

***RECESSION**

POSTLUDE:

"All Hail The Power" Wm. Shrubsole/arr. DeCou

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Paul Braddock
Dick Matthews
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 a.m.

Mel Stoker
Lee Shumaker
Jack Ritenbaugh
Patti Zahnhausen
Bill Sausser

UPCOMING SERVICES

8:30 A.M. & 11:10 A.M.

November 22, 2009

Christ the King Sunday

Bibles to First Graders

Introduction of New Members

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

"Don't Drink the Kool Aid"

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 Mark Feris in the chapel.

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 AND 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants – 1st grade)

9:45 - 10:45 AM

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.



***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

November 15, 2009

Eight thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

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

"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30) *"Praise to the Living God"* Isadore Freed
(11:10) *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*
Wm J. Kirkpatrick/arr. Craig Curry

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:13,14 & 24

Leader: We were pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped us.

People: The Lord is our strength and song; he has become our salvation.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN NO. 488 (8:30)** *"The God of Abraham Praise"* Leoni

***OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE (11:10)** **"Almighty"**
"Everlasting God"
Praise Team w/ congregation
(See music insert)

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM (8:30) *"Enough w/ 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*
arr. Larry Shackley
Chancel Choir
(11:10) **"Walkin' on the Water"** Stratton/Pethel
Youth Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Peter 1:13-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:9-10

WITNESS TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS Mike Gaydos

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) **"God Watches Over You"** arr. Joel Randy
Chancel Choir
(11:10) **"Sing, Sing, Sing"** arr. Dennis Allen
Youth Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

***HYMN NO. 359 (8:30)** *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"* Move Love to Thee

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING (11:10)** **"Give Thanks"**
Praise Team w/ congregation
(See music insert)

DEDICATION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
(Page 162 N.T. in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Learn From the Mistakes of the Past" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

***HYMN NO. 412 (8:30)** *"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"* Forest Green

***SONG OF RESPONSE (11:10)** **"Forever"**
Praise Team w/congregation
(See music insert)

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Choral Alleluia"* Gaither
Congregation Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
He's my Savior, I will praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia
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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Mark Feris.

2. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of our fathers, Henry A. Beck and Ernest H. Keister Sr. by Carol and Roger Beck.

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.

4. **PRAYER CONCERNS**. To add, change or remove names from prayer concerns list, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am 9:45 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	Handchimes – Choir Room New Members Class – Fellowship Hall Trustees' Meeting - KL Women's Bible Study – Peach Room
MONDAY	7:30 am 6:00-8:30 pm 7:00 pm 4:00-7:00 pm	Preschool - C. E. Building Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building Boy Scout Troop Meeting – Fellowship Hall Operation Christmas Child Box Collection
TUESDAY	7:30 am 9:00-11:00 am 12 Noon 4:00-7:00 pm 5:00-6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool - C. E. Building Preschool Moms' Bible Study – Youth House Staff Meeting – Choir Room Operation Christmas Child Box Collection Gr. 2-5 Elementary Choir TOPS Girl Scouts – C. E. Building Personnel Committee – Kennedy Library Men's Bowling – Fun Fest Lanes Gingerbread Crafters – C.E. Building - Green Rm. Handbells – Choir Room Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 8:30 am 4:00-7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C. E. Building - Thanksgiving Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Operation Christmas Child Box Collection Chancel Choir – Choir Rm.
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool - C. E. Building – Thanksgiving Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Lions Club – Cor. Conf. Rm. Spiritual Warfare Prayer Meeting – Chapel Financial Peace Presentation – Peach Rm. APNC Meeting – Kennedy Library Youth Choir – Gr. 6-12 – Choir Room
FRIDAY	7:30 am 8:30 am 4:00-6:00 pm 4:15-6:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool - C.E. Building – Thanksgiving Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Operation Christmas Child Box Collection Act 1 – Fr. Hall & C. E. Building Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary CS Den Meeting – Fr. H
SATURDAY	7:00 am 9:00 am-3:00 pm 9:00 am-12:00 pm 2:30 pm	CLC – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Fr. Hall & C. E. Building Operation Christmas Child Box Collection Wedding - Sanctuary

20. **DEAR CHURCH FAMILY**, thank you so much for your donations of supplies for our troops. The generosity of this congregation is overwhelming. Thanks to you, I was able to collect over 1,000 items for our troops. The supplies and food items will be very much appreciated by the men and women who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. As Romans 1:8 reads, "...I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you..." I am blessed to be part of this congregation. Sincerely, Andrew Neil

21. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - THE POWER OF PRAYER**
Operation Christmas Child....The Power of a Simple Gift..... National Collection Week is here! During this week, we are asking you for the most valuable support you can give. We are asking for your prayers. Prayer is a vital part in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Please join Christians around the world in prayer by using the Prayer Guide found in today's bulletin. Thank you for all your support you have given so far!!



22. **YOU ARE INVITED** to join Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church of Etna as they celebrate 100 years on the Corner that Cares. Saturday, November 21, at 6:30 pm, there will be a program in the sanctuary, followed by a dessert reception.
23. **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE.** The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 pm at St. Catherine of Sweden Roman Catholic Church in Wildwood. The preacher that evening will be the Rev. Garrett Dorsey from St. Ursula Roman Catholic Church in Allison Park. This service is sponsored by the Hampton-Shaler–Clergy Association.
24. **ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** 1965 Ferguson Road in Allison Park will be holding a Mission Mall on Saturday, November 21, from 9 am to 3 pm. Over a dozen local and international non-profit organizations will be present, selling a wide variety of unique gifts and everyday items including handmade jewelry, international crafts and home décor, nativity sets, children's items, fair trade coffee and chocolate, note cards and prints, gently used books, and much, much more. Make your money work for good by shopping at the Mission Mall!
25. **AN EVENING WITH DR. LINDA LEAR.** Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 7:00 pm, Shaler North Hills Library. Join the library for a very special evening as we host former Glenshaw resident, Dr. Linda Lear, biographer and historian. She will discuss her writing process and answer questions about her work. The program is free and open to all. Please register by calling the library at 412-486-0211.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-5th Grade



5. **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 "How Church Tells Time" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Tori Potock and Melissa Kutzer.
6. **M & m's – ALL 4TH THROUGH 6TH GRADERS** are invited to join us for fun and fellowship! We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. A lot is being planned for the following nights...
- Nov. 18 -** Lots of popcorn will be served up for our movie night shown on the big screen in the Youth Center
- Dec. 16 -** Share a joyful noise with Christmas caroling.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12



7. **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** magnets are on sale now for \$5.00 in the Narthex after the 8:30 service, between services and after the 11:10 service. All proceeds go to help fund transportation costs for student mission trips.
8. **STUDENT MINISTRIES COULD USE SOME OTTOMANS.** If you would happen to have some ottomans that are not really being used at your house, the Youth House could really use them. Contact Kyle Pinta at 412-487-6163 or leave a message on the Youth Ministries telephone.
9. **STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Parents, students or friends of Student Ministries – if you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive updates and important information, please e-mail your address to Kyle Pinta at KJPinta@aol.com.


Elfinwild Church
News

10. **NEW ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS – 9:45 AM IN THE PEACH ROOM**

This will be a *Talk It Over* class complete with a question box. This class will be facilitated by Dr. Dirk Lesnett and will talk over matters of faith that are on people's hearts. The class will begin on December 6.

11.

CELEBRATE THAT CHRIST HAS COME AND IS COMING AGAIN!
Sunday, November 29, 2009
The first Sunday in Advent everyone is invited to attend a class in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett

12. **Advent Devotions** - The Elfinwild Family Ministry Team is attempting to compile a 28-day devotional to be read during Advent. You are invited to share a way in which God has been visible to you personally. It may have been a quiet moment when He spoke to you through His holy Word; interactions with others or just experiencing the beauty of creation. To contribute, please choose a passage from scripture that speaks to your heart and write a brief paragraph witnessing to your experience of God's love and presence. Possibly it was an exchange with a child; a note or call that arrived at just the right moment; or the simple reassurance of His majesty through a sunset. Please share your experience, strength and hope in Christ during this holy season. Place all entries in an envelope marked 'Advent Devotional' and place in the offering plate, send them to the church office, or e-mail to nancy@elfinwildchurch.org. (Our original intent was to have this ready for this Advent. That will depend on how quickly and if there are enough responses. Thank you for prayerfully considering sharing.)
13. **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2009.** It's time to order your Christmas poinsettia plants! The cost for each plant is \$8.00. Place your money for a plant, the Pastors Fund, or a donation to the Bread of Life Food Bank in the special envelopes located in the pews and mark the outside with the memorial name and your own name. (Make all checks payable to Elfinwild Church). Sunday, December 6, is the last day to place your order for poinsettias with your payment. Any orders received after this date will be applied to the Food Bank.
14. **REMINDER – 2010 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mail in to the church office.
15. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – 2009 YEAR END.** The last regular Sunday offerings for inclusion in the 2009 year will be December 27, 2009. After that time any giving you want included in 2009 must reach the church office by 12/31/09, explicitly identified as "2009."
Offerings received Sunday 1/3/2010 will all be posted as 2010.

16. **PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY** - Elfinwild's Professional Directory is now available. A directory was sent to anyone who submitted an advertisement. Additional copies are located outside of the chapel and in the church office for anyone desiring one. Thank you to everyone who participated. John and Cindy Neil

17. **Calling All 'Gingerbread Carpenters' and Crafters!**

We would love to have your help and fellowship in building the gingerbread houses that we will decorate at the Advent Celebration on December 6th. Learn great techniques in gingerbread carpentry. All hands are welcome. We will meet in the Green Room of the C.E. building.

Preparation dates: Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm
Call Nancy Tiernan with any questions. 412-486-5400.

18.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
October 31, 2009		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$448,564
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		435,864
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$439,336
Deficit	(Y.T.D.)	3,472

19. **APNC UPDATE** – The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is made up of the following people: Dave Frazier, Mike Gaydos, Donna Gottschalk, Margaret Hartley, Steve Heere, Douglas Riethmuller, Patty Robinson, Lauren Shideler and Dale Weisenstein. The group began meeting in June with the initial task of completing the Church Information Form (CIF). The form has been approved by Session and will be posted online for review by potential candidates and sent on to Presbytery. A computerized match with Pastor Information Forms (PIF's) will follow and matching forms will be sent to the APNC for consideration. In addition, prospective pastors may self-referral to the APNC, and members of Elfinwild may refer candidates for review. As referrals are made, the APNC will begin the process of screening and selecting individuals for interview.