

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 327 (11:10) "O Word of God Incarnate" Munich

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Cornet Voluntary" John Travers

Liturgist: Sean Bowen

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Donna Rea Thompson
Len Anderson
James Young
Tim Keenan
Jim Thompson

11:10 a.m.

Bill Piel
Carl Schnelle
Debbie Piel
Don Grau
Scott Muszynski

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, October 30, 2011
Necrology – All Saints' Day
Communion

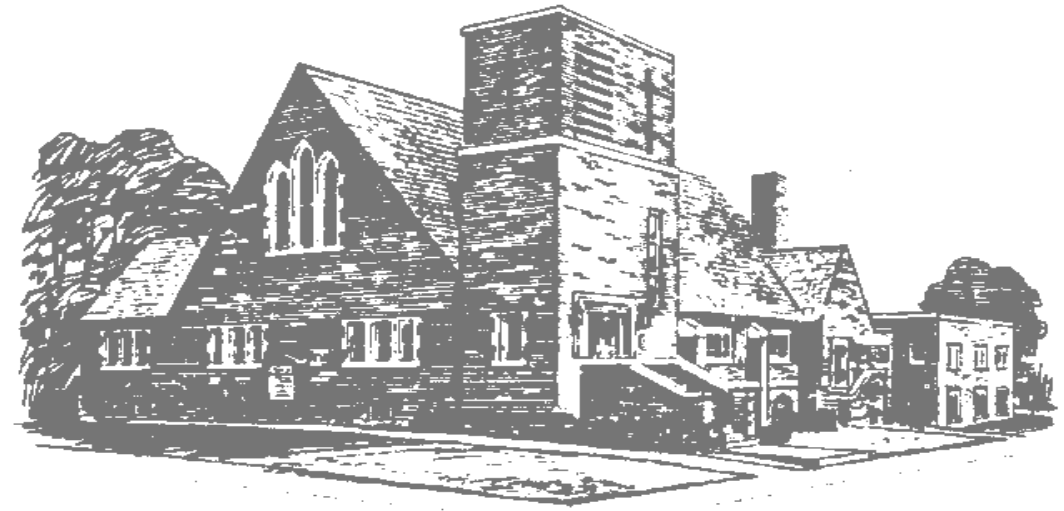


THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the congregation are extended to Sharon, Mike, Sean and Ryan Griffin and family on the death of Sharon's mother, Janice Crawford, whose funeral was held in the sanctuary on Thursday.

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 Kristin Coco in the chapel.

WE WELCOME AGAIN TODAY Mr. John Thickey to the organ bench. A veteran church musician of 30-plus years and retired music teacher (30 years of service in the Rochester, Pennsylvania School district), John is a past Dean of the Pittsburgh American Guild of Organists Chapter. He is also a Commissioned Aaron Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We welcome you John!

WE ALSO WELCOME TODAY Steve Clark from Campus Crusade for Christ. Steve is one of our mission beneficiaries. Why not stop by and see him during coffee hour in the Gathering Room immediately following the 8:30 am worship service.



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

October 23, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-ten O'clock

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

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for tending, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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.)

PRELUDE (8:30) *"Marvelous Light"* see insert
Praise Team

PRELUDE (11:10) *"Voluntary on 'Assurance'"* arr. by J. Bert Carlson

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19:1-2, 9-11, 14

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm and all of them are righteous.

People: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

Leader: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

***OPENING SONGS (8:30)** *"Blessed Be Your Name"*
"You're Worthy of My Praise"
Praise Team with Congregation see insert

***HYMN NO. 464 (11:10)** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Hymn to Joy

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM (8:30) *"How Lovely Are the Messengers"* Felix Mendelssohn
Youth Choir Arr., Russell Robinson

ANTHEM (11:10) *"Speak, O Lord"* Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Chancel Choir

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Operation Christmas Child* Tori and Jared Panza

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:10) Cherubs and Sonbeams

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:10)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) *"Happy Day"* Tim Hughes and Ben Cantelon
Youth Choir Arranged by Gary Rhodes

OFFERTORY (11:10) *"Meditation"* Franklin D. Ashdown

***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.*

WITNESS TO GOD'S PRESENCE Diana McKay

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.

***HYMN NO. 326** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Morecambe

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 12:1-16
(Pages 138-139 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *"Are We There Yet?"* Dr. Dirk Lesnett

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Kristin Coco.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given by Janell Haygood in memory of her grandparents, Claude and Loyd Jones.
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. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6:** The Sunday school hour begins at 9:45 am with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10:00, teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome!
5. **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 *The Ten Best Ways to Live* is being taught by Carolyn Hervey, Elaine Jans, Bonnie DeMatteo and Suzanne Whitaker.
6. **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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

7. **TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD: SERVICE DAY 12:30-4PM** Instead of Club, we will be meeting right after church at the youth house. We will eat lunch together (pizza) and then break into work teams. The teams will head to different Elfinwild members' homes to help do yard work and other "around the house" jobs. This will be a great opportunity for our student ministries to give back to our members. We hope you will join us for this wonderful day of service!

8. **UPCOMING TRIPS AND RETREATS - Laurelville Weekends:**

Jr. High November 4th-6th. Sr. High December 2nd-4th.

These are both wonderful retreats for students. Cost for each retreat is \$100 per student. Students can use their fundraising accounts to pay for all or part of the retreat cost. To register for Laurelville students must let Jason know they wish to attend and turn in a \$25 nonrefundable deposit (this deposit can come by check or from a student's fundraising account). Spots for the retreats are limited and thus will be filled on a first come first served basis so get your deposits into Jason soon!



9. **"THE STORY"** We have 4 additional adult copies of "The Story" books. The cost is \$20.00. Contact the church office at 412-486-5400 if you would like to obtain a copy.
10. **ELFINWILD IS HAVING A TAILGATE PARTY!** HERE WE GO STEELERS, HERE WE GO!! Wear your finest black and gold to church on Sunday, November 13, and bring a food to share for tailgating. After the 11:10 service, join the Deacons in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch (sloppy joes, chips, and beverage). Then, together, we will watch the Steelers on the big screen as they play the Cincinnati Bengals. While we watch the Steelers bring home a victory, we can enjoy all the wonderful snacks that have been provided. If you usually attend the 8:30 service, please come back later to join everyone. DEE-FENSE! DEE-FENSE!
11. **THE INQUIRERS' CLASS** began Sunday, October 2, 2011, at 9:45 am in the Peach Room which is located downstairs across from the kitchen. If you are interested in asking questions about the Christian faith or what it means to be part of this community of faith, please plan to attend. Dr. Lesnett is leading this six-week course on "Who We Are" as followers of Christ, Presbyterians, and members of Elfinwild Church. Each week will be a new topic and every Sunday's lesson stands on its own. Attendance at all six sessions is preferable, but not required if you want to become a member of this congregation. Call Dr. Lesnett at the church, 412-486-5400, with any questions, or email him at dirk@elfinwildchurch.org.
12. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, November 1, at 12:00 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.
13. **THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** for Autumn would especially appreciate receiving rice, condiments, and broths. You can put these in the bins at the north and south entrances to the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Inquirers' Class – Peach Room Jr. & Sr. High Mission Service Project Deacon's Meeting – Fellowship Hall
MONDAY	7:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. 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 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall TOPS Personnel Committee Mtg. – Kennedy Library AARP Board Meeting Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Elementary Choir - Chapel Gingerbread Crafters – Green Room CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room Chime Choir – Bell Room (1 st floor of church)
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study – Pastor's Study Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Women's Bible Study – Kara Rea's House CLC #3 – Youth House Youth Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Act I – Friendship Hall and C.E. Cub Scout Meeting – C.E.
SATURDAY	6:00 am 9:00am-3:00pm 7:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Couples Bible Study – Youth House

25. HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Hospice is a program that serves terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteering for hospice could be a very rewarding experience. We are seeking volunteers who are interested in visiting patients and family members in their home. There are many ways to get involved: Home Care Visiting; Patient Care for patients in our in-patient unit; 11th Hour, Spiritual Care, Nursing Homes, Help in the Office, Bereavement Support, Health Fairs, and Fundraising. Forbes Hospice serves Allegheny and Beaver counties. Volunteer training is taking place in Oct. To learn more, contact Shelby Anderson, Director of Volunteer Services at Forbes Hospice, at 412-578-6830.

26. STONERIDGE COVENANT CHURCH OFFERS NEW MINISTRY. It is a ministry called "New Journey". It is created to provide Christian support for those with cancer and their families. It began Monday, October 3, from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Stoneridge Church, 811 Dressel Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. It will meet monthly, on the first Monday of each month. Each monthly meeting will include a devotion, prayer, sharing and support. They hope to provide an outside speaker on the topic of cancer and the evening will also provide a casual time for fellowship as well. There are brochures on the table outside the chapel if you are interested in more information.

27. GENTLY WORN WINTER COATS NEEDED FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. Through October 31, North Hills Community Outreach is accepting donations of new and gently worn CLEAN winter coats to be distributed to low-income families in need. All sizes are needed, but highest demand is for children's and adult sizes XL and larger. Donations may be dropped off weekdays at 1975 Ferguson Road in Allison Park. For more information, contact Vicki at 412-487-6316, option 1, x3143.

**28. PUBLIC MEETING - New Code Re-write
Shaler North Hills Library
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

The public is invited to the first of three public meetings for a new code re-write of the Township of Shaler. If you would like to submit input regarding the code of the Township, please mail to: **Shaler Township, Attention: Tim Rogers, 300 Wetzell Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116; or e-mail:codeupdate@shaler.org**

Environmental Planning and Design, LLC (EPD) will be reviewing all existing Shaler Township ordinances and our code book to determine which ones are obsolete and which ones need updated to reflect changing times. There will be 3 separate Public input meetings to gather your input on any changes you would like to see to certain ordinances. EPD will report monthly on their progress to the Planning Commission and quarterly to the Board of Commissioners.

29. UPDATE FROM "SUMMER'S BEST TWO WEEKS" PROGRAM. The camps are filling up fast and we are near 90% reserved for 2012. To hold your place, please call 814-629-9744 or register on line at www.sb2w.org.

14. JOIN THE BUCKET BRIGADE

From time to time small cleaning, painting, landscaping or other similar projects arise at the church. While our custodians are busy doing the everyday cleaning and maintenance required to operate our campus, other small projects and tasks come up that can be handled by members of the congregation who have a skill, interest or expertise that they would like to share, but don't know what needs done, or who to contact.

With this in mind, the Board of Trustees has formed **The Bucket Brigade**. Don Duncan has volunteered to lead this group of volunteers in completing some projects that need attention around the church property at various times throughout the year. These projects will range from minor painting projects, cleaning and dusting, washing walls, etc. – the opportunities are endless.

If you are interested in joining **The Bucket Brigade**, please complete the form and provide the information requested below. Serving the church through this volunteer opportunity is a great way to meet other members of the Elfinwild family, as well as help the church through use of your time and talents.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Duncan at 412-367-3827 or JNDDUNCAN@verizon.net.



THE BUCKET BRIGADE

NAME _____
 TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WHEN I CAN HELP (Check where appropriate):

MONDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____
TUESDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____
WEDNESDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____
THURSDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____
FRIDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____
SATURDAY	_____	Morning	_____	Evening	_____

SPECIAL SKILLS _____

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Thanks for considering this service opportunity.

15. **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.26 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Green Room to construct house frames so that they can be decorated by children and families at our community-wide Advent event on Dec. 4. All are welcome to join the fun!

16.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
September 30, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$439,010
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		426,935
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$422,270
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	4,665

17. **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 shoeboxes filled with gifts for children all over the world! Elfinwild Church and Preschool has packed nearly 900 shoeboxes in the past 5 years! That's 900 children introduced to Jesus because of you and a simple gift of a shoebox. Please join us again in packing a shoebox for a needy child and help spread the love of Jesus by bringing it to either church service on November 13th, for our Shoebox Dedication. In today's bulletin is the "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet to help get you started. You can use your own shoebox or pick up a Samaritan's Purse red and green "deco 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, please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539. Thank you for supporting this ministry for the last 5 years!
18. **THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT:** Do you have a few hours to spare in the afternoon or evening? Are you looking for some volunteer hours for a project? Can you bake cookies? Do you like to meet and greet new people? Can you pack a cardboard box? Can you unload shoe boxes from a car? Do you have access to a box truck? If you can answer yes to just ONE of these questions then we have a need for you!!!! This year Elfinwild Church again has volunteered to be a relay center for Operation Christmas Child. Relay Centers have the opportunity to be the first step of many in the journey of shoe box gifts as they travel around the world delivering joy, hope, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children in need. During the week of November 14th – 21st, OCC's National Collection Week, churches and organizations in our area will be delivering their shoe box collection here to be processed and prepared for their next destination. We need many happy faces to greet people, unload cars, pack and seal cardboard boxes, help with gathering information, keeping our refreshment area supplied and loading a box truck. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this amazing ministry that reaches out and shows God's love to so many. If you feel you can help in any way and share your powerful gift of time, please call Julie Panza @ 412-492-0539.

19. **HANDBELL CHOIR** The Bell Choir will begin preparing special music on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM in the Bell Room. We will work towards enhancing worship on December 12. If you have questions, contact Ruthie Riethmuller at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@earthlink.net.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

20. **THE 5TH 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 29, 2011 from 9 am – 2 pm. Free Admission; Bake Sale, Refreshments, Chinese & 50/50 Raffles, Flowering Mums for Sale. Profits will benefit Bethlehem's Youth Ministries.
21. **VEHICLE DONATIONS NEEDED.** North Hills Community Outreach needs donated vehicles for its Community Auto program. There are more than 50 low-income people waiting for a car so they can get to work. Donors can take the maximum possible tax deduction. Call 724-443-8300 or visit www.community.auto.org.
22. **GLENSHAW CENTURY CLUB HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, CRAFT FAIR AND GALA** On Saturday November 19, The Holiday Craft Fair and House Tour will be held at The Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Mt. Royal Blvd. Doors open at 10am-3pm. Tickets (\$15) can be purchased that day at the Fair or in advance by stopping by the Shaler North Hills Library or by calling Linda @412-487-8753. To attend the Evening Gala on November 18, call Betty @412-486-5302 for information and tickets (\$50.)
23. **HOLIDAY DONATIONS REQUESTED.** North Hills Community Outreach 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 Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. NHCO is also collecting **new, unwrapped toys** for children and youth of all ages. For more information, contact Vicki at 412-487-6316, option 1.
24. **GREENING OUR LIVES WORKSHOPS, AUTUMN 2011. FIVE TUESDAYS, 7 TO 8:30 PM** Pennsylvania Resources Council and Conservation Consultants, Inc. are happy to partner with Shaler North Hills Library to offer this series of workshops for adults. Each provides a solid introduction to a way that each of us can make a real difference in the world we share. PRC has led programs to children and adults for over 20 years in recycling, composting, and watersheds. CCI has trained contractors and home-owners in energy efficiency for over 15 years. Together, the staff has over 70 years of teaching environmental issues.
- OCT. 25: CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION:** Increasingly citizens are interested in where their dollars go when they buy a product, and what these dollars do to the larger world of fellow creatures and fellow humans. How can we navigate the labels and claims? Which can we trust? What difference does it make how we spend our hard-earned money? This workshop begins with a brief history of boycotts and patronage, and then turns to current frontiers, focusing on food claims and labels (organic, Local, Fair-Trade, etc): what they measure, how rigorously, and how important the impacts measured are. \$10 per person; \$15 for couples.