

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
(Page 174 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *"The Importance of Teaching Our Children"* Dr. Dirk Lesnett

***HYMN NO. 538** *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"* Sicilian Mariners

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 am	11:10 am
Michael Radich	Don Pritchard
John Hart	Chris Sutton
Bob Hughes	Jim Giel
Eileen Hughes	Dick Friedline

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, September 30, 2012
Rev. Jason Rea preaching

PRAYER FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE: Any person who desires to make a commitment, has a personal need, or a concern for someone, will be able to meet with Elder Dean Thomas in the chapel.

WE WELCOME THE MIME TEAM from Friendship Community Presbyterian Church. The Mime Team is a ministry of the youth group which is sponsored in part by the Mission outreach of Elfinwild Church. We rejoice in God's vibrant presence in this ministry.

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 A.M. ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

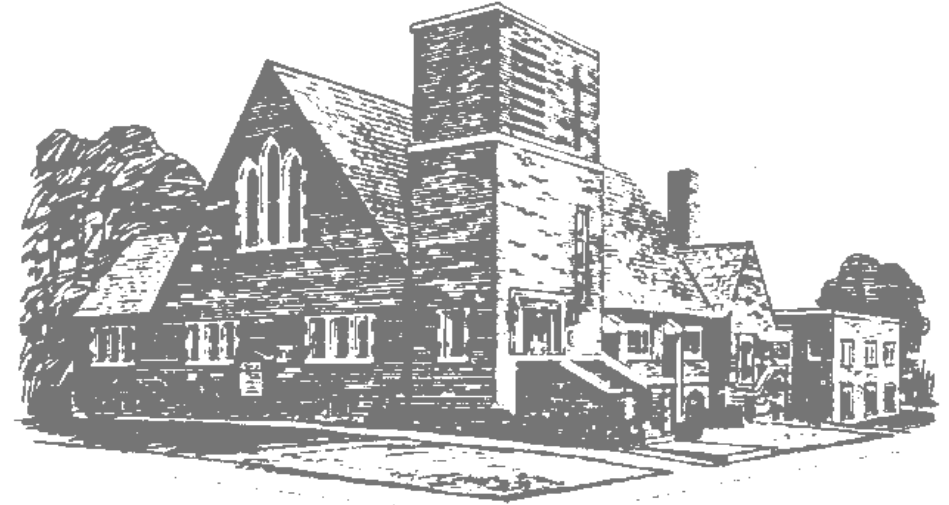
Location – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.



**Welcome to
Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

*We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us
on this day that the Lord has made.*

*Please relax and enjoy the music before the service starts.
Quiet your heart before God.*

Ask Him to meet with you and teach you today.

*Inside you will find our order of service and the activities
of the church.*

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

**We believe in a Triune God – Father, Son and
Holy Spirit. United by our love for God
and faith in Jesus Christ, and led by the Holy
Spirit, we will serve the Lord through...**

**...joyful worship as we glorify His name
...committed study and learning of the Word
...faithful mission to our community and
the world.**

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

September 23, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

"Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me." Ps. 86

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Shout with Joy to God!" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

***HYMN NO. 263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

HYMN NO. 321 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the promise of God: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"This is My Father's World"
Ruthie Riethmuller, Bass Flute

Sheppard
arr. Bonam

***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.

MIME TEAM (11:10)

Friendship Community Presbyterian Church

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Carl Wilkinson (8:30)
Brandon Payne (11:10)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Father in Heaven,

People: Remind us constantly that you are parent to all your children, Whoever, or wherever they are or come from.

Leader: Hallowed be your name.

People: Help us to always remember that you are a holy and perfect God.

Leader: Your Kingdom come,

People: Establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples.

Leader: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

People: Teach us to follow and accept your will readily and quickly.

Leader: Give us today our daily bread.

People: Disturb us into awareness of the needs of others.

Leader: Forgive us our sins,

People: Our pride and our prejudices,

Leader: As we forgive those who sin against us.

People Especially keep our hearts and minds open

To see the good in others and to respond in love and grace.

Leader: Lead us not into temptation,

People: Keep our feet on the path of righteousness and truth,

Leader: Deliver us from evil.

People: May you keep us from the traps of the evil one,

Leader: For the kingdom,

People: Just and true,

Leader: The power,

People: Able to do more than we could ask or think,

Leader: And the glory,

People: The wonder of who you are and who you call us to be,

All: Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Dean Thomas.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in celebration of the Sherrie Stauber-Phillips and Brandon Cohn wedding on September 22 by the family.
3. **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.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-6th Grade

4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 - 2nd grade)** provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson, "Creation" is being taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Amy and Mark Meyer.
5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6:** Our first day of Sunday School is today. The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10am, teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome!
6. **SACRAMENT EDUCATION** We believe that God has given us 2 sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. On Saturday, October 6, from 9am-12pm, we invite children and their parents to attend a morning of engaging learning and fun in order to better understand the sacraments and participate more fully with the Church during these special times in our worship. Grades 1 and up are invited to attend. Contact Bethany Harbaugh with questions.
7. **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Every Sunday, the Preschool – 6th grade Sunday school classes have a time of music from 9:45-10 am in Friendship Hall. Upcoming dates that they will sing at the 11:10 worship services are Oct. 7 and Nov. 18.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

8. **CLUB TONIGHT! JR. HIGH: 4:30-6 PM (GRADES 6-8); SR. HIGH 6:30-8 PM (GRADES 9-12)** Our Jr. and Sr. High clubs are a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different types of games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us tonight!
9. **CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS BEGUN!** While we have now had our first confirmation class, it's not too late to join. So if you are in 8th grade or above and would like to join Elfinwild Church as a member, talk to Jason ASAP to join this wonderful class.

MUSIC MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10. **PIANO AND VOICE LESSONS:** Jennifer Harris Clayton will be offering piano and voice lessons to members of Elfinwild Church at a reduced rate on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginners through intermediate levels are welcome. Scholarships are available if needed! If interested, please contact her ASAP as space is limited!
- 11. **REHEARSALS FOR ALL CHOIRS HAVE BEGUN-** but it's not too late to join if you would like to participate. New faces are always welcome. Please see Jennifer for details.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

- 12. **100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK.** The 100th anniversary book, "**One Hundred Years and Counting.... The First Hundred Years of the Congregation and Ministry of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**" can be ordered until October 5th. The book includes over 200 pages of pictures, quotes and text depicting the life of our Congregation from 1912 through the 100th Anniversary Celebration last Sunday the 16th. The book is available in 3 forms: spiral bound on paper, on a USB Flash Drive (data storage device) in .pdf format and on a CD in .pdf format. A sample of the book is on display, along with ordering information, on the upper floor of the new building.
- 13. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to make your reservation. You can use the Response cards found in the pews or call the church office at 412-486-5400.
- 14. **LOOKING FOR SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS.** With the new sound system being installed, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to sit at the sound desk and run the sound and recording equipment. We will need enough volunteers to develop a rotation (much like we do with ushers) for both services. All volunteers will be trained on how to run the equipment, so while some experience will help, it isn't necessary. Please speak with Jason if you are interested.
- 15. **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** started Thursday, September 13. We meet every Thursday from 9:15 to 11:30 am in the Youth House. Childcare is provided and those needing a sitter share this cost. We started our study for the year talking about Sabbath. Ladies, we hope you can join us for good fellowship and time in God's word.
- 16. **NEEDED:** The women's Bible study is looking for a babysitter for their Thursday morning meeting (9:15 to 11:30) at the youth house. Please call Kara Rea for information on compensation and completing the church's background check. 412-486-2994.
- 17. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY.** The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially appreciate boxes and packages of potatoes and rice, boxed dinners, and baking items such as cake mixes and cookie mixes. They are grateful for all the food items and monetary donations that Elfinwild Church gives to them.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am 9:45 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm 4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Inquirers' Class – Peach Rm. Deacon's Meeting – Sanctuary All Church Retreat Mtg. – Kennedy Library Malawian Farewell Dinner – McKeesport Church Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:00 am 5:30-8:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. AGO Kickoff Meeting CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library TOPS Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Elementary Choir – Choir Room CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 6:00 pm 6:00-7:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Women's Bible Study – YH Lions Club – Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts – Peach & Toddler Room CLC #3 – Youth House Youth Choir - CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15-6:45 pm 6:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Act 1 – Fr. H. & C.E. Webelos – Den 6 – Overnight at Faith Ranch
SATURDAY	6:00 am 8:00 am-2:00	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E.

18. **INQUIRERS' CLASS BEGINS TODAY** at 9:45 am in the Peach Room in the lower level of the Sanctuary Building. If you are interested in learning more about Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and our beliefs and practices, please join us.
19. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**- This Sunday, September 23, our Coffee Hour between the services will resume in the Upper Gathering Room. We need a volunteer to pick up the donut order at Dunkin Donuts on Route 8 at Saxonburg Boulevard. The donuts are to be picked up at 7:30 am. If you are able to do this, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.
20. **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a biblically based course teaching us practical ways to manage our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, written and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (3-6 PM M-F AM 910) and best selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 1.5 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. The course has recently been rewritten into 9 one and one-half hour classes. The course will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning October 16 from 7 to 8:30 P.M. Cost for the course materials is \$95. You can't afford to NOT take the course! There will be a one hour overview of the course on October 9 at 7 PM. in the Youth House. Go to www.daveramsey.com for a taste of what you'll get. If you have already taken the course, feel free to drop in! You can't truly be spiritually free, until you are financially free. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

21. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will meet Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church in Fellowship Hall. This will be the annual Octoberfest which features an accordionist, Louis Gamber. Also, if you wish to receive your Flu Shot, Stephanie from Rite-Aid will be administering them beginning at 6:30 pm.
22. **PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**- Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back will be held at the Shaler North Hills Library on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 10 am to 2pm. Electronic Recycling will take place at the Kiwanis Park on Saturday October 6, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm. Hard disk driving shredding is available at a cost of \$8.00 per drive. There is no fee for all other electronic items, including computers, monitors, and televisions. See full list on the Shaler Township website at: www.shaler.org.
23. **COAT DONATIONS ACCEPTED**. North Hills Community Outreach is accepting clean, gently worn or new coats to distribute to low-income families at our three Coal Shops. Coats may be donated until October 29. Adult XL, 2X, 3X and children's sizes are especially needed.
24. **HEARTH BREAKING GROUND** HEARTH (formerly North Hills Affordable Housing) is an organization that provides 24-month transitional housing to homeless women with children while they work to become economically self-sufficient along with attending an educational program. HEARTH is holding a "ground-breaking" celebration on Thursday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m. at their new location of 3724 Mt. Royal Blvd. (formerly the Zoar Home). For more information visit www.hearth-bp.org, or contact Darlene Troy at 412-366-9801.
25. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR**. This group is a signature initiative of the United Way of Allegheny County, with Family Services and North Hills Community Outreach as the two leading partners. Together these two organizations have over 600 volunteers providing non-medical care for seniors to keep them living safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, telephone reassurance and friendly visiting, yard work and simple home repair are the most frequently requested and provided services. For more information on volunteering, visit www.openyourhearttoasenior.org, call 412-307-0071 or toll-free at 866-467-0888.
- LEAF RAKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**. This program, part of Open Your Heart to a Senior, is looking for volunteers to rake leaves for seniors on the following Saturdays: October 27, November 3, November 10, and November 17. Perfect for a family or small group! For details or to sign up, contact Nancy Jones at 412-307-0069 or ljones@nhco.org.
26. **THANKSGIVING ON EVERY TABLE**. Food donations for Thanksgiving on Every Table will be accepted through November 14, but early donations before October 26 are encouraged. Stuffing and mashed potato mix, canned vegetables, pie crust mix and easy pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, muffin mix, napkins and \$10 grocery store gift cards for turkeys are all appreciated.
27. **NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES** is seeking a few adult volunteers who might be interested in covering a 4-hour shift on a Tuesday or Thursday (8 am to noon or noon to 4 pm. Volunteers would act as a greeter for our building – having people sign in and sign out and providing direction. This could be a once a week or once a month volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in learning more, call Jay at 412-323-1163.
28. **BLIND AND VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES OF PITTSBURGH**- is in need of volunteers with receptionist and secretarial skills and volunteers who can help on Tuesday afternoons with arts and crafts and field trips. Also, volunteers are welcome to help drive clients to appointments, serve as escorts for group activities, and help staff who are blind or vision impaired. Volunteers can participate on a set schedule or on an as-needed basis, and their special talents or interests can be accommodated. Training is provided. For more information, contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator, 412-368-4400 or nschepis@pghvis.org.