

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

May 22, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

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

"We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us."

Romans 5:3-4

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"At Morning-Tide"

Charles V. Stanford

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

—from Psalm 92:1-5, 8

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

People: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Leader: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

People: You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

***HYMN NO. 417 (8:30)**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Regent Square

***OPENING SONGS (11:10)**

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Praise Team with Congregation

See Insert

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM (8:30)

"The Potter's Hand"

Chancel Choir

Darlene Zschech/Lloyd Larson

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:10)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:10)

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Bob and Lisa Wegner

Questions to the Congregation – Elder Dave Frazier

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Lydia Faith Wegner

Solo by Bob Wegner, "Here I Am to Worship"

CALL TO CONFESSION

—based on Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Meditation on Regent Square"

Fred Bock

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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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 Steve Heere in the chapel.

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 Steve Heere.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in memory of Philip Jones by Al and Yvonne Jones.
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. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** (age 4 - 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age-appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson on "The Good Samaritan" is being taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Amy and Mark Meyer.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



5. **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.

6. **SR. HIGH CLUB 6:30-8PM TONIGHT.** 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.
7. **GOT GRADUATES? PLEASE LET US KNOW!** Do you have someone in your family who is graduating this year? Please contact the office and let us know. It could be graduation from high school, college or a graduate degree – we want to know about all our graduates! Please let the office know by Sunday, June 5. We will be placing the names of all graduates in the bulletin on June 12th (we will also give special recognition to our high school graduates on that day). So let us know of your graduates!
8. **ELFINWILD STUDENT MINISTRIES CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT: FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 3RD**
 You can get a tasty dinner and support our student ministries at the same time. So come to the Chick-fil-a at Ross Park Mall on Friday night June 3rd, tell them you are from Elfinwild Church, and the student ministries will receive a percentage of your order. This money will be used to help off-set the cost of our summer mission trips. We hope to see you there!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. **LIGONIER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES.** Ligonier Camp is in need of Boy CITs (Counselors in Training) for the second half of the summer (July 12 - Aug. 21). Students must be 16 years or older. There is some flexibility in schedule. Applications are available online at www.ligoniercamp.org. Also, there are Camper openings for Session 3B (7/3-7/16) and Session 5 (7/31-8/13). Registration forms are available outside the Sanctuary or online. Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@earthlink.net for more information or with questions.
10. **CALLING HELPING HANDS FOR V.B.S. (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)!**
 Our creative craft team has been busy planning crafts for this year's SonSurf Vacation Bible School. We need some extra hands that are willing to cut and prepare items for the week. If you would like to help in this way, you may pick up craft kits outside of Nancy's office (in the C.E. building). Choose a kit you that would like to do, sign your name on the sheet that you have taken it, and try to have it back the following week. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! If you have questions feel free to call Nancy (412-486-5400).

11.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
April 30, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$208,878
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		207,376
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$188,703
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	18,673

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	2:45 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Elfinwild 2 Softball - Windhurst Jr. High Club - Youth House Elfinwild 1 Softball - Windhurst Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. C25K - Hampton Community Center Boy Scouts – Corner Conf. Room
TUESDAY	7:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands – Corner Conf. Room TOPS AARP Board Meeting Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool–C.E. C25K – Hampton Community Center CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool – C.E. Lions Club – Corner Conf. Room Girl Scouts – Friendship Hall CLC #3 – Youth House
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Preschool – C.E.
SATURDAY	6:00 am	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Honduras Mission Team Returns

16. PARISH NURSES NEEDED. We would like to revive the Parish Nurse group at Elfinwild Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Roderick at 412-487-8223 or peakrod@verizon.net. She will be gathering name, contact information, credentials, and skills. Although the committee will be labeled “the Parish Nurses,” all those with a medical background (physicians, pharmacists, physical therapy, etc.) will be welcome to participate. There is nothing more rewarding than sharing your time and talents with those who are in need.

17. 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.

18. CALENDAR NOTES....

Sunday School during May 1st – May 29th – 9:45-11:10am

June 5th begins summer vacation for Sunday School

(No Sunday School classes until September)

June 12th celebration of Pentecost

June 20 – 24th Vacation Bible School – *SonSurf Beach Blast*

June 26th Vacation Bible school students will share their joy in the Lord by singing during the 11:10 worship service.

July 3rd – August 28th worship hours are 8:00 & 10:00am

August 1st – 5th Dance Camp (preschoolers through 2nd grade) and Drama Camp (3rd grade and older)

August 7th the Dance and Drama children will offer their talents as part of the 10:00 worship service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

19. ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE. Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry is holding its annual used book sale from Monday, June 6 through Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm at The Shoppes at Northway on McKnight Road. More than 40,000 new and used books and DVDs will be available for \$3.00 or less. Mark your calendar.

20. SHELTER WALK 2011 – A WALK WITH A TWIST. The Shelter Walk will be held on Saturday, June 4. The event will kick off at 9:00 am from Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry and Homeless Men’s Shelter at 1601 Brighton Road. Come out to help raise funds so that we can continue to provide food assistance to 900 local families every month and shelter to hundreds of homeless men every year. This year’s walk will include stops at several of the cultural sites on the Northside. Walkers will receive discount vouchers to go back later in the day to visit these sites. For more information call 412-323-1163 or visit www.ncmin.org.

12. 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 May. Please place food in boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

13. COME ON OUT AND CHEER FOR THE HOME TEAM! Or again this year, two home teams. Elfinwild 1 and Elfinwild 2 are participating in the softball league. Following are their schedules for this year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elfinwild 1</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Elfinwild 2</u>	<u>Field</u>
May 22	6:00	Windhurst	2:45	Windhurst
May 29	No games - Memorial Day weekend			
June 5	1:00	Sangree	2:45	Sangree
June 12	6:00	Windhurst	4:15	Windhurst
June 19			2:45	Sangree
June 26	2:45	Windhurst	4:15	Windhurst
July 3	No games - Independence Day			
July 10	1:00	Sangree	4:15	Sangree
July 17	2:45	Windhurst	1:00	Windhurst
July 25	1:00	Sangree		
August 7	Playoffs start			
August 14	Playoffs			

14. INQUIRERS’ CLASS. The class will be meeting at 9:45 am in the Peach Room outside of Fellowship Hall. This class is for those interested in learning more about Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and our beliefs and practices. The staff will participate in the teaching and sharing times and members of the congregation will share with you what about this Church has enhanced their relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who find that Elfinwild Church is where God is leading them to become involved as a member will have the opportunity to join after the class sessions. The class will run from May 1 – June 5, 2011. You are still welcome to join.

15. 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.