

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 15:9-17  
(Page 1010-1011 in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**

“The Service of Laying Down One’s Life” The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?* (see insert) Gillard

*During the singing of this song, please bring your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes forward to the chancel steps.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Alleluia* Billings  
Chancel Choir

\*If you need prayer there are elders in the chapel to meet and pray with you after the service.

**THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:10 am</b>
Paul Braddock	Mel Stoker
Max Smith	Jennifer Muszynski
Kim Szymoniak	Jack Ritenbaugh
Bob Szymoniak	Patti Zahnhausen
Ron Tiedeman	Bill Sausser

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012  
The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:30 - Skip Young  
11:10 – Jerry Nist

**CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP**

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

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

**11:10 A.M. ONLY**

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

Location – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

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.*

*We invite you to:  
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.**

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

November 11, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.  
*This is my command: Love each other. John 15:17*

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**GATHERING MUSIC (8:30)** *In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock* Getty/Mote/Bradbury

## WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

**Introit (11:10)** *Welcome to This House* Lanier  
Chancel Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**All: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**All: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot be silent!

**All: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Bless our land and people.**

**Prepare us for the service we should render.**

## \* SONG OF PRAISE

**(8:30)** *Holy, Holy, Holy/Holy is the Lord* (see insert) Watts/Tomlin  
**(11:10)** Hymn #138: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Nicaea

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus teaches his followers to "Remain in my love."

**All: Forgive us when we have wandered from the embrace of your love.**

Leader: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

**All: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.**

Leader: Jesus taught us that love is laying down our life.

**All: Forgive us for being afraid to let go of control over our lives.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**All: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Leader: Jesus said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

**All: Forgive us our unfruitful lives, Lord.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**All: Forgive us for our lack of love. Teach us what it means to love, so that our lives will be living evidence of your love at work in us. Infuse our hearts with the sweet scent of your love so that we might permeate the world around us that aroma as we offer ourselves in service to you and to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*HYMN OF JOYFUL THANKS #417** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Regent Square  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**OFFERTORY (8:30)** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Townend  
Praise Team  
**(11:10)** *Jonah* Dilworth  
Youth 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

*God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her through the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.*

## 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 (11:10)** *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name* arr. Dennard  
Youth Choir

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Cindy Neil
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Brigadier General Horace Mann, III, Dwight Pearson's Father, by Dwight and Joanne Pearson. Flowers are also given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ruthie Riethmuller and Virginia Petraglia's Birthday; also in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ruthie and Mark by Elizabeth and Suzanne Gilliland.
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-6th Grade**

4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 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, "The Promised Land" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal, and Bethann Dolan.
5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6** The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10am, teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome!
6. **M&ms "MESSIAH & ME"** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our fall meeting and activity dates: November 19 (Monday; bowling at FunFest from 6-8 pm), December 19 (Caroling at DeHaven Ct.), and January 16 (in Fellowship Hall).
7. **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Every Sunday, the Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes have a time of music from 9:45-10 am in Friendship Hall. The upcoming date that they will sing at the 11:10 worship service is Nov. 18.
8. **GINGERBREAD HOUSES:** Do you like food and like to craft and build things? If so, we would love your help building Gingerbread Houses! People will gather Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Yellow Room to construct house frames so that they can be decorated by children and families at our community-wide Advent event on Dec. 2. All are welcome to join the fun!

**9. EVERGREENS FOR ADVENT WREATHS:** If you have an evergreen tree that can be trimmed, we would love to have some branches donated for the Advent Wreath-Making on November 25. If you can help, please contact Bethany Harbaugh at [bethany@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:bethany@elfinwildchurch.org) or 412-486-5400.

**10. COOKIES!!** We are looking for people to bake cookies for the Advent Celebration on December 2. If you are willing to bring a plate of baked goods, please contact Tessa Connelly at [tconnelly08@verizon.net](mailto:tconnelly08@verizon.net) or 412-213-0384.

**11. ADVENT CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS:** On December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4pm, families from all over the community will join together to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up, greeting people as they arrive, helping at craft stations, and serving refreshments. To help in any way, please contact Bethany at [bethany@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:bethany@elfinwildchurch.org) or 412-486-5400.

**12. COLLECTING BOXES** In order to prepare crafts for the Advent Celebration on December 2, we will be collecting empty cereal and food boxes. Please place your donations in the appropriate boxes at the front sanctuary doors by November 18. Thank you!

**STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

**13. CLUB TONIGHT! Jr. High: 4:30-6 PM (grades 6-8); Sr. High 6:30-8 PM (grades 9-12)**  
Our Jr. and Sr. High Clubs are a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different types of games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us tonight!

**14. STUDENT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Christmas cards of the Elfinwild Sanctuary at Christmas are now on sale in the Gathering Space after each service. This is a great way to commemorate 100 years of Christmases at Elfinwild and help our students raise money for retreats and mission trips.

**15. LAURELVILLE RETREAT 2012: SR. HIGH: NOV. 30- DEC 2.**  
This is a wonderful retreat for our students and a great chance to gather with other churches all around Pittsburgh for a weekend of fun, mud, and faith challenge. I encourage all students to consider going on this retreat and why not invite a friend as well! Cost is \$100 per person. Turn in a \$25 deposit to guarantee yourself a spot as we will run out of spots quickly! For more information contact Jason.

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	9:45 am 12:30 pm 4:30-6 pm 6:30-8 pm 7:00 pm	Sunday School Organ Committee Mtg. – KL Jr. High Club – YH Sr. High Club – YH Session Mtg. – Cor. Conf. Rm.
MONDAY	7:00 am 12:30 pm 4-8:00 pm 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 7-9:00 pm	Office Closed for Veteran’s Day Holiday Preschool – C.E. Mary Circle – FH Operation Christmas Child - FH Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Pack 157 Com. Mtg. – Peach Rm.
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 1-4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7-8:30 PM 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands – Cor. Conf. Rm. Operation Christmas Child - FH TOPS AARP Mtg. - FH Financial Peace – YH Trustee’s Mtg. – Cor. Conf. Rm. Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 12:00 pm 4-7:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30-8 pm 6:30-8 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. & Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & TR Women’s Lunch – Cor. Conf. Rm. Operation Christmas Child - FH Elementary Choir 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gingerbread House – Yellow Rm. Confirmation Class - YH Chancel Choir – CR
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 1-4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men’s Bible Study Preschool – C.E. & Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & TR Women’s Bible Study – YH Operation Christmas Child – FH Lion’s Club - FH Chime Choir K-2 – Chapel Chime Choir 3-6 – Chapel Wolf Den Cub Scouts – Red Rm. Youth Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4-7:00 pm 4:15-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. & Feast Day Mom & Me – Peach & TR Operation Christmas Child - FH Act 1 – FH & C.E. Pack 157 – FH
SATURDAY	6:00 am 8:00 am-2:00 9 am – 12 pm 9 am – 1 pm	CLC #4 - KL Act 1 – FH & C.E. Operation Christmas Child – FH Pack 157 Conservation Project @ Riverview Park

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

32. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744 WILL MEET NOVEMBER 13, 2012** at 7 PM here at the church. The meeting will be followed with refreshments and the entertainment will be a member's Talent Show. For more information please contact Patty Padden at 412-781-2379.
33. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR**. This group is a signature initiative of the United Way of Allegheny County, with Family Services and North Hills Community Outreach as the two leading partners. Together these two organizations have over 600 volunteers providing non-medical care for seniors to keep them living safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, telephone reassurance and friendly visiting, yard work and simple home repair are the most frequently requested and provided services. For more information on volunteering, visit [www.openyourhearttoasenior.org](http://www.openyourhearttoasenior.org), call 412-307-0071 or toll-free at 866-467-0888.
34. **FREE EVENT: MEDICARE COUNSELING**. Friday, November 16, 2012 from 10 AM – 2 PM at Ingomar United Methodist Church, 1501 W. Ingomar Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. You will be able to: Get answers to your health insurance questions, Compare Medicare plans, Check your coverage and benefits, Apply for extra help, and more! Please bring the following information with you: A list of all prescription medications you take and the dose of each; Your Health Insurance card; A list of your preferred physicians, specialists, and pharmacy. **AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY FOR COUNSELING; TO SCHEDULE PLEASE CALL APPRISE – PA STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT 412-661-1438.**
35. **THANKSGIVING ON EVERY TABLE**. Food donations for Thanksgiving on Every Table will be accepted through November 14. Stuffing and mashed potato mix, canned vegetables pie crust mix and easy pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, muffin mix, napkins and \$10 grocery store gift cards for turkeys are all appreciated. Please take your donations to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101 from 9 AM – 4 PM.
36. **ELFINWILD CHURCH WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT** for the 2013-14 school year is underway. For information about the preschool or to register your child for the year beginning in September 2013, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. The morning classes fill very quickly. If you are considering sending your child please call now. We are blessed to reach out to the community in Christ's love through our Christian Preschool.
37. **GLENSHAW VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS HOSTING THANKSGIVING** dinner for anyone who finds themselves alone, unable to prepare Thanksgiving dinner or who would just like to join us. Dinner is at noon Thanksgiving Day. There is no charge and all are welcome.

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

16. **CHILDREN'S CHIME REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN**, but there is still room for YOUR child! Contact Jennifer to sign up!
17. **REHEARSALS FOR ALL CHOIRS AND PRAISE TEAM HAVE BEGUN**- but it's not too late to join if you would like to participate. New faces are always welcome. Please see Jennifer for details.
18. **NEEDED: LARGE CORNUCOPIA-SHAPED BASKETS**. Please contact Jennifer if you have one that she can borrow for the last two Sundays of November!

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

19. **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 18, 2012, immediately following the 11:10 AM worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and act on its recommendations to elect officers. Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session; James Giel, President, Board of Trustees.**
20. **WITH THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON**, if you are in need of a room at the church for your upcoming event, please contact the church office to see what room(s) are available. Please do not just choose a room because it appears empty; there may already be an event scheduled in that room. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this.
21. **SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEER MEETING: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
All those interested in volunteering to run the sound booth during our morning worship services should plan to attend this meeting. We will meet after the 11:10 AM service in the balcony and go over some of the basics of running the sound. We will also try to put together a schedule for when people will run the sound. We are hoping to have enough volunteers so that each person will only need to run the sound booth for one service a month. So please mark your calendars for November 18<sup>th</sup>!
22. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY**. The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially like any type of crackers, Jell-O, puddings, baking items, such as cake mixes and cookie mixes, and condiments. All monetary gifts help the pantry to provide perishable goods such as turkey and vegetables. Thank you.

23. **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. 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 Jack Ritenbaugh (412-486-5400) or Don Pritchard (412-486-8515).

24. **CRISIS CENTER NORTH** Are you looking for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity? Crisis Center North has a great need of volunteers for their 24-hour hotline. All calls can be taken on your home/cell phone. Other opportunities include: Community Education, Fundraising & Events, Daytime Clerical Assistant, and Board Member. If you are interested please contact Darla at 412-364-6728 or [dbarie@crisiscenternorth.org](mailto:dbarie@crisiscenternorth.org).

25. **ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** As our snowbirds go south for the winter, we have a need for additional drivers and volunteers during the winter months. If you have a couple of hours during the week to assist in the kitchen or can assist in delivery of the meals, please contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry.

26. **100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK** The 100th Anniversary Book is being printed and will be available for pickup at the Church Office, beginning Friday, November 16th. If you signed up for a copy, please stop by the Church Office and purchase/pickup your copy. If you are unable to stop by, feel free to send a check to the Church Office and your copy will be sent to you. The cost for the book is \$25.00, please add \$5.00 to cover the cost of mailing.

27. **ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY HOLIDAY TREATS NEEDED** As you begin preparations for your holiday baking, the Elfinwild Meals Ministry would appreciate your considering baking an extra dozen cookies or other baking items that we could include in the daily meals that we provide to our clients. These additional items mean a great deal to individuals who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday treats many of us enjoy. Please leave your donation in the church kitchen marked for the Elfinwild Meals Ministry or contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000 to make arrangements to drop off your donation. Thanks in advance for considering making this type of addition to our meals ministry.

28. **THE COST OF FLOWERS.** Effective January 1, 2013, the cost of flowers will increase from \$36 to \$42.

29. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** It's the time of the year when the days are shorter and the nights are cooler. It's the time of year when we give thanks for our blessings. It's also the time of year when we think of shoe boxes filled with gifts for children all over the world! Elfinwild Church and Preschool has packed nearly 1,300 shoe boxes in the past 6 years! That's 1,300 children introduced to Jesus because of you and a simple gift. Please join us again in packing a shoe box for a needy child and help spread the love of Jesus by bringing it to either church service on November 11<sup>th</sup>, for our Shoe Box Dedication. In today's bulletin is the "Pack a Box" Guide to help get you started. You can use your own standard size cardboard or plastic shoe box or pick up a Samaritan's Purse red and green "Gospel Opportunity box" outside the sanctuary today after both church services. Any questions or info on how to get your workplace, organization or group involved in a shoebox drive, or helping out at our relay collection center, please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539. Thank you for supporting this ministry for the last 6 years!

30. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Beloved, I am aware of the large number of widows we have in our congregation and community. I also know that after the busy-ness of funerals, details, and legal paperwork is all done and others "go back" to their lives that you cannot simply "go back" to the way it was. I do not have answers but I do hear your stories and they are similar to the feelings and experiences of others who have and are going through such loss and grief. I would like to invite any and all widows who would like to come and have lunch together with me and one another on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 12 noon in the Cornerstone Classroom, downstairs, to call the Church Office at 412-486-5400 and make a reservation. I would like to treat you to a lunch and offer some fellowship. My confession is that after the flurry of activity around the death of your husband I too have often moved on without following up as I would have hoped. There is no agenda other than getting together. You will have the opportunity to share with one another if you are comfortable, but this is simply a time for you to gather with one another and realize that you are not alone in your grieving. Please come! Widowers, we will set a time for you men in the near future. I am humbled to share the journey with you, even the painful and hard parts! Your Pastor, Dirk

31. **WOMEN OF ELFINWILD** The NHCO would appreciate gently used devotion books. If you have no further use for the magazine "Women in the Life of Jesus," you could bring it to our Circle meeting on Nov. 12 as part of your Thank Offering. Thank you.

*\* Memorial Flowers – There is the Sunday of November 25<sup>th</sup> available if you wish to remember a loved one or celebrate an occasion.*