family of four to stay in his home, and he helped them establish a new life in nearby Cranberry. Many family members were left behind in Syria. Settlement in the United States was not possible; however, private sponsorship in Canada through a Catholic diocese in Ontario made it feasible for five family units to immigrate. The nonprofit Ananias Mission was founded and works to build partnerships between Canadian and American churches to give refugees hope and a home. Please join members of the Mission Team on June 11th to hear this amazing story of Christian faith in action.

25. THE MISSION COMMITTEE will have a meeting on May 21st after the 11:10 service in the Kennedy Library.