

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

People: **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.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

(8:30)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

(11:10)

*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1006 "Your Grace Is Enough"
(The red song book on the pew)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Down to the River to Pray" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

(11:10) "Eatnemen Vuelie" Emily Crocker
Youth 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.**

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

"Blest Are They"

David Haas

Congregation please join on the refrain after each verse

BLEST ARE THEY

The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:3-12 David Haas



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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:10-12
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Because of Me"

Rev. Jason Rea

(8:30)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 1013 "It Is Well With My Soul"
(The red song book on the pew)

(11:10)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT No. 1002 "Jesus Messiah"
(The red song book on the pew)

*BENEDICTION

Special thanks to our liturgist:

8:30 – Ryan Dayton 11:10 – Shane Callahan

The Elder of the Week is Kyle Pinta

**BREAKFAST INVITATION
2017 STEWARDSHIP/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Our 2017 Stewardship Program includes a request that we support 4 improvement projects around the Church, in addition to the 2018 budget. During the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 22, there'll be a "Progressive Breakfast" for adults. (Children and youth will meet for Sunday School as usual.) We'll start in Fellowship Hall, at 9:45. We'll split into two groups. One group will be led to the Youth House for juice; the other will be led to the Church Office. After 15 minutes, the groups will switch places, and eventually we'll all meet back in Fellowship Hall to finish breakfast.

Why all the running around? It will give us a firsthand look at the four improvement projects: completion of work in the Youth House basement, remodeling the Church office; updating the Church kitchen and replacement of the remaining old windows.

There is no cost. Breakfast being a good idea for everyone, please plan to stay late on October 22nd if you go to 8:30 worship, or come early if you go to 11:10 worship. Thanks!

The Stewardship Committee

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

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

John Stott, Anglican clergyman

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.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 10-8-17

TODAY (10-8-17)	8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM – The Church Has Left the Building Meeting – CH 12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR
MONDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM –Preschool – CE 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 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 12:00 PM – Ministerium Meeting – FH 6:00 PM – 6:50 PM – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – FH 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ Harbaugh’s 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
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 6:00 PM – Gingerbread House Preparation – Green Room 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR 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 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pack 157 Rain Gutter Regatta – FrH
SATURDAY	8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE
SUNDAY (10-15-17)	8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages 12:15 PM – M&Ms – FH 12:15 PM – Baked Potato Lunch Honoring Marian – FH 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jim Ritter by Ann and Jay.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kyle Pinta.

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 –Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 15, 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 *The Ark and the Tent for God* and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson, Carolyn Hervey, and Jennifer Anderson.

4. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us on Sunday, October 15th 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

5. GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDERS NEEDED –Please join us on Thursday, October 12th, Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 26th in the Green Room at 6:00 PM for lots of fun. No carpentry experience needed!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

6. 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)

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you would like to donate to hurricane relief efforts, for both Harvey and Irma, 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 _____

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.

7. 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. We hope to see you there!

8. 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

9. 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.

10. 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, Vickey 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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 8:30 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.

15. 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

16. LADIES PLEASE JOIN US for a 6 week long, book study on Monday nights 9/25 through 10/30 at 7 PM. We will be studying A Woman Overwhelmed by Hayley DiMarco based on the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will walk through the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus a woman who knew what it was like to be overwhelmed. Along the way, we'll learn how to let go of control, fear, and doubt and learn to grab onto more faith, confidence, and trust in our God.

17. 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: October 22nd (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3rd (Advent), December 24th (Christmas Eve), December 31st (New Year's Eve), and May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).

18. 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 in Fellowship Hall.

19. ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS – We would like to compile a list of all of our students working on a post-secondary education. This includes commuter students as well as students living on campus. Please see the green insert form on the tables for more information.

20. 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:

October 11- class introduction and The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 1-23)

October 18- The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13: 24-31 and 36-43) and The Parables of Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Value, and The Net (Matthew 13: 44-50)

October 25- The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15: 1-7), The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15: 8-10), The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).

November 2- The Parable of Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16) and The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22: 1-14)

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

21. BAKED POTATO BAR LUNCH – Elfinwild Meals Ministry is hosting a FREE baked potato bar lunch after the 11:10 service on Sunday, Oct. 15th in Fellowship Hall. One of our on-going donors is Red Lobster on McKnight Rd. We receive their excess frozen potatoes and rolls. Our clients love them and you will too! This luncheon is also in honor and recognition of retired site manager - Marian Berberich. The Ministry wants to thank the congregation for all the ways you support this important outreach - your contributions of money and food items, as drivers and kitchen volunteers. IF YOU ARE A CURRENT VOLUNTEER, PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEALS MINISTRY SHIRT TO CHURCH ON 10/15.

22. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th AT THE 11:10 SERVICE retired Elfinwild Meals Ministry site manager - Marian Berberich will be honored and recognized for her many years of outstanding service. Please come and be part of her special recognition.

23. GRIEVING WITH HOPE - As the fall season begins and the holidays approach, we are mindful of those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. As the Body of Christ, we wish to walk with you on this journey, praying for you, and offering support. The class "Grieving with Hope" will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 PM, in the Kennedy Library from October 12th – November 16th. On November 16th, special attention will be given to "Surviving the Holidays". **It is very important that you attend the first session on October 12th even if you cannot attend all of the classes. Attendance will be closed after the first class.** If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know or contact Matt or Bethany Harbaugh with questions at: harbaugh.bl1@gmail.com

24. 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 P.M. in the Youth House. Go to www.daveramsey.com for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

25. 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).

26. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

27. THE "FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS" will be held on Sunday, October 15th at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland at 4:00 PM. There will be performances by The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale (PCC), City Charter High School Choir, Shaler Area High School Chamber Choir, and South Fayette High School Concert Choir and Select Choir. Tickets are \$5.