

The Chancel Flowers are: In memory of Alyce Smola, by the Smola family.

And: In honor of our grandson, Bardan Bornak, by Phyllis and Dan Bornak.

In the Hospital and in Our Prayers as of Thursday, February 26:
Redstone Greensburg Isobel Nelson

Added to the prayer list as of 2.26.26: Jack Noonan, Col. Brian Trumble

Love and sympathy to Lettie Muenk, family and friends on the death of Lettie's husband, Al Muenk, who died on February 22, 2026.

Love and sympathy to Charles Hepler, family and friends on the death of Charles' sister of Joy Kalina who died on February 26, 2026.

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LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

Sunday Worship

March 1, 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 "There is a Redeemer" Wagner
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M. Jesus came to do for us what we could never do for ourselves.

P. Our sin and brokenness kept us at a distance from God

M. Our only hope was for God to come and take upon Himself all the penalty and judgment we deserved.

P. May we hear this day the freeing message of the cross and His incomparable gift.

***HYMN No. 461** "He Leadeth Me"

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins You will faithfully and justly forgive us. We acknowledge again today that Your faithfulness and justice flow from the finished work of Jesus on the cross. We come seeking Your forgiveness that we might know the joy of Your presence and the enlightening power of Your Word. You alone know how often we have offended You and hurt others. Forgive us for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us for our selfishness, our ingratitude, and our neglect of You and Your ministry. Have mercy on us, O God. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

M. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

P. Let us hear again those reassuring Words of grace.

M. Our sins are forgiven.

P. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

KIDG MESSAGE Gary Filson

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-26

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM (10:30) "The Presence of God" Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 624

***HYMN No. 430** "I Must Tell Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 25:10-16

SERMON "The Wonder of the Third Ark" Doug Rehberg

***HYMN No. 183** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** No. 185

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"
*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

POSTLUDE Postlude on "St. Dunstan's" Wagner
*Those who are able may stand

TIME TO THAW

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Exodus 25:10-16

10 “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.
11 You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.
12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.
13 You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.
14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them.
15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.
16 And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.

1.) The COMPOSITION vv. 10 & 11, “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.” _____

2.) The CONTENT v. 16, “And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.” _____

3.) The CAREER

*For your preparation: “The Mercy Seat”
Exodus 25:17-22*

GriefShare begins Monday, March 9!!

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we welcome you to join us for GriefShare. It is a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. It is a weekly video series featuring some of the nation’s foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow group participants to talk about the content of the video and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

The leadership team for GriefShare consists of people who understand how you feel and have a real concern for individuals experiencing the grief of loss. GriefShare leaders have experienced significant losses in their lives and are examples of the healing and restoration that can occur as an outgrowth of deep grief.

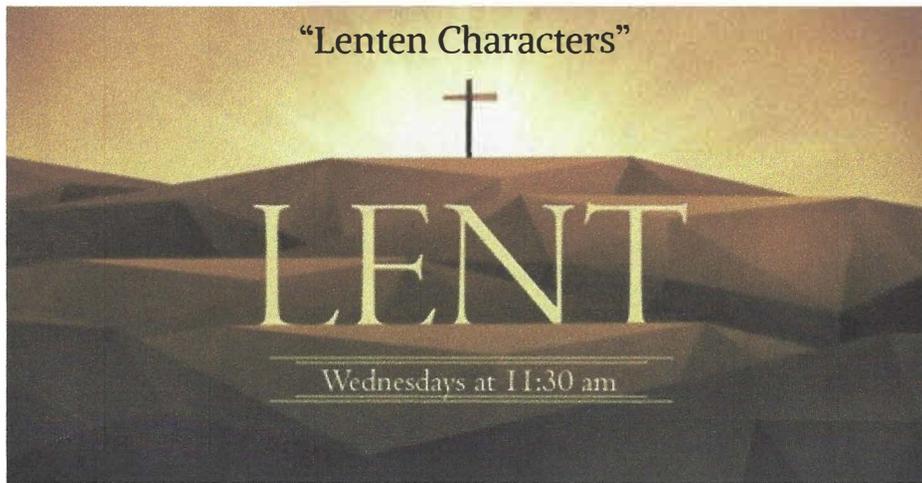
We will meet March 9, 2026 through June 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions please contact us at 724-863-5910.

Carpenter's Apprentice January Thaw March Edition

Fundraiser Events

- SPAGHETTI DINNER
- RAFFLES
- GIFT BASKETS
- GUESS HOW MANY
- SILENT AUCTION
- BURN BARREL Parking Lot
- SMASH-A-CAR Parking Lot 12-3pm
- BARISTA BAR
- FACE PAINTING Wearables Hallway 12:30-3pm





Norwin Community Mid-Week Services 2026

New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12727 Lincoln Way
 Ash Wednesday 2/18 and continuing every Wednesday during Lent,
 starting with hymn singing at 11:30am
 and meditation offered by local pastors at 12 noon.
 Lunch available in the social hall at 12:30pm.
 New Hope is a fully accessible facility.



This Weeks Activities

Sunday, March 1

- 8:15 AM Worship service
- 9:15 AM Jumpstart & Refresh
- 10:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:30 AM Worship service, Kids message, Kids Worship, Childcare
- 11:30 AM **JANUARY THAW**
- 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8th & 9-12th grades)

Monday, March 2

- 9:30 AM Counters
- 1:00 PM Worship Committee

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:30 AM Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- 10:00 AM Food Pantry
- 1:30 PM "The Chosen" series
- 5:30 PM Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Club (K-5th)
- 6:00 PM TOPS
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5

- 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Friday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 8 Daylight Saving Time begins

- 8:15 AM Worship Service, Coffee Hour, Barista
- 9:15 AM Jumpstart & Refresh
- 10:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:30 AM Worship service, Kids Worship, Childcare, Coffee Hour Barista
- 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8th & 9-12th grades)



Spring Craft Show

Sat. Mar 28, 2026

9 am - 3 pm

Crafters. Bake Sale. Lunch & Basket Auction

Use the sign-up sheet or scan the QR code to volunteer!



Help is needed for the Spring Craft Show on Sat, March 28th! We are looking to build on the success of last year's show, which was our biggest yet! The new social hall provided a much more enjoyable experience for all involved! We are looking for help with set-up and tear down as well as volunteers for the kitchen, bake sale and basket auction. We also need baked goods and baskets donated. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Brenzia Room or use the QR code to sign-up online!** Contact Heather Baker (724-989-1893) with any questions.



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DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON EASTER SUNDAY 4/5/26.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:30 am

Grab your Easter Basket & join us for a morning of family fun!



Lite Brunch
Resurrection Story
Easter Egg Hunt

RSVP by: Wednesday, March 18th
Christian Ed Office: 724-863-5910 x116
or heather@firstpresbyirwin.org

please include your name,
attending, kids names & ages



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