

**SERMON**

*“An Ethic of Work for Today”*

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

- Words of Invitation**
- Prayer of Consecration**
- Words of Institution**
- Receiving the Bread and the Cup**
- Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*HYMN NO. 485**

*“To God Be the Glory”*

Fanny Crosby

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**THIS WEEK’S USHERS ARE:**

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| <b>8:00 am</b> | <b>10:00 am</b> |
| Michael Radich | Don Pritchard   |
| John Hart      | Chris Sutton    |
| Bob Hughes     | Jim Giel        |
| Eileen Hughes  | Dick Friedline  |

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, September 9, 2012  
 8:30 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.  
*“Why Do We Read the Bible?”*  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett 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 Rick Dayton in the chapel.

**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

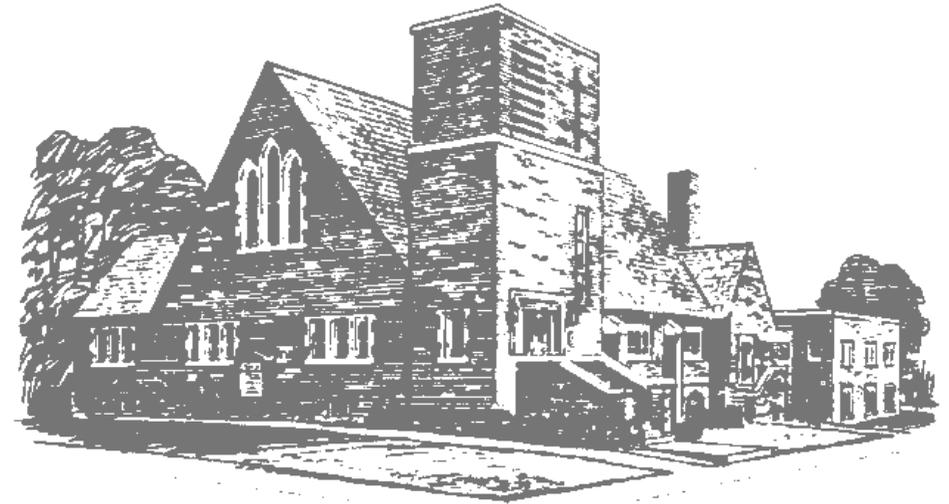
Location – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

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

Children 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2, 2012**

**Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock**

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

"O God, by your power may we comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, that we may be filled with your fullness." Amen.

**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**

Leader: Come, all who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons us to draw near to Him that we may live in Him. Drink deeply of these living waters.

**People: Lord, we come to worship You. We come to seek You while You may be found, and call upon You while You are near!**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**People: To the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be praise in all times and places!**

**\*HYMN NO. 478**      *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"*      Laudate Anima

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The prophet Isaiah tells us that in repentance and rest is our salvation, and in quietness and trust is our strength. The Lord longs to be gracious to you, and to show you compassion. With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God that He may show His forgiving love and redeeming mercy to us.

**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 in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. **As we remember today the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in bread and wine, 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 the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: You have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have been given the Spirit of adoption into God through Christ Jesus! You are now heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, forgiven, set free and restored. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: We believe: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

**\*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, Amen.

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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.

**PRAYER 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.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 2:15  
Page 2 in the pew Bible

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1. **WE WELCOME AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING** Michael Hengelsberg. Michael and his wife, Allison, grew up in the north hills of Pittsburgh, originally hailing from Hampton Township. Michael began playing the piano when in 3rd grade at St. Mary's Catholic School. In college at Washington and Jefferson College, Michael supported himself by playing for the Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington as well as directing the choir there. After college, Michael and Allison moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin for a job opportunity. He joined Olivet Lutheran Church in La Crosse as their principal organist and music team leader. Michael played for Olivet Lutheran for 10 years and then became the director of music at St. Joseph Ridge Catholic Church where he remained for a year. Presented with a new work opportunity Michael, Allison, and their three children relocated to Hampton Township to be closer to their family.
2. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Rick Dayton.
3. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given by Deb and Jeff Thompson in celebration of their 35h wedding anniversary.
4. **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**

5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6:** Our first day of Sunday School will be September 23!! 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. **M&ms "MESSIAH & ME"** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall. Our spaghetti-themed kickoff will be on Wednesday, September 19. Bring a box of pasta or jar of sauce for our local food pantry. Mark your calendar for our other fall meeting and activity dates: October 17, November 20 (Tuesday), December 19, and January 16. Any questions, please contact Bethany Harbaugh.
7. **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.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

8. **CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON SEPTEMBER 9:**  
We will meet at 9:15am in the choir room between services. Jason will explain this year's confirmation program and pass out information for those interested. Please plan to attend if you are a student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or up and would like to be confirmed!
9. **SEPTEMBER 9: YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF! 5-7PM** This kickoff event is for both Jr. and Sr. High students. It will be a fun evening of games, food, and fellowship. Dinner will be served and then we'll talk about the fall and all that will be going on in our student ministries. We hope to see all students grades 6-12 there!

**ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

10. **DID YOU KNOW** that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you, or a family member that you are caring for, are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. Our Hospitality Ministry can deliver a meal to your home! Or perhaps you have a doctor's appointment, but have no transportation or are unable to drive. The Deacons' Hospitality Ministry is able to help. The Deacons are here to SERVE YOU. Do you have a need for either of these services? If so, please call Suzanne Whitaker at 412-487-0663 and she will be glad to help you.
11. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, September 4 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.
12. **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be starting Thursday, September 13th. We meet every Thursday from 9:15 to 11:30 in the Youth House. Childcare is provided and those needing a sitter share this cost. We will start our study for the year talking about Sabbath. Ladies, we hope you can join us for good fellowship and time in God's word.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **GREETINGS TO ALL WOMEN OF ELFINWILD.** With September comes our first meeting of the Mary Circle, on Monday, September 10 at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.. Each meeting includes news, devotions, mission report and Bible study as well as good fellowship. We meet the second Monday of each month, September through May, at 12:30, and you are free to attend at any time. Do you know someone who would like to join? Please call Marge Cain at 412-487-2402 if you would like to learn more about this branch of Presbyterian Women of USA.

**THIS WEEK**

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| SUNDAY    | 1:30 pm  | God & Family – Fellowship Hall  |
| MONDAY    | LABOR DAY  | Church Office closed  |
| TUESDAY   | 11:00 am<br>12:00 noon<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:30 pm            | Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library<br>Men's Luncheon – Fellowship Hall<br>TOPS<br>Personnel Committee – Kennedy Library<br>Praise Team - Sanctuary   |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 am<br>6:00 pm<br>6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:15 pm     | Preschool Staff Mtgs. and Workshop<br>Webelos II – Green Room<br>Elementary Choir, 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5th – Choir Room<br>Student Ministries Leader's Mtg – Youth House<br>CLC #2 – Kennedy Library<br>Chancel Choir – Choir Room |
| THURSDAY  | 7:00 am<br>7:00 am<br>5-8:00 pm<br>5-8:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:15 pm | Men's Bible Study<br>Preschool Staff Mtgs. and Workshop<br>Open House for Parents new to Elfinwild<br>Mom & Me Open House – Peach Room<br>CLC #3 – Youth House<br>Youth Choir - CR  |
| FRIDAY    | 7:00 am<br>7:00 pm   | Preschool Staff Mtgs. and Workshop<br>Webelos Den 6 – Fellowship Hall   |
| SATURDAY  | CALL DEADLINE<br>6:00 am<br>4:00 pm                                | CLC #4 – Kennedy Library<br>Chancel Choir party at Feris Home   |



## Inquirers' Class

The Peach Classroom  
(Lower level of the  
Sanctuary Building)

**A Class for Prospective Members**

This class is for those interested in learning more about Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and our beliefs and practices. The staff will participate in the teaching and sharing times and members of the congregation will share with you what about this Church has enhanced their relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who find that Elfinwild Church is where God is leading them to become involved as a member will have the opportunity to join after each session.

**September 23 – October 28, 2012**

16. **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 (3-5 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 9 P.M. Cost for the course materials is \$95.23. You can't afford to NOT take the course! You can order the materials through the church. There will be a one-hour overview of the course on October 9 at 7 P.M. in the Youth House. Go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for a taste of what you'll get. If you have already taken the course, feel free to drop in! Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.
17. **TELL US YOUR ELFINWILD MEMORIES.** Much like your own families, every member of the Elfinwild family has memories and stories about their life as a member at Elfinwild. We would like to hear about those youth group trips, Sunday School classes, church picnics, adult fellowship groups – or whatever memory you would like to share.  
Please write them down, in any form – typed or long-hand – and forward them to Jim Giel, Jr. as soon as possible. We will share them throughout the year with the “family” so that the newer members hear the “old” stories and the “older” members hear the stories of the newer members.
18. **ELFINWILD MEMORABILIA NEEDED.** Elfinwild Church will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community during 2012. A special “*Celebration Sunday*” will be held on Sunday, September 16. Details for this event will be coming over the next several weeks. During the months leading up to our celebration, we will be honoring a decade each month with newsletter articles as well as a display in the gathering area. If you have any pictures, Sunday School pins, copies of bulletins, or other memorabilia related to Elfinwild and would like to share those for the various displays, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774, or drop them off at the church office. Your items will be returned to you when they are no longer needed.
19. **HAVE YOU EVER WISHED YOU COULD MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?** Ever wanted to try something just a little outside your comfort zone? Starting Monday, September 10, please join a new group forming to do just that! Led by Jennifer Harris Clayton, our new Director of Worship and Music, the group will prepare a portion of Scripture to be presented in worship on October 28 to celebrate Commitment Sunday. The time commitment is 7 weekly rehearsals, plus 2 services of worship on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's worship God together by honoring His Word together – and have some fun fellowship at the same time! Please see Jennifer for more details, or call the office to confirm your participation! All ages are welcomed and encouraged!

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20. **ALL SINGERS:** Choir rehearsals start this week! If you're interested in joining the adult choir, but haven't yet, please join us in the choir room at 7:15 on Wednesday. We'd love to see new faces!
21. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR:** Mark and Bev Feris will be graciously hosting our season kick-off party at their home on Saturday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share, and if it's hot, bring your swimsuit! More details at rehearsal on Wednesday, but please plan to join us! If you are considering joining the choir, please feel invited to attend and meet the folks of the Chancel Choir!
22. **PIANO LESSONS:** Jennifer Harris Clayton will be offering piano lessons to members of Elfinwild Church at a reduced rate on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginners through intermediate levels are welcome. Music books are about \$7 for children and \$10 for adults and can be purchased through Jennifer. Scholarship for books is available if needed! If interested, please contact her ASAP as space is limited!

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

23. **SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS NEEDED** Substitute shuttle drivers and ride-along dispatchers are needed immediately for Free Rides for Seniors, a program of Faith in Action. Free Rides for Seniors offers seniors free shuttle transportation to medical appointments, religious services, grocery stores, hair salons, etc. in Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, Blawnox, and O'Hara. Training is provided! Call Kerry at 412-449-0151 or visit [www.nhco.org](http://www.nhco.org) for more information.
24. **HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Hospice is a program that serves terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteering for hospice could be a very rewarding experience. We are seeking volunteers who are interested in visiting patients and family members in their homes. We would ask of you to be a "good friend" to someone in need. There are many ways to get involved: Home Care Visiting, Patient Care for patients in our in-patient unit, 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, Spiritual Care, Nursing Homes, help in the office, Bereavement support, Community Outreach, and fundraising. Forbes Hospice serves Allegheny and Beaver counties. We serve patients who are at the end of life and all ages. Volunteer training begins October 9 for three weeks. If you are interested in learning more about hospice and volunteering, contact Shelby Anderson, Director of Volunteer Services at Forbes Hospice, 412-578-6830, or email to [sanderso@wpahs.org](mailto:sanderso@wpahs.org).
25. **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](http://www.hearth-bp.org), or contact Darlene Troy at 412-366-9801.
26. **CAR DONATIONS NEEDED** There are nearly 25 low-income families on the waiting list for a car from North Hills Community Outreach's Community Auto program. The program is looking for vehicle donations that will help low-income individuals get to work and provide transportation for their families. Cars can be donated in any condition and donors may qualify for the maximum possible tax deduction. Call 724-443-8300 or visit [www.communityauto.org](http://www.communityauto.org) for more information.
27. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will meet Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church in Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and entertainment by singer Jordan Luntz.
28. **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](http://www.openyourhearttoasenior.org), call 412-307-0071 or toll-free at 866-467-0888.
29. **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.
30. **LOOKING FOR A FULFILLING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?** Crisis Center North needs volunteers for their 24-hour hotline. All calls can be taken on your home/cell phone. They also have opportunities in community education, fundraising & events, daytime clerical assistant, and board members. If interested, please contact Darla at 412-364-6728 or [dbarie@crisiscenternorth.org](mailto:dbarie@crisiscenternorth.org).