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**WELCOME TO
ELFINWILD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE LORD’S DAY
September 2, 2018
8:30 AM and 11:10 AM Worship**

*You are invited to use this Scripture for reflection
as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

**“May the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and
by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts
and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

PRELUDE

“O STORE GUD”

Gregg Sewell

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

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

**"It is an anomaly of modern life that many find
giving to be a burden. If one first gives himself to
the Lord, all other giving is easy".**

John Bonnell, Pastor

**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Financial Statement
July 31, 2018**

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$386,665
Total Expenses (Y.T.D.)		\$385,605
Favorable (Y.T.D.)		\$1,060

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:3, 6-7

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Knowing that we have not always worked as “unto the Lord” let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Father, the great Provider, You have blessed us with gifts and talents to be employed for Your glory. We are called to be faithful stewards of these gifts and multiply the talents that come from You. We confess that we have not always developed our abilities to the fullest. We can be lazy and seek too much leisure. Too often we have bought into the cultural view of work and see it as a necessary evil. But, created in Your image, You made us to be productive and creative, like You are. Forgive our sin of wasting time, talent and treasure. Empower us to find joy in our labor and see Your purpose in our work. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-15

Leader: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. 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

“King of the World”

Natalie Grant

Brooke & Jen Callahan, Vocalists

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:8-11 and Mark 2:23-27
(pages 71 and 937 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Gift of Sabbath”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 505

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+ (Gluten free wafers are in the bowl in the center of the plate)
Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 514

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festive Toccata”

Robert W. Thygerson

The Elder of the Week is Ann Ritter

20. 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 form on the tables for more information.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 8-26-18

TODAY (9-2-18) Communion
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA

MONDAY 7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS

FRIDAY 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Preschool Staff Workshop – CE

SATURDAY 6:30 AM – All In #7 – CCR

SUNDAY (9-2-18) Communion
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Callahan and Blose deceased family members by the Callahan family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Ann Ritter.

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

Mike Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Dwight Pearson
Joanne Pearson

11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard
Bob Mankey
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Dennis Kriek
11:10 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, September 9, 2018
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Birth – 5th Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Amy Meyer, Director of Children and Family Ministries
at: amy@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400, Ext. 106*

1. LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS

All adults working with our children have full security clearances.

Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level

Staffed by "Miss Holly" Shreiber & Church Members

Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM

Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement

Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Teen Assistants

Sundays 9:30AM-12:30PM

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5th Grade

Introducing the New Faithweaver NOW Curriculum!

Christian Education (CE) Building, 9:45-10:45AM

An hour of learning about God through the bible, games, stories, art, and music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.

Pre-K/K: First Floor, Red Room with Mrs.Nist and Mrs.Thompson

Grades 1-2: First Floor, Blue Room with Mrs.Graco, Mrs.Laing, and Mrs.Dierker

Grades 3-5 Second Floor, Purple Room with Mrs.Dolan, Mrs.Connelly, and Mrs.Alexander

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP During the 2nd Worship Service, 10:45AM-12:15PM

Children Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Meet in the Green Room, first floor of the CE Building, for a time to experience and learn about God in a worship space designed specifically for young children. Children who attend Sunday School may be dismissed directly to YCIW with a parent's permission. This week's lesson is . . .

4. M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM – For kids in grades 3-5 from 12:15-2PM in Fellowship Hall. Starting with a light lunch, children dive into a time of games, activities, prayer, and lessons to build each child's walk with God. Upcoming sessions: 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/16. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600- 1452 or connthree07@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries, contact
Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

5. UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS! – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, youth choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at rehearsal – *ALL ARE WELCOME!* You may join at any time.

2018-2019 MUSIC SCHEDULE

Elementary Choir - Tuesdays from 6-7pm

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm

Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30pm

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7pm

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

*For more information on these ministries, contact
Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

6. 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday starting September 12th** 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 be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

7. SR. HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Harbaugh's house from 6:30-8PM starting Sept. 5th. We will be studying Rachel and Leah and learning from them about how to combat comparison. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can order a book for you.

8. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 9th FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 9th. This will be a combined club night for grades 6-12. We will play lots of games, have dinner together and then have a time of worship and sharing about what is coming up this year for our student ministries. We hope all Elfinwild students and their friends will consider coming out!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. 2018 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex.

If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

10. OUR MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER gathering will be changing to the first Thursday of the month. We will begin on September 6th at 7 PM in the Chapel. Please prayerfully consider joining this powerful ministry.

11. 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, 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.

12. 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.

13. STEPHEN MINISTRY – Please join us on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7PM in Fellowship Hall for our special presentation "Let's Talk Dementia". We will be learning about the different kinds of dementia and very practical ways to support care givers. Our guests will be: Barbara (Bobbi) Kolonay, RN BSN MS and Steve and Jan (Pride) Mills. Bobbi is the President of Holistic Aging and Options for Elder Care in Allison Park. Steve is a Primary Care physician for Excelsa Health in Latrobe and Jan has journeyed dementia/Alzheimer's with both her mother and her brother. Please invite family and friends who may benefit from this special presentation. All are welcome!

Verse of the Month: "We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

14. 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 every day 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 8:00 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

15. 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 outside of Fellowship Hall.

16. PERKS TO PRAY AND PLAY is a new rebate program available at the four Mihelic Shop 'n Save locations where customers can register their personal Shop 'n Save perks cards under pre-authorized schools, churches, and other non-profits. As customers shop throughout a given period (the periods are January-June and July-December), their purchases are tracked by their Shop 'n Save card and 2% of all qualified purchases are calculated. That total is given in the form of gift cards to the organizations that are registered. Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has been pre-registered so we can begin receiving gift cards from Shop 'n Save. Sign up forms and information forms are located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

17. THE LIBRARY will be closed until the office renovation is complete.

18. MEN'S LUNCHEON – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In September, we will meet on Tuesday, September 4th at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the response form in the pews to make your reservation.

19. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON DATE CHANGE – We will be moving our monthly luncheons to the **third Thursday of the month** instead of Wednesday. Our first gathering will be on Thursday, 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!