

The Chancel Flowers are: In memory of Joseph D. Smola, by the Smola family.
And: In loving memory of dad, Bob Bentz Sr. by Bob and Janet Bentz.

In the Hospital and in Our Prayers as of Thursday, January 1:

New Haven Court
Redstone Greensburg

Betty Comer
Isobel Nelson

Added to the prayer list as of 12.29.25: Hudson, Howard
Pence, Marge Ryan, Sara, Bev Sowash, Dane Wakeman, and Ian Welch.

Service Personnel: Staff Sgt. Zachary Coleman, SFC James Davis, Vaughn Estopp, 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

January 4, 2026

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. Thank you.~~

PRELUDE

“Noel Etranger”
“Noel sur les Flutes”

Daquin
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

- M.** Jesus has come as God’s Word made flesh, that we may become children of God.
- P.** Our Lord comes to each generation to share His unconditional love and His gift of new life.
- M.** All who receive Jesus are brought into a covenant relationship with God.
- P.** We affirm our faith in God our Father, whose incomparable gift of grace makes us His children.

*HYMN No. 51

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

Heavenly Father, Jesus is no stranger to us, but we are weak in following Him. We want all that He promises, but the pull of the world and our evil hearts often overwhelm us. At the beginning of this new year, please forgive us for living as though we deserve Your gift of salvation. Take control of our hearts and establish us as maturing Christians who are growing in our usefulness for Your Kingdom sake.

*MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

- M.** God holds out His hand of mercy and blesses us.
- P.** If we do not hide our sins God has promised to forgive us.
- M.** With our sins forgiven He takes away our guilt.
- P.** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 623

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 11:1-9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM (10:30) “Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart”

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

*HYMN No. 52

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:1-9(a), 10-14, 21-30

SERMON

“The Great Escape”

Doug Rehberg

*HYMN No. 206

“There Is a Redeemer”

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

No. 335

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

POSTLUDE

“Noel Suisse”

Daquin

*Those who are able may stand

Hosea 11:1-9

1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
2 The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.
3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them.
4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.
5 They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
6 The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels.
7 My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.
8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
9 I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

Exodus 14:1-9(a), 10-14, 21-30

1 Then the Lord said to Moses,
2 "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.
3 For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'
4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. " And they did so.
5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"
6 So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him,
7 and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.
8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly.
9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.
11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?
12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."
13 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.
14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."
21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
23 The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
24 And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic,
25 clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians. "
26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. "
27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.
28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.
29 But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

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2.) The IMPACT v. 30, “Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.” _____

3.) The INSTRUMENTATION v. 10(b)-11, “And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?” _____

4.) The IMPLEMENTER v. 13, “And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.” _____


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### **New Member's Class**

Interested in joining our church community? We warmly invite you to attend our upcoming New Members Class on Sunday, **January 18 at 9:30 AM. We will meet in the Owens room on the 3rd floor.**

If you or someone you know would like to become a member, please reach out to Ginny Pellis by phone at **724-863-5910 x113** or email at **[ginny@firstpresbyirwin.org](mailto:ginny@firstpresbyirwin.org)**. We'd love to welcome you!

## **This Weeks Activities**

### **Sunday, January 4**

8:15 AM Worship service, Barista  
9:15 AM Jumpstart  
10:30 AM Confirmation Class  
10:30 AM Worship service, Kids Worship, Youth Choir, Childcare, Cheapest Lunch hosted by the Confirmation Class, Barista  
6:30 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8th & 9-12th grades)

### **Monday, January 5**

9:30 AM Counters  
1:00 PM Worship & Sacrament

### **Tuesday, January 6**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM M Team Meeting  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
6:30 PM Stewardship & Finance  
6:30 PM Carpenter's Apprentice Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 7**

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, January 8**

6:30 PM D Team Meeting  
7:00 PM Bell Choir

### **Friday, January 9**

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

### **Saturday, January 10**

9:00 AM HME Distribution

### **Sunday, January 11                      Memorial Sunday**

8:15 AM Worship Service, Coffee Hour, Barista  
10:30 AM Jumpstart & Refresh  
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JANUARY 11TH - MARCH 29TH 2026 9:15-10:15

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Location: Room 108

Led by: Diane Johnston & Ruth Sloan

Using the Israelites' story in Exodus 14 as an example bestselling author Robert Morgan offers ten strategies for dealing with hard times and discouragements to move from fear to faith - a divine protocol for handling life.

## “Survey of the Early Centuries of the Church”

Location: Library

Led by: Bill Martin

With the ending of the Book of Acts our inspired historical record of the early church comes to an end. What happened next? How did the church develop? What records do we have to work with? What were the central issues facing the earliest believers? This class will look at these questions and the ongoing history of the church during its first several centuries. Studying church history helps one understand the Bible. Studying the Bible enables us to evaluate church history.

## “A Deep Dive into Being Born Again”

Location: Room 120

Led by: Jerry Detar

One of the most important interactions in history occurs between Jesus and Nicodemus. This nocturnal meeting between the Light of the World and this elderly religious leader brings to light some profound mysteries that are worthy of extensive investigation.

Please tear off & drop in the offertory basket, we need a general count for supplies & room arrangement. You are always welcome to drop in any class.

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