

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: We 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)

*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1032

“Blessed Be Your Name”

(11:10)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Stephen and Lauren (McKinley) Guth

Questions to the Congregation

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Eli Michael Guth

Hymn No. 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 30:15, 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You through, word and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God’s redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God’s promises and begin anew your life with God and all people.

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)

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”
Heather Heere, Soloist

Harry T. Burleigh

(11:10)

“The Potter’s Hand”
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

*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

(8:30)

“Mungu ni Mwema”
Elementary Choir

Mark Burrows

(11:10)

“The Beatitudes”
Chancel Choir

John Purifoy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:5-6
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“What Satisfies Your Hunger?”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 521 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Th. Dubois

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:30 – Steve Coco

11:10 – Nicole Graco

The Elder of the Week is Mark Feris

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

The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.

James L. Kraft (Kraft Chairman)

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 9-17-17

TODAY (9-17-17) 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 – Confirmation Class Meeting – CH
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00PM – Sr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – KL

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
 6:30 PM – Pizza, Prayer & Praise – UGR
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

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
 6:30 PM – Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting – KL

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 12:00 PM – OOO Lunch – CCR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayers – CH
 6:30 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
 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 10:00 AM – Presbytery Meeting at Crestfield
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
 6:00 PM – Children’s Ministry Meeting – KL
 7:00 PM – Student Ministry Leaders’ Meeting – YH
 7:00 PM – Family Ministry Meeting – KL
 7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Den 8 - PR, KIT, YH fire pit

SATURDAY 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE
 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Baby/Bridal shower – FH, KIT

SUNDAY (9-24-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
 1:00 PM – Baby Shower – FH
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Evie Weisenstein and Sheila Ashear by Dale Weisenstein.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Feris.

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

Michael Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Joanne Pearson

11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard
Dick Friedline
Jim Giel
Bob Mankey

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Jim Saraceno
11:10 –Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday September 24, 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 *Abram and Sarai* 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 **today**, Sunday, September 17th from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (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! Rehearsals begin soon so mark your calendars:

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM
Praise Team - Tuesday, September 5, 6-7:30 PM
Handbell Choir – Wednesday, September 6, 6-7 PM
Youth Choir – Thurs, September 7, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursday, September 7, 6-7 PM

Special thanks are extended to the volunteers who helped assemble the song books for the sanctuary. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help.

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.

6. 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!

7. FALL MUM SALE – Our Student Ministries will be selling Mum baskets again this year. The cost of each 9 ½ inch basket is \$8. We will have a table in the hall following services starting on September 3rd until September 24th. Mums will be available for pick up on Sunday October 1st. All proceeds benefit our students and help them attend our retreats, camps and mission trips. Thanks for your support!

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 begin on Wednesday, September 20th and will continue 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 also find the September Article of the Month: Part one of the Coping With Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Understanding the Grieving Process". Stop in and pick one up!

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

Questions? Contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net

Verse of the month: "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

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. A PRAYER TEAM IS NEEDED for the search committee which has begun the task of seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as 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. LADIES COME JOIN US FOR PIZZA, PRAYER AND PRAISE on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Upper Gathering Room to enjoy pizza and lemonade. Join us for prayer moments and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Call the church office 412-486-5400; so we know how much pizza to order.

16. 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

17. LADIES PLEASE JOIN US for a 6 week long, book study on Monday nights 9/25 through 10/30. 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.

18. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered starting on September 10th. 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).

19. NEW! DINNER FOR EIGHT D48 – DEADLINE EXTENDED!! *full plates + new friends = two great evenings* If you would like to meet new people at Elfinwild, consider joining D48. Each group will enjoy two dinners to take place any time during the months of October and November. After the group decides on dates, the host will provide a main dish and beverages and other members will be assigned a side dish or dessert to share. This is not a gourmet dinner club, but an opportunity to strengthen and deepen the relationships between friends at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Registration runs from August 27-September 17th and sign-up forms are

available at tables by the sanctuary entrances, on Sundays in the upper gathering room, or you can sign up online at the church webpage. If you have questions, contact Amy Meyer (412-492-9968 / littlepine@verizon.net) or Elizabeth Popovic (eapop17@gmail.com/ 412-301-0366). Sponsored by the Family Ministries Team.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. MISSING ANY DISHES OR FOOD CONTAINERS? Have you provided a meal or side dish for a funeral luncheon or the picnic and have not picked up your container? Please stop by the prep kitchen to get your container.

23. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, September 20th 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!

24. 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)

25. 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.

26. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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.

27. BAPTISM BRUNCH – The Family Ministry Team will be hosting a Baptism Brunch on Saturday October 7th from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM. The event is planned for all families whose children have been baptized at Elfinwild over the past two years. To RSVP call Patty Robinson at 412-487-0413; e-mail at 1138patricia@gmail.com; or text to 412-961-2091