

The Chancel Flowers are: In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Marlin and Mr. & Mrs. Danny Marlin and Mr. Bill Marlin, by Tom and Carol Hughes.

And: In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hughes, Marian O'Ferral, Mr. & Mrs. David McMasters, by Tom and Carol Huges.

In the Hospital and in Our Prayers as of Thursday, November 13:

William Penn Skilled Nursing Betty Comer
Redstone Greensburg Isobel Nelson

Happy Birthday to Jack Copeland who will be celebrating his 99th Birthday on November 18th!

And:

Congratulations to Pat and Jack Copeland who will be celebrating their 78th Anniversary on November 22nd!

Service Personnel: Staff Sgt. Zachary Coleman, SFC James Davis, Vaughn Estepp, Sgt. Luke Frye, GY Sgt. Chris Keba, LT Andy Marlin, CDR Timothy Minor, Sgt. Noah Rady, Dominic Duke, Jeff Cmar, Connor Ramage.

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!



**"Bringing the heart
of Jesus
to the heart of Irwin"**

Morning Worship

November 16, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 am

A warm welcome! The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are our guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. Please help us to get to know who you are by introducing yourself at the door. Thank you.

PRELUDE “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE SHOE BOXES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son.

P. Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

M. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world.

P. He sent Him that the world might be saved through him.

***HYMN No. 51** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)

We confess, merciful God, that we have not joyfully taken on ourselves Your yoke. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and soul and strength nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Our selfishness has hindered our faithfulness to You. In the pride of our hearts we have turned against You. We have chased after the desires of our flesh. Have mercy upon us, O God. Forgive us most merciful Father and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsively)

M. Friends, who is qualified to condemn us?

P. Only Jesus Christ can condemn us.

M. Remember Christ died for us. He rose for us. He reigns in power for us. And He makes intercession for us.

P. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Deo Gratias”

Youth Choir

KIDS MESSAGE

Gary Filson

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:1-5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Fount of Every Blessing”

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

***HYMN No. 52**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 5:4-9, 15-23

SERMON

“Perception Or Reality”

Doug Rehberg

***HYMN No. 493**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

No. 91

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace”

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***Those who are able may stand**

Isaiah 53:1-5

- 1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Exodus 5:4-9, 15-23

- 4 But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.”
- 5 And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!”
- 6 The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen,
- 7 “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves.
- 8 But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’
- 9 Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”
- 15 Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?
- 16 No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.”
- 17 But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’
- 18 Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.”
- 19 The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.”
- 20 They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh;
- 21 and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

- 22 Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?
- 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

1.) The IDENTITY PROBLEM v. 22(a), “Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord, why have you done evil to this people?’” _____

2.) The FOCUS PROBLEM v.22(b), “O Lord, why did you ever send me?” _____

3.) The POWER PROBLEM v. 23(a), “ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name.” _____

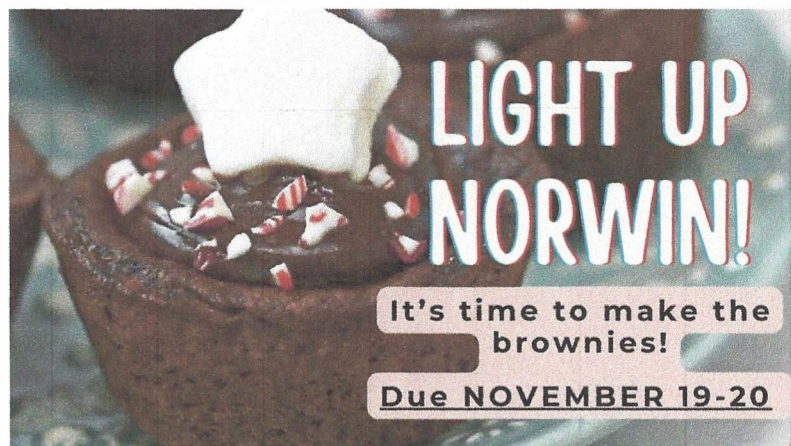
4.) The TRUTH PROBLEM v. 23, “For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.” _____

5.) The PROMISE PROBLEM v. 23(c), “And you have not delivered your people at all.” _____

***For your preparation: “The Present Reality”
Exodus 6:1-5***

The Blessing Board

The Blessing Board is in need of queen size sheets and blankets.



Calling All Bakers!

Evangelism will be handing out free brownies and hot chocolate for Irwin's Light Up Night on November 20th, and we are asking for your help by baking a pan of brownies (please no nuts). They can be dropped off at the church either November 19th or November 20th. You may also stop by any time on the 20th between 3:30 and 8:00 and lend a helping hand with this distribution. Thanks in advance for helping make this event a success.

FREE LEGO BUILDING EVENT

K-12 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 22
1 - 2 PM**



REGISTER HERE:

(<https://forms.gle/MOUYcT4K12mAdK3Q9>)

This Weeks Activities

Sunday, November 16

- 8:15 AM Worship service, Kids Message, Cookie Hour, Barista
- 9:15 AM JumpStart/Refresh
- 10:30 AM Worship service, Youth Choir, Kids Message, Children's Worship, Childcare, Cookie Hour, Barista
- 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8 & 9th-12th grades)

Monday, November 17

- 9:30 AM Counters
- 6:30 PM GriefShare

Tuesday, November 18

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM Circle 1
- 6:30 PM Working Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 19

- 7:30 AM Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- 10:00 AM Food Pantry
- 5:30 PM Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Club (K - 5th)
- 6:00 PM TOPS
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 20

- 5:00 PM Light Up Night

Friday, October 21

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry
- 1:00 PM Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord

Saturday, November 22

- 11:00 AM Karen Stepanik's Memorial
- 1:00 PM The Brick Squad - Lego Build

Sunday, November 23

- 8:15 AM Worship Service, Barista
- 9:15 AM Jumpstart/Refresh
- 10:30 AM Worship service, Children's Worship, Childcare, Barista
- 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8 & 9-12 grades)



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
1-3 PM**

**RSVP BY
DECEMBER 4**

The children of our community are invited to attend the building of gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 6th from 1 - 3pm in the Social Hall. Everyone must donate a bag of candy to contribute to the project on or before Thursday, December 4th. (We have blue Rubbermaid tubs in the entryways to collect the donations.) You must reserve your spot **no later than December 4th...** no exceptions PLEASE... so that we can have plenty of "building materials" and do not run out of supplies. Please note: There will be a "to-go" option available if needed.

This is an adult + child event
Reservations can be made by contacting:
Heather Duckett at 724-863-5910 x116 or
heather@firstpresbyirwin.org

When making your reservation, please include the names and ages of all children attending.

Please also indicate which candy you will be bringing/donating.

Some suggestions:

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| ☐ Chocolate Kisses. | ☐ Candy Canes |
| ☐ Silver Dragees(balls) | ☐ Mini Pretzels/Rods |
| ☐ Tootsie Rolls | ☐ Legos Candy |
| ☐ M&M's | ☐ Smarties |
| ☐ Gumdrops | ☐ Nonpareils |
| ☐ Twizzlers | ☐ Other |

**PLEASE DROP OFF ALL CANDY TO THE CHURCH KITCHEN BY
December 4th! THANK YOU!!**

IT'S TIME for our annual church Gingerbread House Event coming up on Saturday, Dec. 6th. **We need your help!** We need:

- DOUGH DONATIONS to bake house pieces;
- CANDY DONATIONS to decorate the houses;
- RSVP's for anyone coming to the event;
- HOUSE BAKERS on Thursday, December 4th to help us in the kitchen to bake (hundreds) of gingerbread house pieces;
- YOUR KITCHEN AID MIXERS (to borrow) to use that Thursday to make all the icing.

If you can **volunteer your time and/or your Kitchen Aid mixer**, please contact: Heather Duckett at 724-863-5910 x116 or heather@firstpresbyirwin.org

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RECIPE

2 sticks unsalted butter
6 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp baking powder
1 cup dark brown sugar
4 tsp ground ginger
4 tsp ground cinnamon
1 ½ tsp ground cloves
1 tsp finely ground pepper
1 ½ tsp salt
2 large eggs
1 ½ cups unsulfured molasses



1. In a large bowl, mix together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.
2. Cream butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Mix in spices and salt. Beat in eggs and molasses.
3. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until thoroughly combined.
4. Divide dough into thirds and wrap in plastic or Ziplock bags. Chill for at least 1 hour.

NOTE: Please bring your dough to the church - there will be a box in the kitchen refrigerator marked "Gingerbread Dough".