



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

**People: We know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

(8:30)

\*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1019  
(The red song book on the pew)

“Beautiful One”

(11:10)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 482  
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 19:4-9

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You are faithful to Your covenant promises in all circumstances. You stay true to Your word and keep relationship with us even when we are unfaithful. Father, we are not so determined. We are quick to break our promises. Our vows of life-long commitment to our spouses are not always life-long. Sometimes we believe we are justified in our actions, at other times we just don't feel fulfilled or happy and leave. Our broken relationships and failed marriages do not glorify You or please you. Forgive us for taking our marriage commitments too lightly and not understanding the holiness of marriage. Change the self-centered way of our decision making. And restore in us a full-hearted desire to please You in all things, especially in the way we view the sacred gift of marriage. We pray and confess our sin with trust in Your forgiveness through Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 4:17-26

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

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Pam Dudgeon

DEDICATION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“Old Church Choir”  
*Elementary Choir*

Zach Williams

(11:10)

“Always By Our Side”  
*Chancel Choir  
Kelly Simile, Flute*

Mary McDonald

\*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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell;  
On the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.**

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

(11:10)

“A Lifetime of Praise”  
*Chancel Choir*

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:27-32  
(page 905 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Faithfulness in Marriage”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT NO. 1016

(The red song book on the pew) “Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone”

(11:10)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 387

(The blue hymnal in the pew rack) “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(8:30)

“God Is Great”  
*Praise Team*

Marty Sampson

*Special thanks to our liturgists:*

8:30 – Mark Connelly 11:10 – Mike Dolan

**The Elder of the Week is Mark Connelly**

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
A meeting of the Congregation will take place today, immediately following 11:10 worship, in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is the election of church officers for 2018.  
  
Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees  
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:  
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**  
  
If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life.  
  
*Billy Graham*

**PARKING CHANGES:**

New signs are being installed to designate the small lot adjacent to the church on Mt. Royal Boulevard as “**Reserved Parking**.” This is intended for *anyone* who *needs* to park close during any church function. Seasoned Saints, people on crutches, expectant Moms, and people unloading something are examples of the intended users. It is entirely self-qualifying and is first come, first served. If there is no all-Church function underway, anyone can park there, of course. The lot does still contain a designated handicap parking spot, and all similar spots behind the church continue to be available to those with handicap plates or placards. “Reserved Parking” is also designated with a new sign at the blue curb on Church Avenue. Please note, these “Reserved Parking” spots are not handicap compliant and therefore do not include that symbol.

A little background on the Parking changes –

- The request was made for more handicapped parking spots as occasionally, the ones we have are full.
- The center lot on Mt. Royal adjacent to the church, the large lot behind the school, and the blue curb on Church Ave. itself do not have spaces that would comply with the handicap parking requirements (too sloped, or in the case of Church Avenue, not wide enough). Note: there is still one designated, compliant spot at the low end of the center lot.
- It was generally felt that we rarely have need of additional handicap spots per se, and that we do not want to take away from the main lot on Church Avenue to add handicap spots there.
- It was observed that some ‘young and/or able-bodied people’ park in the center lot requiring people who may have difficulty walking, but who do not have handicap placards, to walk from the main lots.

Again, the new Reserved Parking designation is for anyone who needs to park close.

**MISSION NOTES**

Furnishing Homes with Love. The Blessing Board, based in Oakmont, exist to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost in response to what God has done for us. The Blessing Board operates from a 46,000 square foot warehouse and office space staffed primarily by volunteers. Depending where you are in life’s journey, The Blessing Board is ready to accept your donations of household furnishings, provide you with furnishings, and use your volunteer services in their warehouse or office. Financial support has been provided from Elfinwild’s mission giving. For more information contact The Blessing Board at (412) 828-1055 or on the web at theblessingboard.org.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-12-17**

<b>TODAY</b> (11-12-17)	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages 12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR 12:15 PM – Congregational Meeting to elect Officers – SA 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Youth Group Service Day – YH 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM –Preschool – CE 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM – AARP Dress Rehearsal 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Act One – FrH, CE 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH 7:00 PM – Webelos II Den 2 – FH
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Family Ministry Meeting – PR
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 12:00 PM – OOO’s Luncheon – CCR 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR 6:00 PM – 6:50 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ Harbaugh’s 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – KL 7:00 PM – Children’s Ministry Meeting - CCR 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR 7:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Club – FH 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Surviving the Holidays – FH 7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders Meeting – YH 7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – FrH, CE 6:00 PM – Sr. Highs depart for Laurelville 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pack 157 Meeting – FH
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sr. Highs in Laurelville 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
<b>SUNDAY</b> (11-19-17)	Stewardship Commitment Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages 12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – M&M’s – FH 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH 2:00 PM – Sr. Highs Return from Laurelville 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Community Choir Rehearsal at St. Paul’s 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Henry A. Beck by Carol and Roger Beck.

**THE WEDDING FLOWERS** are given by the Roderick Family in celebration of the marriage of Kristin Roderick and Daniel Bartek which was solemnized yesterday in our Sanctuary.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Mark Connelly.

**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**

Paul Braddock  
Ron Tiedeman  
Max Smith  
Kim Szymoniak  
Bob Szymoniak

**11:10 USHERS**

Mel Stoker  
Jennifer Musynski  
Dorothy Thompson  
Patti Zahnhausen

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

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

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday November 19, 2017  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY**  
**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**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 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

**2. SUNDAY SCHOOL** –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. at 9:45.

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – For ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This week’s lesson will be *Mary and Joseph* and will be taught by Bethann Dolan, Bonnie DeMatteo, Elaine Jans, and Beth Interthal.

**4. MESSIAH & ME** – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade come join us on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM (following 11:10 AM Worship Service) in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided for the children. Any questions contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com

**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!

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM

**Praise Team** – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

**Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

**Youth Choir** – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Elementary Choir** – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

***For more information on these ministries, please contact***

***Rev. Jason Rea at: [jason@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org)***

***or call 412-486-5400.***

**6. YOUTH GROUP SERVICE DAY** – Today, we will be doing yard clean-up work. We encourage all students to come and participate in this meaningful service to our members who help support our student ministry in many ways. We will have lunch together at 12:30 PM at the youth house and then break up into service teams. Be sure to check the weather for that day and dress appropriately as we will work even in light rain. Hope to see you there!

**7. 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 weekly from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**8. CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** – It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Plants are \$12.00 each and checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied evenly to the Bread of Life Food Pantry and North Hills Community Outreach.

**9. PLEASE PRAY WITH US** – 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.

**10. 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, 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.

**11. 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 [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**12. STEPHEN MINISTRY** informational brochures are in the "Stephen Corner" of the library. There you will find the November Article of the Month: Part three of the Coping with Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Grief, Trauma or Depression?"

**Verse of the Month:** "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another." Romans 13:8a

**13. 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 8:00 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

**14. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE** for the Director of Children and Family Ministries. The search committee members are: Kristin Coco, Elizabeth Dolan, Nicole Graco, Scott Hughes, Bob Siar, Charline Tomer and Bob Wegner. If you are interested in being part of the prayer team, please contact the church office.

**15. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP"** from 9:20 AM to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. Questions? Want to volunteer to help? Contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com)

**16. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Matt Harbaugh (September and October), Marie Bowen (November and December), Rick Dayton (January and February), Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June).

The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour.

All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following dates: December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Advent), December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve), December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve), and May 20<sup>th</sup> (The Church has Left the Building).

**17. 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 outside of Fellowship Hall.

**18. SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** – If you have lost a loved one, the holidays might be a difficult time. As a church, we want to help you navigate these seasons and discover hope amid the heartache. We invite you to gather with others for a time of encouragement, reading Scripture, and hearing how others have found hope through some of the hardest moments of grief. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

**19. FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 9 week biblically based course teaching us God's ways in managing our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, created and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (WJAS 1320 AM, 6-9 PM, M-F) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 2 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, the role of insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! Classes will meet on 9 Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 1 from 7 to 9 PM in the Youth House. Go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

**20. 2017 DONATIONS/GIFTS FROM STOCK SALES & IRA DISTRIBUTIONS** – Many individuals have taken advantage of the tax benefits of giving through the transfer of stocks to the church or through IRA distributions directly to the church. These transactions often take additional time to process, and

so we encourage those interested in such giving options to make them by early December. This will help to ensure that the transactions are completed and captured in 2017. If you have any questions, please contact either Karen Dorsey (week days 412-486-5400) or Peg McNeil (evenings/weekends 412-486-7364).

**21. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Church will once more "leave the building"! Please help us to determine the needs in our community. Is there a park that needs to be cleaned up? Is there a family in need of help around their home? Help us to come up with ideas to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Contact Becky at [rswinek@gmail.com](mailto:rswinek@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**22. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT** has an exciting mission trip opportunity. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we travel to Texas to assist in the clean-up after Hurricane Harvey. Act now; it's filling up fast!

January 14-20, 2018 (Sunday-Saturday)

- Cost estimated between \$400-500 dollars includes travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing
- Cost estimated between \$150-250 dollars includes mini-bus travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing

If you are interested contact your church Presbyterian Project representative or Jeff Potter ([revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org](mailto:revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org)), Penny Young ([youngp@fpc.us](mailto:youngp@fpc.us)) or Sharon Lee ([slsouthernatheart@gmail.com](mailto:slsouthernatheart@gmail.com))

**23. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:30PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Ferguson Road. Rev. Jeff Sterling will be preaching. The offering will be given to Anchorpoint, Crisis Center North, North Hills Community Outreach, and HEARTH.

**24. PLEASE HELP US** by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

**25. TRIPLE O'S ( On Our Own) LUNCHEON** will be on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**26. TEMPORARY CUSTODIAL POSITION** – We are currently seeking an individual to work on a temporary basis as a custodian on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. If interested, please contact Karen Dorsey in the church office.

**27. WOMEN'S MINISTRY WARM UP WITH US EVENT** – Soup and blanket making are the focus for the evening! All ladies are invited to join us on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Upper Gathering Rom to share an evening together enjoying homemade soup while creating blankets for the patients at Children's Hospital. Open and giving hearts are the only requirements...no knitting or sewing skills are necessary! Please call the church office to let us know you will be coming. Bring a friend!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**28. 9th ANNUAL MISSION MALL** - Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 2 PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (1965 Ferguson Road). 34 tables representing 21 local and international nonprofit groups will sell both unique and practical handcrafted and fair trade items, made by local artisans and those in developing countries. All sales go directly to each group's mission charity.