

**\*RECESSION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Sleepers Wake" Tune: *Wachet Auf* arr. J. G. Walther

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**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.**

December 6, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

Dirk 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 Ann Ritter in the chapel.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Barry and Melissa Beck on the birth of Payton Cora Beck on Monday, November 23, 2009. Grandparents are Roger and Carol Beck.

**CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP**

**8:30 AND 11:10 A.M.**

Cradle Roll (infants – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Preschool (age 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be in Young Child & Worship

Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up worship with their families.



**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  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**November 29, 2009**

**Eight thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock**

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

*"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness."  
Jeremiah 33:14,15*

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**      *"Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel"*      setting by Heathcote Statham

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION AND PREPARATION**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 8**      *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*  
Truro

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Romans 13:11

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE**      The Coutts Family (8:30)  
The Arrigo Family (11:10)

**COLLECT:**      Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen

**ANTHEM (11:10)**      *"Celtic Advent Carol"*      Barrett/Angerman  
Chancel Choir  
Jeff Weber - Violin

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the future: you are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Psalm 121

**Leader:**      Friends, believe the Good News!  
**People:**      In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**      *"There's A Song in the Air"* Tune: Harrington  
Setting by Fred Bock  
**(11:10)**      *"A Prayer for Advent"*      Williams/Nolan  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Isaiah 2:1-5  
(Page 600 O.T. in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**      "Come, Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord"  
Dan Voigt, preaching

**\*HYMN NO. 38**      *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*      Carol

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Words of Invitation  
Prayer of Consecration  
Words of Institution  
Receiving the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**HYMN NO. 2**      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*      Hyfrydol

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Ann Ritter.
2. **THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Jeff Hargus by his mother, Hattie Hargus.
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 9:45 am  4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Handchimes – Choir Room Choir Help Session All Adult Sunday school classes – Fellowship Hall Lesnett teaching Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:30 am 10:00 am 6:00-8:30 pm	No Preschool Staff Meeting – Choir Room Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building
TUESDAY	7:30 am 9:00-11:00 am 12:00 Noon 5:00-6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool - C. E. Building Preschool Moms Bible Study – Youth House Men's Luncheon – Fellowship Hall Gr. 2-5 Elementary Choir – Choir Room TOPS Girl Scouts – C.E. Building Men's Bowling – Fun Fest Lanes Handbells – Choir Room Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am 8:30 am 2:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C. E. Building Mom & Me – Peach & TR Worship Committee – Pastor's Study Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:30 am 1:00 pm 6:00-8:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Kennedy Library Preschool – C. E. Building Mom & Me – Peach & TR Presbytery Mtg. – Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Lions Club – Cornerstone Conference Room Spiritual Warfare Prayer Meeting – Chapel Financial Peace – Peach Room APNC – Kennedy Library Youth Choir – Gr. 6-12
FRIDAY	7:30 am 8:30 am 4:15-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C. E. Building Mom & Me – Peach & TR Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building Cub Scouts – Fr. Hall – Christmas Party Student Ministries Senior High Trip - Jumonville
SATURDAY	7:00 am 9:00 am-3:00 pm  7:00 pm	CLC – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Building Deacons decorate church for Christmas Game Night – Troop157 & Webelos – Friendship Hall Student Ministries Senior High Trip - Jumonville

22. **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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

23. **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.
22. **FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT! With Pittsburgh's own William Dell & Wee Jams! Friday, December 4 at 7:00 pm.** Shaler North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 412-486-0211. Part of the fun of radio in the 1960's was in the variety of the music. Pop and rock rubbed up against rhythm and blues and swing, creating sparks that made for a varied and exciting listening experience. Pittsburgh's Wee Jams bring that potpourri of variety to their performances, and the result is making fans out of listeners across the country. Join the library for a great night of music and fun.
23. **CAR GIVEAWAY TO FAMIY IN NEED.** On Christmas Eve, Community Auto in Pine Township is giving away a fully detailed 2002 red Buick Century four-door sedan (\$6,000) value) filled with presents to one local family in need. To be eligible, applicants must have dependent children living in their household and meet income and other guidelines. The deadline to enter is December 18, 2009. Interested applicants can download complete rules and an application at [www.communityauto.org](http://www.communityauto.org) or call 412-487-6316 to request one in the mail. Community Auto is a partner organization of North Hills Community Outreach that accepts donated vehicles, repairs them and then sells them below fair marked value to low-income families. This is the first year that Community Auto will give away a vehicle for the holidays.

## 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 "Mary and Joseph" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Tori Potock and Melissa Kutzer.
- 6. M & m's – ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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:** 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](mailto:KJPinta@aol.com).



## Elfinwild Church News

### **9. 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.

10.

**CELEBRATE THAT CHRIST HAS COME AND IS COMING AGAIN!**

**Today, 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**

- 11. 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](mailto: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.)
- 12. 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.
- 13. REMINDER – 2010 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be placed in the offering plate or mailed in to the church office.
- 14. 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.
- 15. THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** "food of the month" for December is condiments. Donations of catsup ("ketchup" is you prefer), mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressings, etc. would be very much appreciated by the clients of the food pantry. The Deacons thank you for helping needy families in our area.
- 16. GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will meet Tuesday, December 8, 2009 for its Christmas Dinner Party at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA. Refreshing punch served after 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment by singer Joe Marotta.
- 17. THE SENIOR ACHIEVERS'** will meet Thursday, December 10, 2009 at

12:30 p.m. for their Christmas luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment by Steven Vance, the strolling violinist.

18. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you would like to be on the e-mail prayer chain list, or if your e-mail address has **changed**, please send a request to Cindy Neil at [jcncln1@verizon.net](mailto:jcncln1@verizon.net). This is a great way to solicit prayer in a matter of minutes from a large number of Fellow Christians. Cindy has been having mail returned to her as undeliverable, so please be sure to update your e-mail address if it has changed.
  
19. **PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS** is a mission to those in homes or hospitals who may not be receiving any gift for Christmas. St. Barnabas is one of the sponsors. We have been asked to partner with Parkwood, Glenshaw and Calvert Presbyterian Churches to provide 91 twin-size blankets for the John Kane Regional Hospital facility in Glen Hazel. If you can purchase and wrap a twin size blanket or two, and bring them with you to worship on Sunday, December 13, the blankets will be delivered to the residents for Christmas.  
Our youth have been participating in PFP for a number of years. They have adopted the Orion Care Facility on Ferguson Road and will deliver their presents in person on Sunday, December 13 as well.
  
20. **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
  
21. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN CHURCH OFFICE** for the rest of November and December. Due to illness and surgeries, the volunteer staff has been cut back at the busiest time of the church year. If someone with computer knowledge could volunteer 3 hours on Wednesday morning, it would be greatly appreciated and if you would be willing to answer the phone it would be even better. Also needed is someone willing to learn to run the folding machine, it's really not difficult, for 1-1/2 to 2 hours on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock or later. If you have the ability to type on a typewriter and could come on Friday morning, there are always envelopes needed for birthday letters or new resident letters. Please call Lora King at 412-486-5400 if you can help.