

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:41-44
(Page 950 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"A Gift Worth Giving" The Rev. Bethany Harbaugh

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Be Thou My Vision – See Insert Slane

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

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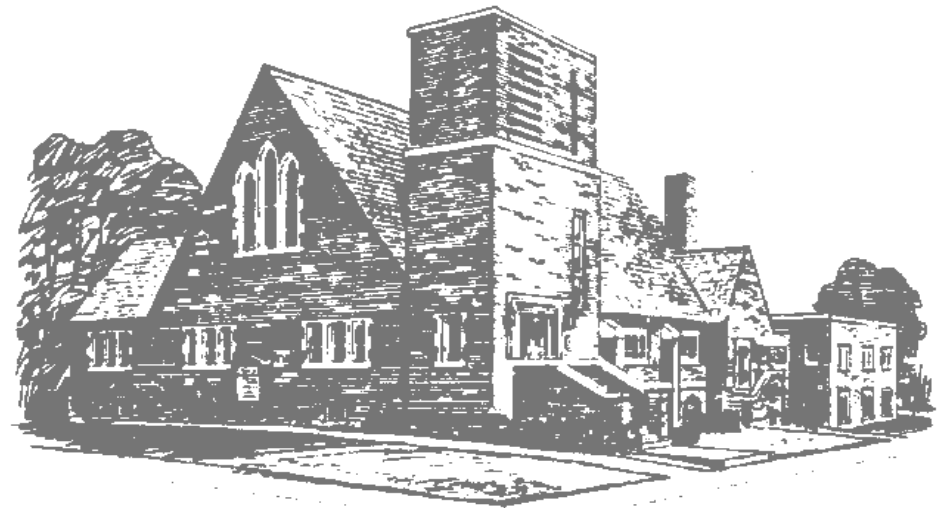
8:30 am	11:10 am
Donna Rea Thompson	Bill Piel
Len Anderson	Carl Schnelle
James Young	Debbie Piel
Tim Keenan	Don Grau
Jim Thompson	Scott Muszynski

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012
The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett- Preaching

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 - Skip Young
11:10 – Jerry Nist



***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.**

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

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

October 21, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Your Great Name - See Insert

Natalie Grant

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION MOMENT

Jared and Tori Panza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

The Wonderful Cross - See Insert

Tomlin/Watts

PRAYER OF ADORATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes

that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems
that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God,

for the many ways we fall short of your glory.

Help us to learn to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 379 (First Stanza Only)**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Rick Dayton

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

New Doxology

Arr. Miller and Ken

PRAYER 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.

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Mark Feris.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given by Henry and Charline Tomer in memory of their loved ones.
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 Exodus" is being taught by Carolyn Hervey, Elaine Jans, Bonnie DeMatteo, and Suzanne Whitaker.
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 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd 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 – 6th 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 Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and 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!



STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

9. **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! For more information, please contact Jason.
10. **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.
11. **LAURELVILLE RETREATS 2012: JR. HIGH: NOV. 2-4. SR. HIGH: NOV. 30- DEC 2.**
These are wonderful retreats 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.
12. **SERVICE DAY: OCTOBER 28, 12:30-4PM (NO CLUB IN THE EVENING)**
Join us following the 11:10am service for this wonderful opportunity to serve our Elfinwild church community. We will meet for lunch at the youth house at 12:30pm. We will then divide up into smaller work crews and go out to do lawn work for several of our members. This is always a great day of service to our community we hope you will all come out and lend a hand! If you are an Elfinwild member and would like us to come help with your yard please contact Jason, we'd love to come serve you in this way!
13. **KIDS' CHIMES GROUPS** will be starting on Thursday November 1st. Please sign up interested kids ASAP! You can call or email Jennifer at the church or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the choir room. Even if your kids have participated in the past, please sign up!!
14. **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.
15. **NO ELEMENTARY CHOIR ON OCTOBER 31, 2012**



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK OFF 9:45 am Inquirers' Class – Peach Rm. 9:45 am Sunday School 12:30 pm All Church Retreat Planning Com. Mtg. 12:30 pm Nominating Com. – Cor. Conf. Rm. 4:30-6:00 pm Jr. High Club – Youth House 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:00 am Preschool – C.E. 5:30-8:30 pm Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. 6:30 pm CLC #5 – Youth House 7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am Preschool – C.E. 11:00 am Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library 1:00 pm Caring Hands – FH 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm AARP Board Meeting – FH 7:00 pm AARP Talent Show Practice – FH stage 7-8:30 PM Financial Peace - YH 7:30 pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am Preschool – C.E. – Costume/Pumpkin Day <i>AM – Blue, Green, Red & Orange Rms.</i> <i>PM – Blue, Green & Red Rms.</i> 8:00 am Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room 12:30-2:00 pm Jason @ PTS 6:00 pm Webelos II – Green Rm. 6:15 pm Elementary Choir – 2 nd – 5 th 6:30-8 PM Gingerbread House Making – Yellow Rm. 7:00 pm CLC #2 – Kennedy Library 7:15 pm Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Preschool – C.E. - Costume/Pumpkin Day <i>AM – Blue, Green & Red Rms.</i> <i>PM – Green & Red Rms.</i> 8:00 am Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room 9:15-11:30am Women's Bible Study – YH 6:00 pm Girl Scouts – Peach & TR 6:00 pm Lions Club – FH 7:15 pm Youth Choir - CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am Preschool – C.E. – Costume/Pumpkin Day <i>AM – Yellow, Purple, & Monkey Rms.</i> <i>PM – Monkey Room</i> 8:00 am Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room 4:15-6:45 pm Act 1 – Fr. H. & C.E. 7:00 pm Webelos – Den 6
SATURDAY	6:00 am CLC #4 – Kennedy Library 8:00 am-2:00 Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E.

28. **COAT DONATIONS ACCEPTED.** North Hills Community Outreach is accepting clean, gently worn or new coats to distribute to low-income families at our three Coal Shops. Coats may be donated until October 29. Adult XL, 2X, 3X and children's sizes are especially needed.
29. **LEAF RAKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This program, part of Open Your Heart to a Senior, is looking for volunteers to rake leaves for seniors on the following Saturdays: October 27, November 3, November 10, and November 17. Perfect for a family or small group! For details or to sign up, contact Nancy Jones at 412-307-0069 or ljones@nhco.org.
30. **THANKSGIVING ON EVERY TABLE.** Food donations for Thanksgiving on Every Table will be accepted through November 14, but early donations before October 26 are encouraged. 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
31. **THE 6th ANNUAL VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR** will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1719 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw (across from Shaler Area Middle School) on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Free Admission – Bake Sale – Refreshments. Proceeds will benefit Bethlehem's Youth Ministries.
32. **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.
33. **FREE CONCERT AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** The Majestic Praise Choir of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, under the headship of Rev. Dr. William H. Curtis, and the musical tutelage of Minister of Music Dwayne Fulton, will be holding a Gospel concert on Sunday, October 21st at 4 PM. There is no admission but a goodwill offering will be collected. No reservation is required.
34. **BOOK SALE AT SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY** The Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library are hosting its fall book sale! Tons of books, music, CD's DVD's, books on tape/CD, and puzzles galore. The sale is November 2-4th from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM each day. Saturday is the bake sale and they are gratefully accepting donations of baked goods on 11/1, 11/2, and 11/3. For more info call 412-486-0211 or visit www.shalerlibrary.org.

16. **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.
17. **LOOKING FOR SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS.** With the new sound system being installed, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to sit at the sound desk and run the sound and recording equipment. We will need enough volunteers to develop a rotation (much like we do with ushers) for both services. All volunteers will be trained on how to run the equipment, so while some experience will help, it isn't necessary. Please speak with Jason if you are interested.
18. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY.** The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially like any type of crackers, Jell-O, puddings, baking items (cake mixes, cookie mixes, etc.) and condiments through December. They are grateful for all the food items and monetary donations that Elfinwild Church gives to them.
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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Financial Statement September 30, 2012		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$416,428
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$400,916
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$430,140
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$29,224

20. **INQUIRERS' CLASS MEETS** at 9:45 am in the Peach Room in the lower level of the Sanctuary Building. If you are interested in learning more about Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and our beliefs and practices, please join us.
21. **TO REGISTER FOR TWOgether PITTSBURGH** please call the church office at 412-486-5400.

22. **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a biblically based course teaching us practical ways to 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 (3-6 PM M-F AM 910) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 1.5 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. The course has recently been rewritten into 9 one and one-half hour classes. The course is offered on Tuesdays (which began October 16th) from 7 to 8:30 P.M. Cost for the course materials is \$95. You can't afford to NOT take the course! Go to www.daveramsey.com for a taste of what you'll get. If you have already taken the course, feel free to drop in! You can't truly be spiritually free, until you are financially free. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

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. **ATTENTION CRAFTERS** Advent is quickly approaching, and much preparation goes into organizing the crafts for the Advent Outreach for our community. If you are able to cut pieces for the craft packets, materials and instructions are available to pick up outside the Green Room in the CE building. Please sign out your materials, and return them by November 11.

25. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT-LOOKING FOR DONATIONS:** I am Carl Wilkinson IV, a member of Elfinwild, and I am working on my Eagle Scout Project. I am building a 12' by 12' shed at the end of Reverend Jason's driveway at the corner of the parking lot. The church is in very much need of a shed to help the Sextons in their salt receiving and spreading. I am looking to raise \$3,350. Any money or materials that could be donated would be greatly appreciated. I will be at the main sanctuary door to collect any donations you are able to make Oct. 21st and Oct. 28th. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 412-486-6569. Thank you very much.

** Please check the Lost and Found Box in the North Narthex – Parents of young children there are 2 Adventure Bibles, one in a lovely case. There are also 5 sweaters and hooded jackets.*

** Memorial Flowers – There are the Sundays of November 11th and 25th available if you wish to remember a loved one or celebrate an occasion.*



26. **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 11th, 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!



27. **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, call 412-307-0071 or toll-free at 866-467-0888.