



MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Women's Ministry  
Pam Dudgeon and Ruthie Riethmuller

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25:1, 3-5, 7

Leader: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls; in You we trust, O God.

**People: No one whose hope is in You will be put to shame.**

Leader: Show us Your ways, O Lord, teach us Your paths; guide us in Your truth and teach us, for You are God our Savior, and our hope is in You all day long.

**People: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for You are good!**

(8:30)  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

(11:10)  
\*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1030 "Holy Is The Lord"  
(The red song book on the pew)

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Matthew 7:1-5

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Caring and compassionate God, You are always careful to love everyone without condition. We tend to pick, choose and limit those whom we love. You are quick to show mercy and offer the sinner hope for second and third chances. We are more apt to want justice and offer condemnation to the one who has wronged us and require some penalty or cost for them. Your power is exercised in lifting others up out of difficult places. We exercise our power in lifting ourselves up as better than and above those who have done wrong. Forgive us for not showing the mercy toward others that You have shown toward us in Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. And take away our tendency to believe we can make it all right through our judgements. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the Lord Jesus took upon Himself the judgment of sin. In His death justice was served so that we might be able to know and experience the mercy of God. And, that in and through the name of Christ, we might be able to show mercy toward one another. 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) "Blessings" Heather Sorenson  
*Chancel Choir*  
*Jeff Weber, Violin*

(11:10) "Mungu ni Mwema" Mark Burrows  
*Elementary 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.**

(8:30)  
ANTHEM "Blessed Are You" Mark Hayes  
*Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:7-8  
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "The Pure in Heart" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)  
\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"  
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

(11:10)  
\*SONG OF COMMITMENT No. 1010 "Revelation Song"  
(The red song book on the pew)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Majesty" Douglas E. Wagner

*Special thanks to our liturgist:  
8:30 – Sharon Griffin*

**The Elder of the Week is Amy Meyer**

**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 9-24-17**

**TODAY** (9-24-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA  
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages  
 12:15 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting – CCR  
 1:00 PM – Baby Shower – FH  
 3:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR  
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
 6:30 PM – 8:00PM – Sr. High Club – YH

**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 – KL

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH  
 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA  
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
 7:00 PM – AARP Board 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  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR  
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ Harbaugh’s  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
 7:00 PM – Bread of Life Board Meeting – CCR

**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  
 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service  
 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR  
 7:00 PM – Stewardship Committee meeting – 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

**SATURDAY** 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL  
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE

**SUNDAY** (10-1-17) Communion  
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA  
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages  
 12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – M&M’s – FH  
 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Combined Youth Group Clubs – YH

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Robert T. and Ida M. Smith by the Giel families.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Amy Meyer.

**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 – Marge Cain  
11:10 – Jerry Nist

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday October 1, 2017  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. at 9:45.

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – For ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This week’s lesson will be *The Ten Best Ways to Live* 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade come join us on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*Elementary Choir* – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Youth Choir* – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

If you have a suggested song or hymn for the hymnal supplements, please let Ron know. They will be updated in June.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



## **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.***

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> until TODAY. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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 starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Advent), December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve), December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve), and May 20<sup>th</sup> (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. 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.

## **21. 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)

**22. BAKED POTATO BAR LUNCH** – Elfinwild Meals Ministry is hosting a FREE baked potato bar lunch after the 11:10 service on Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**23. 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.

**24. BAPTISM BRUNCH** – The Family Ministry Team will be hosting a Baptism Brunch on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:1138patricia@gmail.com); or text to 412-961-2091

**25. 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 12<sup>th</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup>. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, special attention will be given to "Surviving the Holidays". 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](mailto:harbaugh.bl1@gmail.com)

**26. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCH** and beverages with Dr. Clement and his wife Sathya today following the 11:10 service in the Upper Gathering Room.

**27. 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<sup>st</sup> 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.