

SERMON "Everyone Else is Doing It" Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN NO. 333** "Seek Ye First" Lafferty

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30) (See insert)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "O How Blessed are Ye" J. Cruger

Liturgist: Sean Bowen

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

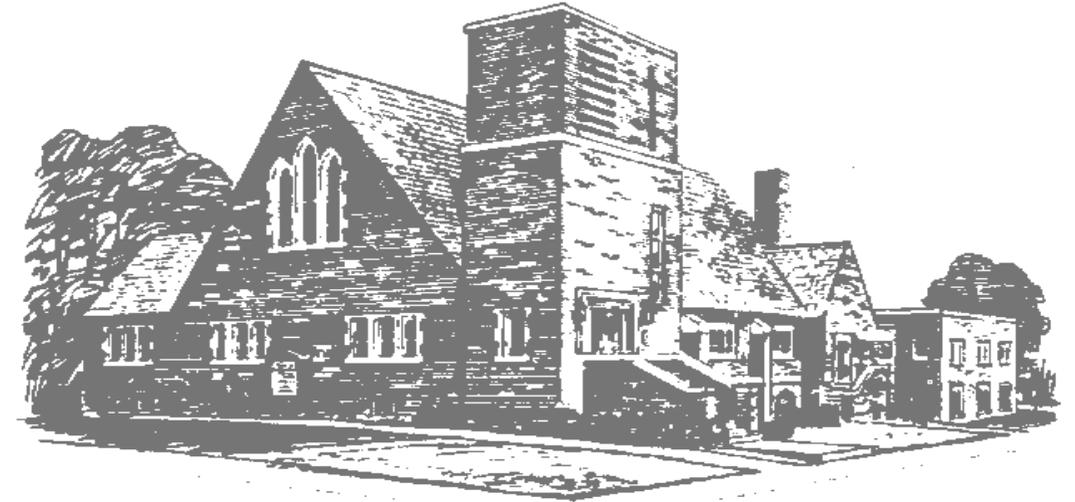
8:30 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Paul Braddock	Mel Stoker
Max Smith	Jennifer Muszynski
Kim Szymoniak	Jack Ritenbaugh
Bob Szymoniak	Patti Zahnhausen
Ron Tiedeman	Bill Sausser

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, November 27, 2011
"Preparing the Way"
Rev. Jason Rea 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 Cheryl Saraceno in the chapel.



***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

November 20, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-ten O'clock

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

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *“Prayer”* A. Schreiner

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Ligonier Camp Stef Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

HYMN NO. 551 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* St. George's Windsor

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:10)

ANTHEM (8:30) *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* Franz Schubert
Youth Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:10) *“Who Am I”* Mark Hall
Jen Callahan and Bob Wegner

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents - Scott and Katie (Spagnolo) Grzybowski;
Shannon Prorok and Dustin Stalnaker

Questions to the Congregation – Elder Dave Interthal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Gracelyn Elizabeth Grzybowski and Ava Dawn Cranmer

Hymn No. 492 *“Baptized in Water”* Bunessan

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more things: food, clothes, toys, and money. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) *“Manifesto”* Youth Choir
Ellias Dummer & Eric Fusilier, City Harmonica

(11:10) *“Waiting Here For You”* Tomlin, Reeves, Smith
Jen Callahan and Bob Wegner

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22
Pages 260 & 261 in the pew Bible

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Cheryl Saraceno.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given to the glory of God.
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 (11:10 ONLY)** (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 “*Exile and Return*” is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal and Bethann Dolan.
5. **M & ms “MESSIAH & ME”** Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students: join us for M&ms! Mark your calendar for November 16 and December 21, 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Our November gathering will remind us to be grateful for our blessings and in December we will share the joy of the season with others as we go caroling at DeHaven Court! All are welcome and are invited to bring a friend! Please call Kristin Coco (412-767-4539) or Bethann Dolan (412-492-9991) with any questions.
6. **COOKIES!!** We are looking for people to bake cookies for the Advent Celebration on December 4. If you are willing to bring a plate of baked goods, please contact Tessa Connelly at tconnelly08@verizon.net or 412-213-0384.
7. **ADVENT CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS:** On December 4 from 2-4, 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 or 412-486-5400.
8. **GREENS 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 27. If you can help, please contact Bethany Harbaugh.

YOUTH MINISTRY



- 9. **JR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 4:30-6:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in 6th-8th grades. We have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing songs, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. We hope to see all our 6th-8th grade students at Club!
- 10. **SR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in grades 9-12. We also have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing together, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. All Elfinwild 9th-12th graders and their friends are welcome to attend.
- 11. **PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS.** Once again you can purchase a gift for someone living at the Orion Home. We will then take these gifts to the patients and spend some time with them at some point in December prior to Christmas. Simply pick up a Patient Card from Jason to participate. Cards will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 12. **LAST CHANCE FOR SR. HIGH- LAURELVILLE ON DECEMBER 2ND-4TH.** We still have a few spots for the Sr. High Laurelville trip. However, we need to know by tonight if you would like to go. Cost for the trip is \$100 and a \$25 deposit should be turned in tonight if you want to go. Please consider this wonderful opportunity.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

13.

There will be a meeting of the Congregation today Sunday, November 20, 2011, immediately following the 11:10 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

The elected officers will serve on the Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, and Nominating Committee for 2012. All members and friends of the Elfinwild Church are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Please note the list of candidates in the insert in your bulletin.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:10 pm 12:30 pm 1:00-4:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary Ligonier Camp Pizza Lunch – Friendship Hall Operation Christmas Child – Fellowship Hall Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 12:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Operation Christmas Child – FH - Loading of Truck Mary Circle – Fellowship Hall Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall TOPS AARP Board Meeting Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Stoneridge Evangelical Covenant Church
THURSDAY		THANKSGIVING DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY	6:00 am	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Financial Statement
October 31, 2011

Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$502,169
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		484,624
 Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	 \$478,712
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	5,912

14. **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Tessa Connelly is still looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour. People are needed at 8:00 am to make coffee and cut donuts, and during and after fellowship time to pour juice and clean up. Making a donation of juice or coffee is another way you can contribute. Please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-213-0384 or tconnelly08@verizon.net if you are willing to occasionally commit a small amount of time on Sunday mornings.
15. **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2011**. It's time to order your Christmas poinsettia plants! The cost for each plant is \$8.00. Place your money for a plant, the Pastor's 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 4, 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.
16. **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.
17. **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 13-week, biblically-based course teaching us HOW to better manage our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, written and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (2-5 PM M-F AM 910) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped hundreds of thousands of people. Subjects include: how to save, understanding investments, insurance, retirement, college planning, real estate, mortgages, careers, dumping debt, and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. There will be a one hour overview of the course on January 3 at 7 PM. in the Youth House. The course will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning January 10 from 7 to 9 P.M. Cost for the first 13 families is \$76.55. You can't afford to NOT take the course! Go to www.daveramsey.com for a taste of what you'll get. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

18. **THANKSGIVING DINNER**. Once again, Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, located at 1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, is offering Thanksgiving Dinner at 12 noon. If you are alone, unable to prepare dinner, or would just like to join us in friendship and fellowship, please come. There is no cost.

19. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY:** It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks the Thanksgiving holidays and Christmas season will be upon us. While most of us are fortunate enough to have enough food on those holidays, many of our neighbors must rely on help from others to obtain their daily staples. This time of the year also puts a huge food supply and financial strain on our local food pantries to ensure that people not only have enough food for daily living, but a little extra during the holidays. The Bread of Life Food Pantry, an outreach ministry of the Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church relies on the generosity of our neighboring churches to help meet the financial and food needs at this time of year. In addition to food, the Pantry provides each qualifying client with a \$25.00 Giant Eagle gift card each holiday. If you or an organization to which you belong would like to make a financial donation to assist in purchasing these gift cards or would like to donate food to the Food Pantry, please contact Tina Ciao, Volunteer Coordinator at 412-318-5545 to arrange to have your donations picked up. Monetary donations can be sent to: **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY, 94 Locust St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15223**. On behalf of the over 350 people who are served by the Bread of Life, thank you for your gifts. They are greatly appreciated!
20. **2ND ANNUAL COOKIE WALK** will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1719 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw (across from Shaler Area Middle School) on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10 am – noon. \$10 and \$15 containers will be available for purchase to fill with YOUR choice of cookies. Profits benefit Bethlehem's Youth Ministries.
21. **BLIND & VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES OF PITTSBURGH** is in need of volunteers to help on Tuesday afternoons between 12:30 and 2:30 pm with arts and crafts and field trips. Also, volunteers are welcome to help drive clients to and from doctor's offices, the airport, and the bus station; serve as escorts for group activities; and help staff who are vision-impaired. For more information, contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator at 412-368-4400 or nschepis@pghvis.org.
22. **NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH HOLIDAY DONATIONS REQUEST:** NHCO is requesting donations for *Sharing Holiday Warmth*. Each year, several hundred local families in need receive food and utility credits during the holidays, as funding allows. Contributions can be sent to North Hills Community Outreach, 1975 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, PA, 15101. NHCO is also collecting **new, unwrapped toys** for children and youth of all ages. For more information contact Vicki Burstynowicz at 412-487-6316, option 1.
23. **GIFT WRAPPING BENEFITS NHCO:** During December, North Hills Community Outreach volunteers will be wrapping gifts for donations at Northway Mall and local bookstores. To volunteer, call Lee Anne at 412-487-6316, option 1, ext. 3133.

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