

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

SERMON

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Rev. Jason Rea

HYMN NO. 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM Rhondda

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSION

POSTLUDE

"Fuge in G-Moll"

J. S. Bach

Liturgist: Bethany Harbaugh

THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

8:30 a.m.

Michael Radich

Marna Bodnar

Bob Hughes

Eileen Hughes

11:10 a.m.

Don Pritchard

Chris Sutton

Jim Giel

Mike Radich

Dick Friedline

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

"Joseph: From the Cell to the High Courts"

Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50

World Communion Sunday

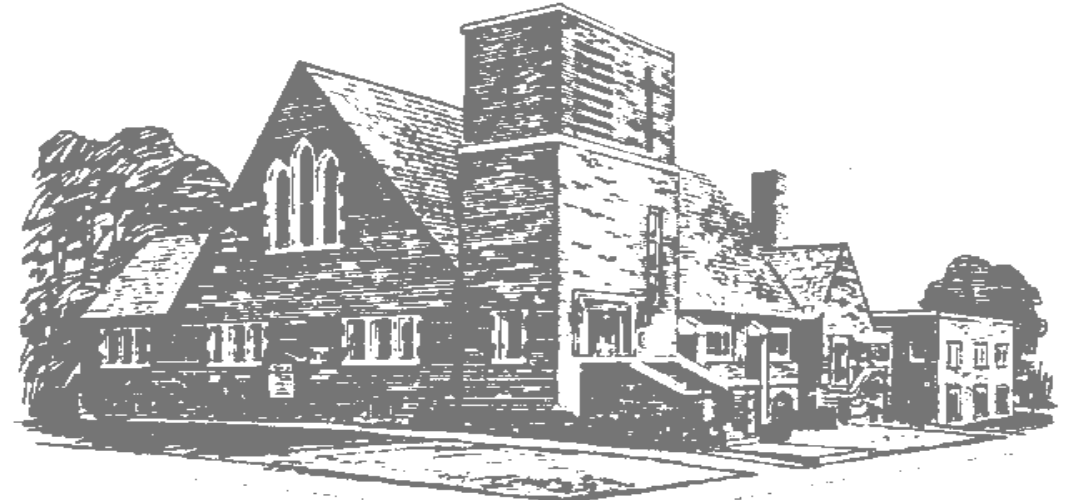
Breads from around the World

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 Steve Heere in the chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mandie Stehle and Michael Radich who were married here at Elfinwild Church yesterday, September 24, 2011.

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO parents, Mike and Amanda, big brother Joshua and Isaac, and big sister Hannah Gaydos on the birth of their daughter and sister, Grace Christine, born on Sunday, September 18, 2011.

AND STILL MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO Bruce and Barb (Jene) Antkowiak on the birth of their twins, Katherine and Michael on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Jim and Dee Jene are the proud grandparents.



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 25, 2011

Eight-thirty and Eleven-ten O'clock

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

"It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Matthew 2: 26-28

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Air in A-minor" J. S. Bach
Rhosymedre (or "Lovely") arr. Ralph Vaughn William
"Carrilon De Westminster" Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***HYMN NO. 147**

"Blessing and Honor" O Quanta Qualia

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

ANTHEM (8:30) *"And the Father Will Dance"* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

And the Father will dance over you in joy!

He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song; and He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God,

For He has answered all my cries.

His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul! Awake my soul! Awake my soul, and sing!

Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice in God.

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!

Cast away fear for you have been restored!

Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.

Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

ANTHEM (11:10)

"SISI GUMBO WE"

Youth Choir

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(based upon: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)

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.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30)

"ARIRANG"
(Christ You Are the Fullness)

Traditional Korean Folk Tune
Arr. Joy E. Koning

(11:10)

"Come to the Feast"
Youth Choir

Christopher Grundy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. through 12:10 p.m.

Cradle Roll (birth to toddlers)
Location – end of hall from sanctuary

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Classes for Young Disciples

11:10 a.m. ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room
Location – 1st floor of church building
Preschool (age 4 - 2nd grade) welcome in Young Child & Worship
Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

WE WELCOME AS GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING Jeffry Anwyll. Jeff is an accomplished church organist...having begun his music ministry at the age of 16! He has played and performed locally, as well as world-wide. His musical gifts also include voice, piano, drums, bass guitar and handbells. He is currently the Director of Substitutes and Placement for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Steve Heere.
2. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given in loving memory of Evie Weisenstein by Dale Weisenstein.
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-5th Grade



4. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6:** The Sunday school hour begins at 9:45 am with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10, teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome!
5. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (11:10) ONLY** (age 4 – 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through and 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 on "Creation" is being taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms and Amy and Mark Meyer.

6. **M & ms “MESSIAH & ME”** . All 4th through 6th grade students are invited to join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for M&m’s. We gather from 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for games, activities, prayer, a lesson and snack. Mark your calendars for the following dates – October 19, November 16 and December 21. Please call Kristin Coco (412-767-4539) or Bethann Dolan (412-492-9991) with any questions.

7. **CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS! SAVE THE NIGHT!**
SEPTEMBER 28

Elementary Choir (Grades 2-5) and the **Chime Choir (Grades 3-6)** will rehearse on Wednesday evenings this year.

Elementary Choir - 6:30-7:15PM in the Chapel

Chime Choir - 7:30-8:00PM in the Bell Room on the Ground Floor

**Please note that we will never meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month so that children eligible for our M & m Youth Group may attend.) Questions? Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller at mrdd1@earthlink.net or 412-487-3421. Thank you!

8. **HANDCHIME CHOIR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The handchime choir will begin rehearsing on Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm, in the first floor bell room. Please know that we can have only 8 chimers due to the fact that there are only two octaves of chimes. Currently, we are full with a wait list!! Thank you! Ruthie Riethmuller

YOUTH MINISTRY



9. **JR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 4:30-6:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in 6th-8th grades. We have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing songs, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. We hope to see all our 6th-8th grade students at Club!

10. **SR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM:** This is our youth group time for students in grades 9-12. We also have a great time hanging out, playing games, singing together, eating snacks and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. All Elfinwild 9th-12th graders and their friends are welcome to attend.

11. **UPCOMING TRIPS AND RETREATS:**

Laurelville Weekends: Jr. High November 4th-6th. Sr. High December 2nd-4th.

These are both wonderful retreats for students. Cost for each retreat is \$100 per student. Students can use their fundraising accounts to pay for all or part of the retreat cost. To register for Laurelville students must let Jason know they wish to attend and turn in a \$25 nonrefundable deposit (this deposit can come by check or from a student’s fundraising account). 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!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30 am 4:30-6:00 6:30-8:00 7:00 pm	Pre-school Board Meeting – Peach Room Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House Deacons Meeting – Cor. Conf. Rm.
MONDAY	7:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall Technology Mtg. - KL
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands – Fellowship Hall TOPS Interim Organist Committee AARP Board Meeting Personnel Committee – Kennedy Library Praise Team – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 6:30-7:15 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 7:30-8:00	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Elementary Choir – Chapel CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room Chime Choir – Bell Rm. – 1 st Fl. - Church
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men’s Bible Study – Pastor’s Study Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Women’s Bible Study – Kara Rea’s House Girl Scouts – Peach Rm. CLC #3 – Youth House Youth Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-School – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Rooms Act I – Friendship Hall and C.E. Cub Scouts Pack Mtg. – Fellowship Hall Recruitment Night
SATURDAY	6:00-8:00 am 9:00am-3:00pm 7:00-9:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Act I – Friendship Hall & C.E. Couples Bible Study Kick-off Game Night - YH

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

12. JOIN THE BUCKET BRIGADE

From time to time small cleaning, painting, landscaping or other similar projects arise at the church. While our custodians are busy doing the everyday cleaning and maintenance required to operate our campus, other small projects and tasks come up that can be handled by members of the congregation who have a skill, interest or expertise that they would like to share, but don't know what needs done, or who to contact.

With this in mind, the Board of Trustees has formed The Bucket Brigade. Don Duncan has volunteered to lead this group of volunteers in completing some projects that need attention around the church property at various times throughout the year. These projects will range from minor painting projects, cleaning and dusting, washing walls, etc. – the opportunities are endless.

If you are interested in joining The Bucket Brigade, please complete the form and provide the information requested below. Serving the church through this volunteer opportunity is a great way to meet other members of the Elfinwild family, as well as help the church through use of your time and talents.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Duncan at 412-367-3827 or JNDDUNCAN@verizon.net

THE BUCKET BRIGADE

NAME _____
 TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WHEN I CAN HELP (Check where appropriate):

MONDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____
TUESDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____
WEDNESDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____
THURSDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____
FRIDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____
SATURDAY	_____	Morning _____	Evening _____

SPECIAL SKILLS _____

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Thanks for considering this service opportunity.

13. THE INQUIRERS' CLASS begins on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 9:45 am in the Peach Room which is located downstairs across from the kitchen. If you are interested in asking questions about the Christian faith or what it means to be part of this community of faith, please plan to attend. Dr. Lesnett will be leading this six week course on "Who We Are" as followers of Christ, Presbyterians and members of Elfinwild Church. Each week will be a new topic and every Sunday's lesson stands on its own. Attendance at all six sessions is preferable, but not required if you want to become a member of this congregation. Call Dr. Lesnett at the church, 412-486-5400 with any questions, or email him at dirk@elfinwildchurch.org.

14. SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR. Everyone enjoys gathering for our fellowship time so why not lend a hand. In an attempt to get more volunteers, Tessa is going to change things up a bit. Anyone that would like to donate juice or coffee but doesn't have the time to come help set up or clean up, please let me know. And if you would rather just come and give a hand with set up or just help with clean up, please let me know. Call 412-213-0384 or tconnelly08@verizon.net. Thank you.

15.

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
August 31, 2011		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$393,085.
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$382,888.
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$371,510.
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 11,378.

16. COUPLES BIBLE STUDY. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12. Come join us every other Saturday night beginning Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at the Youth House for fellowship and study as we learn that every day counts. We will be working through John Ortberg's guide, When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box. The study kick-off game night is Saturday, October 1 from 7-9 pm. Have you ever played Trouble with Bob Hughes? Any questions, please call Robert and Eileen Hughes at 412-821-7950.

17. THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. The Thursday Women's Bible Study began on Sept. 8. We will be meeting on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Kara's house at 106 Church Ave., right across from the church. Child care will be provided at the church in the toddler room. Please join us!

18. THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY for Autumn would especially appreciate receiving rice, condiments, and broths. You can put these in the bins at the north and south entrances to the sanctuary.