

SERMON "Why Do We Read the Bible?" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

***CLOSING SONG** "Holy Is the Lord" (see insert) Tomlin/Giglio
Praise Team with Congregation

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

Liturgist: (8:30) Steve Coco

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, September 16, 2012
10:00 am Service
100th Anniversary Celebration
"A People Where God Dwells"
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 Dave Interthal in the chapel.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to George and Jessica Alexander and Lora Weinman and family on the death of their mother Jeanette Alexander whose funeral was September 4, 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

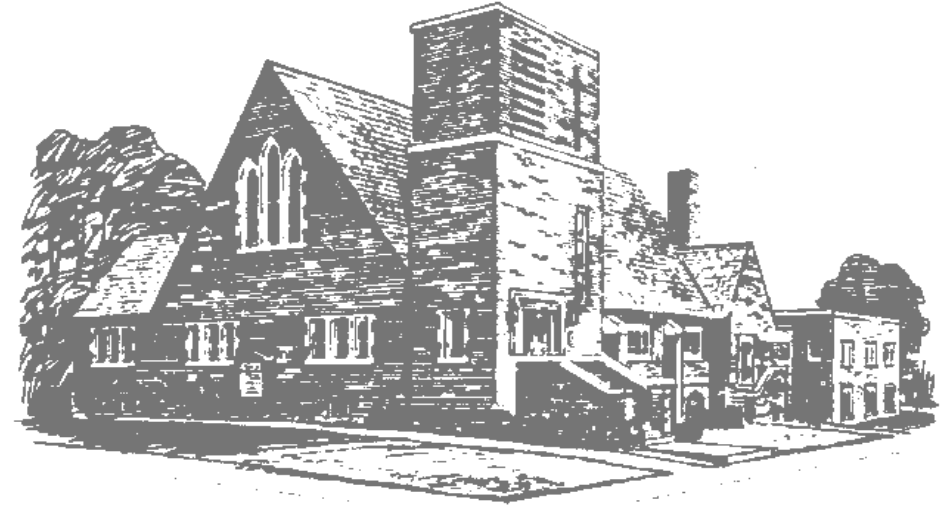
Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

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

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.

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.



**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 9, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

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

"Fill our worship with your grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer". Amen.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *"Here I am to Worship"* (see insert) Hughes
Praise Team with Congregation

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

MOMENT FOR ADULT DISCIPLESHIP Amy Meyer and Greg Toomey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,

People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving,

People: and extol Him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,

People: the great King over all the earth!

***OPENING SONG** *"Glory to God"* (see insert) Fee/Beaching
Praise Team with Congregation

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

GIFTING OF BIBLES (11:10)

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:10)

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come into God's holy presence, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of Truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and in faith, ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love unfaithful, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us, and bring our minds, hearts, and wills back under your lordship. Give us grace to become more like you every day by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since we are justified by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been restored to peace with God. Through Jesus, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: 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 *"Make My Life an Offering"* (see insert) Hastings
Praise Team (Congregation invited to join)

***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.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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

2 Timothy 3:16
Page 1119 in the pew Bible

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1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Dave Interthal.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Ida Campbell by the family.
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, "Orientation, How Church Tells Timer" is being taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Amy and Mark Meyer.
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 4th-6th graders! We meet the 3rd 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. **TODAY CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS AT 9:45 AM.** We will meet at 9:45 am 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 8th grade or up and would like to be confirmed!

9. **TONIGHT, 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!
10. **NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 16TH DUE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!** We will begin regular youth group on September 23. Our usual meeting times are 4:30-6 pm for Jr. High and 6:30-8:00 pm for Sr. High. We meet almost every Sunday. To be included on our weekly e-mail updates, please send your e-mail address and request to Kyle Pinta: kjpinta@aol.com.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

11. **THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING BIBLES AT THE 11:10 SERVICE TODAY-**

Maleah Arrigo	Isabella Mubel	Ryan Callahan
Peyton Bigley	Evan Muszynski	Laura Heere
Grace Garcia	William Rea	Lucy Interthal
Isaac Gaydos	Joey Riegel	Josh Jashinski
Jacob Kunc	Grant Uvodich	Eliza Meyer
Colin McKern	Samantha Arrigo	Austin Murray

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.
16. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED-** On Sunday, September 23rd, our Coffee Hour between the services will resume in the Upper Gathering Room. We need a volunteer to pick up the donut order at Dunkin Donuts on Route 8 at Saxonburg Boulevard. The donuts are to be picked up at 7:30 am. If you are able to do this, please call the church office at 412-486-5400.

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>
SUNDAY	9:45 am 9:45 am 11:10 am 1:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Teachers' meeting/breakfast-FH Confirmation Class Info. Mtg.- CR Bibles to 1 st and 2 nd graders God & Family – Cor. Conf. Rm. Jr. & Sr. High Kickoff – YH Session Meeting – Cor. Conf. Rm.
MONDAY	8:45-10:00 10:30-11:45 12:30-2:00 12:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Parent-Child Orientation AM Red, Green, Blue & Orange Rms. AM Yellow, Purple & Monkey Rms. PM Blue, Green, Monkey & Red Rms Mary Circle – Fellowship Hall CLC #5 – Youth House Pack 157 Committee Mtg. – Peach Rm. Script Team – Kennedy Library Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	8:45-10:00 12:30-1:45 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Preschool Parent-Child Orientation AM Blue, Red & Green Rms. PM Green & Red Rms Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Caring Hands - FH TOPS Trustee's Meeting. – Cor. Conf. Rm. AARP Meeting. – Fellowship Hall Praise Team - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am	Preschool – First Day 3 Day AM & PM & Monkey AM & PM Blue, Green, Orange, Red, Yellow, Purple & Monkey Rms.
	8:00 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Elementary Choir, 2 nd -5 th – Choir Room CLC #2 – Kennedy Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Men's Bible Study Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Lions Club – Cor. Conf. Rm. CLC #3 – Youth House Youth Choir - CR
FRIDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool – C.E. Mom & Me – Peach & Toddler Room Act 1 – Fr. H. & C.E. Pack 157 Sign Up Night – Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY	6:00 am 8:00am-2:00 10:00 am 4:00-7:00 pm	CLC #4 – Kennedy Library Act 1 – Fr. H & C.E. Pittsburgh Presbytery – Camp Crestfield Spaghetti Dinner – Calvert Church



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

17. **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 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.
18. **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.
19. **ELFINWILD MEMORABILIA NEEDED.** Elfinwild Church will celebrate its 100th 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.
20. **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 28th. 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

21. **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!
22. **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.

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 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, 11th 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.
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, 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 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. **SPAGHETTI DINNER AT CALVERT CHURCH.** On Saturday, September 15, from 4 to 7 pm, Calvert Memorial Church in Etna will hold a Spaghetti Dinner. They ask \$7 for adults, \$4 for children up to 12 years old, and will donate \$200 to help keep the Senior Center open at the First Congregational Church. You can have your photo taken with Ms. Pennsylvania. Enter at the lower entrance, where the Bread of Life Food Pantry is held, for lots of good food and fellowship.
29. **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.
30. **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.
31. **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.
32. **PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING-** Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back will be held at the Shaler North Hills Library on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 10 am to 2pm. 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.
33. **BLIND AND VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES OF PITTSBURGH-** is in need of volunteers with receptionist and secretarial skills and volunteers who can help on Tuesday afternoons with arts and crafts and field trips. Also, volunteers are welcome to help drive clients to appointments, serve as escorts for group activities, and help staff who are blind or vision impaired. Volunteers can participate on a set schedule or on an as-needed basis, and their special talents or interests can be accommodated. Training is provided. For more information, contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator, 412-368-4400 or nschepis@pghvis.org.