

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

All: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

Men: We thank you, Lord.

All: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

Women: We thank you, Lord.

All: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

Men: We thank you, Lord.

All: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

Women: We thank you Lord.

All: For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play,

Men: We thank you, Lord.

All: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

Women: We thank you, Lord.

All: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

Men: We thank you, Lord.

All: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

Women: We thank you, Lord.

All: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, who gave us these words to say when we pray:

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

“With Every Beat of My Heart”
Youth Choir

Hernandez

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:28-38
(Pages 1014 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Christ the King”

The Rev. Jason Rea

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket Alle Gott

***BENEDICTION**



**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.***

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

**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 25, 2012

Eight-thirty O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.
Give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Col. 1:12

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

Leader: Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

All: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

Leader: You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

All: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

Leader: O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

All: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.

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*SONG OF PRAISE

"Agnus Dei"

Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb. Amen

CCLI Song # 626713

Michael W. Smith

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Leader: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF THANKFULNESS

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Townend

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

MOMENT FOR MISSION

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Sing to the King"

(please join in singing if you are able!)

Verse 1

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign

Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain

Life and salvation His empire shall bring

And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Verse 2

For His returning we watch and we pray

We will be ready the dawn of that day

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed

'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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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 – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

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

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 am

Paul Braddock

Max Smith

Kim Szymoniak

Bob Szymoniak

Ron Tiedeman

11:10 am

Mel Stoker

Jennifer Muszynski

Jack Ritenbaugh

Patti Zahnhausen

Bill Sausser

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday December 2, 2012

The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Andrew Coco

11:10 – Skip Young

1. ELDER OF THE WEEK is Liz Rogers.
2. THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in memory of Jim King by Lora King.
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

For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Bethany Harbaugh at bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

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, "Exile and Return" 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 10 AM 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 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our winter meeting and activity dates: December 19 (Caroling) and January 16 (Stargazing).
7. **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Every Sunday, the Preschool – 6th grade Sunday school classes have a time of music from 9:45-10 AM in Friendship Hall. The next time they will sing is on December 23, 2012 at the 11:10 AM worship service.
8. **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 or 412-213-0384.
9. **ADVENT CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS:** On December 2nd 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.
10. **CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Once a month, on Sunday mornings, we are looking for an adult who enjoys spending time with very young children and babies. The available time slot is from 8:30-10:45 (during the early church service and Sunday School) on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We would love to have you come and care for the young children of the church.
11. **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS** Please see the RED bulletin insert for more information on Christmas Pageant sign-ups and rehearsal dates.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Jason Rea at jason@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

12. **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!
13. **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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am 12:30 pm 4:30-6 pm 6:30-8 pm	NO Sunday School – Family Wreath Making - FH Sound Meeting Jr. High Club – YH Sr. High Club – YH
MONDAY	7:00 am 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – NO SCHOOL Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – FH Bell Practice – Chapel Presbyterian Project - KL
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7-8:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands - FH TOPS Financial Peace – YH AARP Board Mtg. - FH Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach and TR Elem. Choir 2 nd -5 th Confirmation Class – Youth House Chancel Choir - CR
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Men’s Bible Study Mom & Me – Peach & TR Women’s Bible Study – Youth House Girl Scouts 55010 – Peach & TR Chime Choir K-2 – Chapel Chime Choir 3-6 – Chapel Youth Choir – CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15-6:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & TR Act 1 Fr. H and C.E. Sr. High Leaves for Laurelville Bear Den (157) – Peach Rm. Webelos I - FH
SATURDAY	6:00 am 8 am – 2 pm 9:00 am	Sr. High @ Laurelville CLC #4 - KL Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E. Decorating Church for Christmas – All Welcome!

20. **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.

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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
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22. **100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK** The 100th Anniversary Book is being printed and will be available for pickup at the Church Office, beginning Wednesday, November 28th. 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

23. **HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH HOSTS FAIR TRADE SALE** Holy Sepulcher Church in Glade Mills, (Butler) PA will host a Fair Trade Sale on Saturday, December 1, 2012. You are invited to shop for beautiful and fairly traded gifts which include jewelry, scarves, housewares, toys, unique Christmas items and more, all hand-crafted by artisans and farmers living in developing regions around the world. The sale begins at 9:00 AM and runs through 6:00 PM at Holy Sepulcher Parish School, located at 6515 North Old Rt. 8, Butler, PA 16002. 15% of all sales go to support the San Bernadino Mission School in Patzun, Guatemala.
24. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR ORIENTATIONS FOR INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS** Many area seniors need friendly, caring volunteers to help with yard work, light housecleaning, grocery shopping, providing transportation to a medical appointment, or just a friendly phone call or visit. Open Your Heart to a Senior is committed to helping seniors live safely and independently in their own homes throughout Allegheny County. Upcoming orientation dates are:
 Dec. 5 at 9:30 AM – NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, 15101
 Dec. 8 at 1 PM - Family Services of Western PA, 6401 Penn Ave., 2nd Fl., East Liberty, 15206
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18. **THE COST OF FLOWERS.** Effective January 1, 2013, the cost of flowers will increase from \$37 to \$42.
19. **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 Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry.

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