

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**— If you have lost a loved one, the holidays might be a difficult time. As a church, we want to help you navigate these seasons and discover hope amid the heartache. We invite you to gather with others for a time of encouragement, reading Scripture, and hearing how others have found hope through some of the hardest moments of grief. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 15th from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

**SHOEBOX DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 11TH!** For 25 years now, one ministry has captured the hearts and minds of people young and old. Packing shoebox gifts full of love and prayer has touched countless lives through the power of a simple gift. From generation to generation, it's nothing but good news and great joy. This is Operation Christmas Child. Please join us in sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox for a needy child and bring it to either church service on November 11th for our Shoebox Dedication. To help get you started, you will find a "Pack A Box" guide in today's bulletin as well as our red and green, preprinted gospel opportunity shoeboxes at each sanctuary entrance. Any questions on this year's drive or information on how to get your workplace, organization or group involved in the shoebox drive, or if you are interested in helping in any way with our central drop off collection center, please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539.

**OUR MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER** gathering have changed to the first Thursday of the month. We will meet at 7 PM in the Chapel. Please prayerfully consider joining this powerful ministry.

**ADULT EDUCATION** – The following adult education classes will meet each Sunday between worship services from 9:45-10:45

**\*Faithweaver Now for Parents-** Youth House Led by Mike and Amanda Gaydos

**\*The Wired Word-** Cornerstone Room- Join Mike Radich for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective.

**\*Basic Christian Beliefs and Practices-** Fellowship Hall- Dr. Lesnett will be leading this class which will focus on common questions many of us have about Christian beliefs and practices

**STEPHEN MINISTRY – Who is helped by Stephen Ministry?** People who are: \*Needing someone to talk to \*Struggling with their faith in God \*Discouraged \*Anxious \*Lonely \*Coping with Divorce \*Grieving the loss of a loved one \*Dying, as well as family members of the terminally ill \*Hospitalized \*Experiencing the loss of a job \*Having financial difficulties \*New to our congregation or community \*Going through a transition...and this is just the beginning! Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller for more information.  
*Verse of the Month-* "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

**HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY –** Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**MARRIAGE WEEKEND** – Family Life is offering a "Weekend to Remember" at the Pittsburgh Marriott North-Cranberry November 9-11, 2018. Dirk and Van Lesnett are attending and coordinating our congregational effort to encourage couples to attend. Please register for the weekend at [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com) and use the group name ElfinwildPCA. Email or call Dirk or Van if you have any questions. [dirk@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:dirk@elfinwildchurch.org), [dirkvan@aol.com](mailto:dirkvan@aol.com), 412-600-6785. Strong marriages take intentionality and investment.

**ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY** – The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry every day either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any time during the hours of 8:00 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 9 week biblically based course teaching us God's ways in managing our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, created and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (WJAS 1320 AM, 6-9 PM, M-F) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 2 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, the role of insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! Classes will meet on 9 Mondays,

beginning Oct 29 from 7 to 9 PM in the Youth House. Go to <https://fpu.com/1075387> for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to 7:30 for a Bible Study called "Being a Christian Witness in Modern Times of Conflict and Division." This class will meet for 5 Wednesdays from November 7<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>. All you need is a Bible.

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#### CALENDAR

##### Sunday, October 28

8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

##### Monday, October 29

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

##### Tuesday, October 30

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA

##### Wednesday, October 31

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR

##### Thursday, November 1

8:00 PM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grief Class – KL  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Thursday Night Prayers – CH  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Family Ministry Mtg. – CCR  
7:15 PM – Chancel Choir with Youth Choir – CR

##### Friday, November 2

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE,  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:30 PM – Jr. Highs leave for Laurelville

##### Saturday, November 3

Jr. Highs in Laurelville  
6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Women's Breakfast – FH

##### Sunday, November 4

Communion  
All Saints Sunday  
8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages  
12:15 PM – M&M's – FH  
12:30 PM Nominating Comm. Mtg. – CCR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

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## WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH October 28, 2018

**We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,  
and a way to serve for all who are willing.**

You are invited to use Scripture for reflection  
or prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.

**"Each one should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7**

## Order of Worship

#### PRELUDE

(8:30)	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" <i>Handbell Choir</i>	Converse arr. by Cota
(11:10)	"Come As You Are" <i>Praise Team</i>	Crowder, Maher and Glover

#### WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.*

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMUNITY ADVENT CELEBRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 27; John 4:23
Leader:	Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
<b>People:</b>	<b>The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.</b>
Leader:	We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple.
<b>People:</b>	<b>We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.</b>
Leader:	Let us worship God in spirit and truth.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.</b>

(8:30)	*HYMN No. 487	"When Morning Gilds the Skies"	LAUDES DOMINI
(11:10)	*SONG (see insert)	"Blessed Be Your Name"	Redman

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Hebrews 10:19-22  
Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain (that is, through His flesh), and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Daniel 9:4-19  
**O Lord, great God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:8-9  
 Leader: God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! Friends receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel!  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION GIVING Daniel Bain

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY  
 (8:30) "I Need Thee Every Hour" Courtney  
*Chancel Choir*  
 (11:10) "A Joyful Canon" Byrd  
*Youth Choir* arr. by Liebergen

\*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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS 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.**

ANTHEM  
 (8:30) "Within These Walls" Choplin  
*Chancel Choir*  
 (11:10) "Joyful Alleluia Canon" Liebergen  
*Youth Choir*  
 SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
 (page in the pew Bible)  
 SERMON "The Source of Generosity" Dr. Dirk Lesnett  
 (8:30)  
 \*HYMN No. 357 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" MARYTON  
 (11:10)  
 \*SONG (see insert) "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Newton, Tomlin and Giglio  
 \*BENEDICTION  
 \*POSTLUDE  
 (8:30) "Your Grace Is Enough" Maher  
*Praise Team*  
 (11:10) "Postlude in B Flat" Prentiss

**The Elder of the Week is Nicole Graco**

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
*A meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018, immediately following 11:10 worship, in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is the election of church officers for 2019.*  
*Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees*  
*Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

**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.

**8:30 USHERS**  
 Len Anderson  
 Jim Young  
 Tim Keenan  
 Bill Stadler

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**  
 8:30 – Marge Cain  
 11:10 – Jerry Nist

**11:10 USHERS**  
 Scott Muszynski  
 Kelly Simile  
 Don Grau  
 Jennifer Callahan

**UPCOMING SERVICE**  
 Sunday November 4, 2018  
 All Saints Sunday  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS**

All adults working with our children have full security clearances.  
**Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM**  
Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level  
 Staffed by "Miss Holly" Schreiber, Church Members & Youth Assistants  
Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement  
 Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Youth Assistants

*We are looking for adult volunteers to partner with our child care coordinators. If you love spending time with babies and toddlers, please consider helping in this area of ministry. Contact Amy Meyer at 412-486-5400 or amy@elfinwildchurch.org.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Christian Education (CE) Building, 9:45-10:45 AM –An hour of learning about God through the bible, games, stories, art, and music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.  
 Pre-K/K: First Floor, Red Room with Mrs. Nist and Mrs. Thompson  
 Grades 1-2: First Floor, Blue Room with Mrs. Graco, Mrs. Laing, and Mrs. Dierker  
 Grades 3-5 Second Floor, Purple Room with Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Connelly, and Mrs. Alexander.

**YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service. Meet in the Green Room, first floor of the CE Building, for a time to experience and learn about God in a worship space designed specifically for young children. Children who attend Sunday School may be dismissed directly to YCIW with a parent's permission. This week's lesson is "The Promised Land" and will be taught by Elaine Jans, Linda Barto and Barb Harms.

**M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM** – For kids in grades 3-5 from 12:15-2pm in Fellowship Hall. Starting with a light lunch, children dive into a time of games, activities, prayer, and lessons to build each child's walk with God. 11/4, 11/18, 12/16. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS!** – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, youth choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at rehearsal – **ALL ARE WELCOME!** You may join at any time.

**2018-2019 MUSIC SCHEDULE**

*Elementary Choir - Tuesdays from 6-7pm Chancel Choir - Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm*  
*Praise Team – Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30pm*  
*Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7pm*

**STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

**JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY** – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend! This study will be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

**SENIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY** will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Harbaugh's house from 6:30-8PM. We will be studying Rachel and Leah and learning from them about how to combat comparison. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can order a book for you.

**REGULAR CLUBS** – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House.

**ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**FALL BACK** – Daylight savings time ends this week. Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, November 3, 2018 before you go to bed.