

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3: 1-20
Pages 959 and 960 in the pew Bible

SERMON

"Preparing the Way"

Rev. Jason Rea

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

Closing Song:

"Days of Elijah"

Praise Team

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: (11:10)

"Emmanuel"

Bob McGee

POSTLUDE

"Elegy"

Grieg

Liturgist:



THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Paul Braddock

Max Smith

Kim Szymoniak

Bob Szymoniak

Ron Tiedeman

11:10 a.m.

Mel Stoker

Jennifer Muszynski

Jack Ritenbaugh

Patti Zahnhausen

Bill Sausser

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 4, 2011

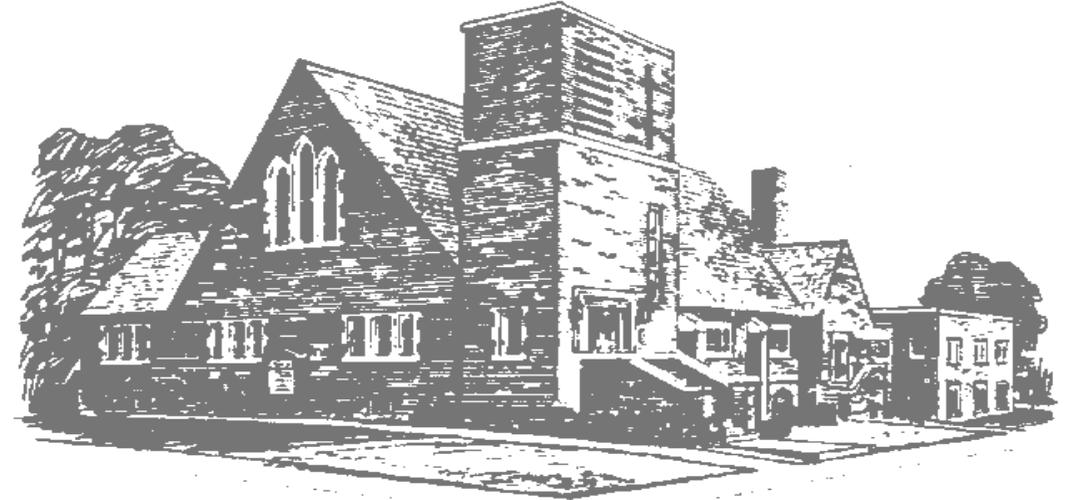
"From Shepherd to King"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

1 Samuel 16-18; 24:31

2 Samuel 6:22

1 Chronicles 17 & Psalm 59



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 27, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-ten O'clock

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When [Jesus] had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:8-11

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *"Heavenly Sunlight"* Cook/Arr. D. Bish

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 9 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (First Verse Only)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-7

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE The Whitaker Family (8:30)
The Gaydos Family (11:10)

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

O Lord, keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom. Make us strong in faith so we may greet your Son when He comes again, and joyfully give Him praise, with You and with the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30) *"Kids Under Construction"* Anna Meyer

CHERUBS & SONBEAMS (11:10) *"This Little Light of Mine"*

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:10)

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Michael J. Gaydos and Amanda (Rush) Gaydos

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Grace Christine Gaydos

Baptism Song – Bob Wegner

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; That we might prepare the way for your coming, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:34

Hear the good news! The 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.

Leader: Friends Believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Elfinwild Church Preschool
Carolyn Hervey, Director
Telephone – 412-486-2322

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) Special Violin Music Jeff Weber
(11:10) “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Rob Robinson and family on the death of his father and to David Tiernan and family on the death of his mother.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Liz Rogers.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Kevin Thomas by Dean and Elizabeth Thomas and Pam Walker.
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 “*Prophets Show Way to Bethlehem*” 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 December 21, 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. 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 412-486-540

YOUTH MINISTRY



8. **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!
9. **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.
10. **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.



11. **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.
12. **2012 MEMORIAL FLOWERS.** If you would like to reserve a date to celebrate an event or to memorialize and individual(s) by purchasing flowers, please choose a date and sign the calendar on the wall in the north narthex. Please include your name for billing purposes. The cost is \$37.00 and the church will bill you.
13. **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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting – Corner. Conference Rm.
	4:30 pm	Jr. High Club – Youth House
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	5:30 pm	Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E.
	6:30 pm	CLC #5 – Youth House
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am	Pre-School – C.E.
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library
	6:00 pm	Music Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library
	6:30 pm	TOPS
	7:30 pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am	Pre-School – C.E.
	8:00 am	Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Green Room
	6:30 pm	Elementary Choir - Chapel
	7:00 pm	CLC #2 – Kennedy Library
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Chime Choir – Bell Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am	Pre-School – C.E.
	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study – Pastor's Study
	8:00 am	Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room
	1:00-3:00	Women's Bible Study – Kara's House
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts – Peach & Toddler Room
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – Green Room
	7:00 pm	CLC #3 – Youth House
	FRIDAY	7:00 am
8:00 am		Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room
4:15-6:45		Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E.
5:30 pm		Sr. Highs – Leave for Laurelville
7:00 pm		Cub Scout Meeting – C.E.
SATURDAY		Sr. Highs at Laurelville
	6:00 am	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library
	9:00-3:00	Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. Deacons decorate the church

COMMUNITY EVENTS

14.

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

15. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to make your reservation. You can use the Response cards found in the pews or call the church office at 412-486-5400.

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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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!

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.