



CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.  
**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**  
 Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.  
**People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**  
 Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.  
**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

(8:30)  
 \*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(11:10)  
 \*SONG OF PRAISE “I Am”

*Verse 1*  
**There's no space that His love can't reach  
 There's no place where we can't find peace  
 There's no end to amazing grace**

*Verse 3*  
**Love like this O my God to find  
 I am overwhelmed with a joy divine  
 Love like this sets our hearts on fire**

*Verse 2*  
**Take me in with Your arms spread wide  
 Take me in like an orphan child  
 Never let go never leave my side**

*Chorus 2x*

*Bridge*  
**This is my resurrection song  
 This is my hallelujah come  
 This is why it's to You I run  
 There's no space that His love can't reach  
 There's no place where we can't find peace  
 There's no end to amazing grace**

*Chorus 2x*

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)  
 THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction  
 Questions to the Parents – Andrew and Lindsey (Winek) Lynch  
 Questions to the Congregation  
 Presentation of Gifts  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Baptism of Owen Michael Lynch  
 Song (See Insert) “Baptismal Song”

CALL TO CONFESSION John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God and loving Father, we thank You for placing us in covenant relationships, in homes and families and friendships. Forgive us for taking our vows and promises lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for misdirected love and for divorces entered lightly, for failing to give time to our families, for failing to teach and live by Your values, for neglecting and abusing our children; Jesus, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:13-14, 17-18

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

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

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Mr. Henry Tomer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “Sing Glory” Tom Fettke  
 Chancel Choir

(11:10) “Cartoons” Chris Rice  
 Youth Choir

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) “Be Still” Jennifer L. Lewis  
 Chancel Choir

(11:10) “Come to Jesus” Chris Rice  
 Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 37: 39: 41-48:50  
 (page 25 in the pew Bible)

(Next week’s reading – Exodus 1-7; 10-17)

SERMON “God Intends Good” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)  
 \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT (See Insert) “Trust and Obey”

(11:10)  
 \*SONG OF COMMITMENT “Build Your Kingdom Here”

*Verse 1*  
**Come set Your rule and reign  
 In our hearts again  
 Increase in us we pray  
 Unveil why we're made  
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
 Like wildfire in our very souls  
 Holy Spirit come invade us now  
 We are Your church  
 We need Your pow'r in us**

*Chorus*  
**Build Your kingdom here  
 Let the darkness fear  
 Show Your mighty hand  
 Heal our streets and land  
 Set Your church on fire  
 Win this nation back  
 Change the atmosphere  
 Build Your kingdom here we pray**

*Verse 2*  
**We seek Your kingdom first  
 We hunger and we thirst  
 Refuse to waste our lives  
 For You're our joy and prize  
 To see the captives' hearts released  
 The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
 We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
 We are Your church  
 We pray revive this earth**

*Verse 3*  
**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
 Reaching the near and far  
 No force of hell can stop  
 Your beauty changing hearts  
 You made us for much more than this  
 Awake the kingdom seed in us  
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
 We are Your church  
 We are the hope on earth**

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*Chorus 2x*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Enter His Courts With Praise” Gregg Sewell

*Special thanks to our liturgists:  
 8:30 – Rick Dayton 11:10 – Steve Heere*

**The Elder of the Week is Steve Heere**

**27. 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, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**28. ATTENTION SENIORS** – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

**29. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.

**30. P.R.I.S.M. PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the preparation and serving of a meal to approximately 80 international students on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at Bellefield Church in Oakland from approximately 5 PM to 9 PM. It is important that volunteers are willing to converse with the students and make them feel welcome. Contact Cheryl Saraceno at 412-760-5934 for more information if interested!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 9-25-16**

**TODAY** (9-25-16) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA  
 12:15 PM – Musical Practice – CR/FH  
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH  
 6:30 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – KL

**MONDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE  
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE  
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH  
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA  
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
 7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, UGR  
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR  
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls Bible Study @Harbaugh's  
 6:45 PM – Confirmation Class – YH  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR  
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR  
 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR  
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Lions Club Prep - Spaghetti Dinner – FH  
 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – CE  
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Den 8 Wolf Cub Scouts – TR

**SATURDAY** 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH  
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE  
 2:00 PM – Sacrament Education Class – UGR, SA  
 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner – FH  
 7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Movie Night – YH

**SUNDAY** (10-2-16) Communion  
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA  
 9:45 AM – Sunday School  
 12:15 PM – Musical Practice – CR/FH  
 12:30 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting – CCR  
 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 memory of Ida M. and Robert T. Smith by the Giel Families.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Steve Heere.

**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 AM USHERS**

Mike Radich  
 John Hart  
 Ron Park  
 Dwight Pearson  
 Joanne Pearson

**11:10 AM USHERS**

Don Pritchard  
 Chris Sutton  
 Jim Giel  
 Dick Friedline

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:30 AM – Marge Cain  
 11:10 AM – Jerry Nist

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday, October 2, 2016  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400*

**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 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

**2. SUNDAY SCHOOL** –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> will meet in their classrooms.

**3. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME YOUTH GROUP** Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

**MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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

**4. REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN!** – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

**Praise Team** – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM  
**Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays from 6-7:00 PM  
**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM  
**Elementary Choir** – Thursdays from 6-7:00 PM  
**Youth Choir** – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM

**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](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**5. REGULAR CLUBS** – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6pm and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8pm at the Youth House. We hope to see you there!

**6. FALL MUM SALE**: Sale forms with all the information you need will be made available at our kickoff and online this week. Forms will be due TODAY with the flower pickup on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. For each Mum basket sold the student will receive a portion of the sale in her/his personal trip account which can be used to help pay for retreats and summer trips.

**7. CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016-2017** – If you are in 8th grade or above and would like to join Elfinwild Church, this is the class for you! The class will begin on September 28<sup>th</sup> but will meet the first and second Wednesday of each month from 6:45-8PM after that. If you have questions contact Jason!

**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 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house and began on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

### **9. LAURELVILLE WEEKENDS – Jr. High November 4th - 6<sup>th</sup> and Sr. High November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

These are both wonderful retreats for students. Students are welcome to invite friends to come along as well. They take place at Laurelville Camp and Conference Center and are run by the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation. Cost for each retreat is \$120 per student. Students can use their fund-raising accounts to pay for all or part of the retreat cost. To register for Laurelville students must turn in a \$25 nonrefundable deposit (this deposit can come by check or by their fundraising account) and a Laurelville registration waiver form. All checks should be made out to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church with the student's name and 'Laurelville' in the memo line. The registration/waiver form can be picked up at club or down-loaded from our website. 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! We will leave from the church for Laurelville at 6 PM on the respective Friday and return by approximately 2 PM on Sunday. For more information about the retreats please contact Jason or check out PKF's website. [www.pittsburghkidsfoundation.org](http://www.pittsburghkidsfoundation.org)

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**10. WEEKEND CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE** – We are looking for a hardworking and reliable individual to fill an immediate custodial need for the weekends. Sunday hours are from 7 AM to 1 PM and Saturday hours are flexible. If you are interested or would like an application, please contact Karen Dorsey, Business Manager through the Church office.

**11. 2016 CHANCEL FLOWERS** – Flowers for the Chancel are \$47 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex. **If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen** as the weekly standing flower order is for two

vases. **Upcoming weeks that are available are: October 9<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**12. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING** – Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue this fall 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.

**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 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

**14. 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.

**15. NURSERY HELP WANTED**: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

**16. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING** – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls' troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: [pamela\\_mckern@hotmail.com](mailto:pamela_mckern@hotmail.com) or 412-512-3461.

**17. 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** If your family picture appears in this year's book, you may pick up a FREE copy of the directory after signing for it. If you did NOT have your family picture taken or submit a family photo for this year's book, copies will be available for \$10 each. Directories may be picked up during the week in the church office.

**18. 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.

### **19. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May**

\* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

\* “The Wired Word” taught by Mike Radich in the Fall (Cornerstone Room)

**Thursday Evening Classes**- 6:30-7:30 following dinner at 5:30

October 6 through November 10 (6 weeks)

1. “How to Raise a Christian Child in a Post Christian World” taught by Mark and Tessa Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on “Law and Grace in Galatians” taught by Reverend Bill Meyer (Cornerstone Room)

3. “Honoring Your Aging Parents” taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Chapel)
4. “Grieving with Hope” taught by Matt and Bethany Harbaugh (Kennedy Library)

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. “Elfinwild Unplugged: Telling our Stories” taught by Reverend Jason Rea and Mark Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

**20. 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 6:30-8PM, in the Kennedy Library from October 6-November 3. On November 17, an event will take place, giving special attention to "Surviving the Holidays". If you are interested in attending the class or holiday event, please let the church office know or contact Matt or Bethany Harbaugh with questions.

**21. LOOKING FOR SOME LISTENING PLEASURE?** We have something for you! New Testament CDs (mp3 format) are on the tables for you to take and enjoy. Our gift to you!

**22. SOUND TECH NEEDED!** We are looking to fill a regular spot in our Sound Tech rotation. We need someone for the first Sunday of each month at the 8:30AM service. You do not need to have a background in running live sound as we will train those interested in what to do. If you are interested in volunteering for this service to the church please contact Jason Rea.

**23. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Although it is only September, it is not too early to start thinking about packing your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Take advantage of "End of Summer Sales" as well as "Back to School" specials. More details, as well as shoeboxes, will be available as the November collection week gets closer.

### **24. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP**

We gather after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) (724) 939-7665

**25. 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 Tuesdays, beginning Oct 25 from 7 to 9 P.M. in the Youth House. Go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for a further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

**26. WOMEN'S MINISTRY MOVIE NIGHT** – Ladies...how about a night out? Come see “Miracles from Heaven” sponsored by the Women's Ministry Committee, on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the Youth House. Please join us and bring a friend!