

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PRESENTATION Tori Panza

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86:1-4

Leader: Hear, O Lord, and answer us, for we are poor and needy. Guard our lives, for we are devoted to You.

People: You are our God; save Your servants who trust in You.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we call to You all day long.

People: Bring joy to Your servants, for to You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

(8:30)

*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1003 “Mighty to Save”
(The red song book on the pew)

(11:10)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION James 3:3-12

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We are quick-tempered and angry too often. Your Word builds up and edifies. Our words tear others down and condemn. You call us “friend” and “beloved.” We insult one another with terms that deride and seek to injure. Father God, even when we control our tongues, our hearts are full of tension and sometimes even hatred. Sin has a hold of us. Please forgive us for our lack of self-control and love. Pour out Your Holy Spirit into our hearts once again that we might be changed. And help us live new lives that desire peace with others and promises peace within. May our tongues bless others and offer You praise always. In Christ’s name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON James 4:7-10

Leader: Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Amanda Gaydos

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “We Are” Ed Cash
 Youth Choir

(11:10) “This Little Light of Mine” Joel Raney
 Elementary Choir & Chancel Choir

*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 Matthew 5:3-12

Choirs: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

Congregation: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Choirs: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Congregation: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Choirs: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Congregation: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Choirs: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Congregation: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

All: Blessed are we when people insult us, persecute us and falsely say all kinds of evil against us because of Jesus. We will rejoice and be glad, because great is our reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before us.

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) “Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel” Roger Emerson
 Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:21-26
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Is Anger a Problem?” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)
* SONG OF COMMITMENT No. 1044 “10,000 Reasons”
(The red song book on the pew)

(11:10)
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 272 “God of the Sparrow”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(8:30) “God Is Great” Marty Sampson
 Praise Team

(11:10) “The Trumpet of Resounding Praise” Franklin Ritter

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 –Amy Meyer 11:10 – Josh Gaydos*

The Elder of the Week is Kristin Coco

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.

John Stott, Anglican clergyman

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, November 12, 2017, immediately following 11:10 worship, in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is the election of church officers for 2018.

Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

PARKING CHANGES:

New signs are being installed to designate the small lot adjacent to the church on Mt. Royal Boulevard as “**Reserved Parking**.” This is intended for *anyone* who *needs* to park close during any church function. Seasoned Saints, people on crutches, expectant Moms, and people unloading something are examples of the intended users. It is entirely self-qualifying and is first come, first served. If there is no all-Church function underway, anyone can park there, of course. The lot does still contain a designated handicap parking spot, and all similar spots behind the church continue to be available to those with handicap plates or placards. “Reserved Parking” is also designated with a new sign at the blue curb on Church Avenue. Please note, these “Reserved Parking” spots are not handicap compliant and therefore do not include that symbol.

A little background on the Parking changes –

- The request was made for more handicapped parking spots as occasionally, the ones we have are full.
- The center lot on Mt. Royal adjacent to the church, the large lot behind the school, and the blue curb on Church Ave. itself do not have spaces that would comply with the handicap parking requirements (too sloped, or in the case of Church Avenue, not wide enough). Note: there is still one designated, compliant spot at the low end of the center lot.
- It was generally felt that we rarely have need of additional handicap spots per se, and that we do not want to take away from the main lot on Church Avenue to add handicap spots there.
- It was observed that some ‘young and/or able-bodied people’ park in the center lot requiring people who may have difficulty walking, but who do not have handicap placards, to walk from the main lots.

Again, the new Reserved Parking designation is for anyone who needs to park close.

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you would like to donate to hurricane relief efforts, please designate your offerings to "missions - hurricane relief" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 10-29-17

TODAY (10-29-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 PM – Music Outreach Team – KL
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Combined Clubs – YH

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM –Preschool – CE, UGR
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
 7:00 PM – Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study – CCR

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 6:00 PM – 6:50 PM – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – FH
 6:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ Harbaugh’s
 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Service – CH
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
 7:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – YH, Yellow, Purple Rooms
 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grieving with Hope – KL
 7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Den 8 Webelos I – CCR
 6:00 PM – Jr. Highs Depart for Laurelville
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Den 1 Bear – FH
 7:00 PM – The One Movement Event - Coraopolis

SATURDAY The One Movement Event – Coraopolis
 Jr. Highs in Laurelville
 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE
 9:00 AM – 3:45 PM – Music Choral Workshop- Sts. John and Paul Church, Wexford

SUNDAY (11-6-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 PM – M&M’s – CCR
 12:15 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting – KL
 12:15 PM – Sr. High Girls’ Bible Study – YH
 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Eagle Court of Honor – SA, FH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in celebration of the first birthday of Bryce Lamar Bovaird, son of Andrew and Maggie Giel Bovaird by his grandparents, Sharyl and Jim Giel.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kristin Coco.

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
Tim Keenan
Bill Stadler
Jim Young

11:10 USHERS

Scott Muszynski
Jennifer Callahan
Shane Callahan
Don Grau
Kelly Simile

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Dennis Kriek
11:10 –

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday November 5, 2017
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH 2 1/2. The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and the 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. at 9:45.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. This week’s lesson will be *Exile and Return* and will be taught by Barb Harms, Debbie Piel and Carolyn Hervey.

4. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us November 5th from 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM (following 11:10 AM Worship Service). We will meet in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided for the children. Any questions contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

5. JOIN US! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM (6th-12th grade)

Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1st-5th grade)

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact

Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org

or call 412-486-5400.

6. COMBINED CLUBS – Both Sr. High (grades 9-12) and Jr. High (grades 6-8) will meet tonight at the Youth House from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

7. 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 week 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 weekly from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

8. PLEASE PRAY WITH US – Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM**. We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

9. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vicky Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: side dishes with noodles (no rice), side dishes with potatoes, jelly - any flavor, canned whole potatoes, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, boxed mac & cheese, jars of spaghetti sauce, canned chili or stew, broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, large bottles of juice, pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, cooking oil, boxes of crackers, salad dressing & ketchup, napkins & tissues, paper towels, and baby diapers.

10. 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.

11. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are in the "Stephen Corner" of our library. There you will find the October Article of the Month: Part two of the Coping With Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Understanding the Grieving Process".

Our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to offer care to those in need of a confidential listening ear as they go through a difficult time. Keep that in mind as you come in contact with a friend or family member who might be experiencing a life challenge.

Verse of the Month: "Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8

12. 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 everyday 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.

14. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE for the Director of Children and Family Ministries. The search committee members are: Kristin Coco, Elizabeth Dolan, Nicole Graco, Scott Hughes, Bob Siar, Charline Tomer and Bob Wegner. If you are interested in being part of the prayer team, please contact the church office.

13. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP" from 9:20 AM to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. Questions? Want to volunteer to help? Contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or connthree07@gmail.com

14. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Matt Harbaugh (September and October), Marie Bowen (November and December), Rick Dayton (January and February), Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June).

The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour.

All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following dates: December 3rd (Advent), December 24th (Christmas Eve), December 31st (New Year's Eve), and May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).

15. THE MEALS MINISTRY often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table outside of Fellowship Hall.

16. WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Parables of Jesus Participants of all ages are invited to bring a Bible to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 to study the parables of Jesus. Led by Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly, specific parables will be read and discussed each week in an informal setting. Classes will be held in October/November, January, and April/May.

The dates and subject matter for October and November are as follows:

November 1- The Parable of Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16) and The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22: 1-14)

November 8- The Parable of the Narrow Door (Luke 13: 22-30) and The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

17. 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 16th from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

18. 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 Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 1 from 7 to 9 PM in the Youth House. Go to www.daveramsey.com for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

19. 2017 DONATIONS/GIFTS FROM STOCK SALES & IRA DISTRIBUTIONS – Many individuals have taken advantage of the tax benefits of giving through the transfer of stocks to the church or through IRA distributions directly to the church. These transactions often take additional time to process, and so we encourage those interested in such giving options to make them by early December. This will help to ensure that the transactions are completed and captured in 2017. If you have any questions, please contact either Karen Dorsey (week days 412-486-5400) or Peg McNeil (evenings/weekends 412-486-7364).

20. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Church will once more "leave the building"! Please help us to determine the needs in our community. Is there a park that needs to be cleaned up? Is there a family in need of help around their home? Help us to come up with ideas to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Contact Becky at rswinek@gmail.com with your ideas.

21. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT has an exciting mission trip opportunity. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we travel to Texas to assist in the clean-up after Hurricane Harvey. Act now; it's filling up fast!

1. January 14-20, 2018 (Sunday-Saturday)

- Cost estimated between \$400-500 dollars includes travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing
- Cost estimated between \$150-250 dollars includes mini-bus travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing

If you are interested contact your church Presbyterian Project representative or Jeff Potter (revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org), Penny Young (youngp@fpc.us) or Sharon Lee (slsouthernatheart@gmail.com)

22. THE ONE MOVEMENT – Do you want to be a part of what God is doing to bring the Body of Christ together 'as one' in Pittsburgh? Then join True View Ministries and women's ministry leaders from throughout the greater Pittsburgh area for the launch of 'The One Movement' on November 3rd and 4th at the Embassy Suites, 550 Cherrington Parkway, Coraopolis, PA. For more information and to register visit: www.theonemovementevent.com

23. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:30PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Ferguson Road. Rev. Jeff Sterling will be preaching. The offering will be given to Anchorpoint, Crisis Center North, North Hills Community Outreach, and HEARTH.

24. PLEASE HELP US by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

25. FALL BACK – Daylight savings time ends this week. Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, November 4, 2017 before you go to bed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

26. KIWANIS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on November 4, 2017 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The full course pancake breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, juice, sausage, and your choice of milk, coffee or tea for a donation of \$7.00 per adult or \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age.