

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48
(Page 905 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"A Difficult Teaching" The Rev. Jason Rea

***HYMN NO. 371**

"Lift High the Cross" Crucifer

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross" S. Karg-Elert
Stan Yoder, organ

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, Oct. 7, 2012

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 -
11:10 – Jerry Nist

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 Amy Meyer in the chapel.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to Janis Watson and family on the death of her husband Tom on Thursday Sept. 20, 2012.

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

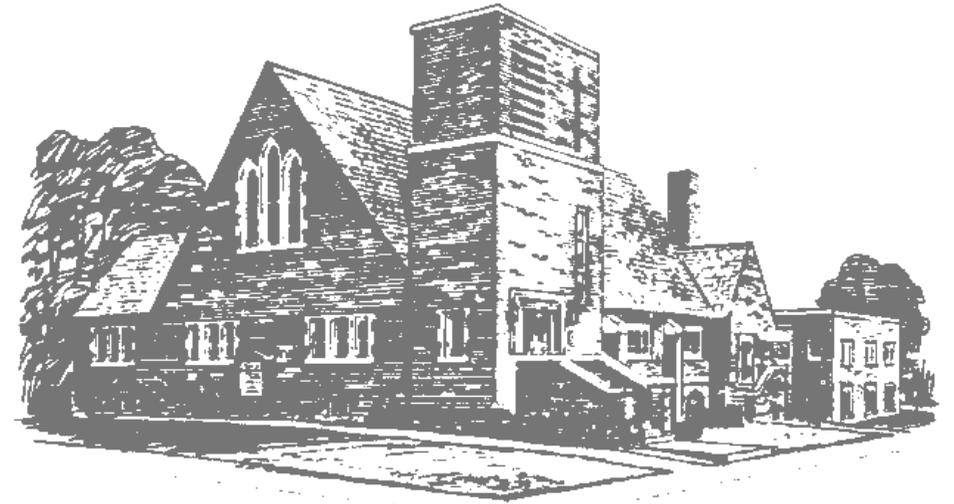
Location – 1st floor of church building

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 30, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Abide With Us, Lord Jesus" S. Karg-Elert
Stan Yoder, organ

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

INTROIT "Worthy, Alleluia!" Francis/Mozart/Fetke
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God

All: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Leader: Come into this holy place to worship God

**All: whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear;
whose judgments are true.**

Leader: Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide. Come — let us worship God.

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be according to your will, O God, as we praise your holy name.**

***HYMN NO. 262** "God of the Ages" National Hymn

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

James, the brother of Jesus, encourages us to confess our sins to one another and to pray for each other because our prayers offered in faith through Christ are powerful and effective. Let us confess our sins together before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you invite us to be in relationships with others in this life, and with you. We confess that we do not do enough to nurture healthy life with others or with you. We walk away from friendships when we disagree. We turn from other believers when we interpret things differently. Instead of celebrating the ways that you have brought us together, we look for ways to separate ourselves and push you out of the picture. Forgive our foolish, selfish ways, Holy God. Unify us through the power of your Spirit. Teach us to be patient and loving, that we may all be made one in Christ. For we are called to be one body, united by your love, and at peace with each other, that we may show forth your love to the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and he sits at the right hand of God our Father, praying and interceding for us! There is therefore now no condemnation for us who have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ, and been made heirs of his kingdom. What once was dead in sin has been made alive and new in Christ! Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: We believe, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Francis/Mozart/Fetke
Chancel 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Kevin Hart (8:30)
Jim Saraceno (11:10)

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.

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Amy Meyer.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Evie Weisenstein by her husband Dale.
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 continued from last week and is being taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Amy and Mark Meyer.
5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6** 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 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our fall meeting and activity dates: October 17 (Campfire at Youth House), November 20 (Tuesday; bowling at FunFest from 6-8 pm), December 19 (Caroling at DeHaven Ct.), and January 16 (in Fellowship Hall).
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.
8. **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

9. **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!
10. **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

11. **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!
12. **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

13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:45 am 4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Inquirers' Class – Peach Rm. Jr. High Club – Youth House Sr. High Club – Youth House
MONDAY	7:00 am 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Men's Luncheon – FH Girl Scout Recruitment Night TOPS Personnel Committee - KL Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 12:30-2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Jason @ PTS Webelos II – Green Rm. Elementary Choir – Choir Room Confirmation Class - YH CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 12:00 pm 6:00-7:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Women's Bible Study – YH Pastor's Appreciation Lunch at Southpointe Girl Scouts – Peach & Toddler Room CLC #3 – Youth House Wolf Den Cub Scouts – Red Rm. Youth Choir - CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 2-8:00 pm 4:15-6:45 pm 6:45-9:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Spaghetti Prep - Kitchen Act 1 – Fr. H. & C.E. Marriage Conference – Alan Wisdom – "What's the Big Deal about Marriage? A Christian Reappropriation" - SA Pack 157 Mtg. – Kiwanis Park – Raingutter Regatta
SATURDAY	6:00 am 7:00 am-4 pm 8:00 am-2:00 8:30 am-1 pm 9:00 am-2:00 12:30 pm 4:00-7:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Spaghetti Dinner Prep. Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E. Marriage Conference – Alan Wisdom Sacrament Education – Upper Gathering Rm & Chapel & Library Wedding – Charnock/Dekewla – Heinz Chapel Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

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. **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING AT KIWANIS PARK-** 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. **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.

- 25. **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.

- 16. **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.

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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Financial Statement		
August 31, 2012		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$373,980
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$361,765
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$387,063
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	-\$25,298

- 18. **INQUIRERS' CLASS MEETS** 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. **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.

- 20. **HAVE YOU** received your ordered 100th Anniversary Commemorative Throw? If not, they are available for you to pick up and make payment in the hallway outside the Chapel after each Sunday Service and also at the church office during weekly office hours. Payments (\$35 each) by check are to be made payable to the church.