

The Chancel Flowers are: In memory of our parents, by Keith & Diane Johnston.

And: In honor of our children and grandchildren, by Keith & Diane Johnston.

In the Hospital and in Our Prayers as of Thursday, March 5:
Redstone Greensburg Isobel Nelson

Added to the prayer list as of 3.4.26: Brenda, Diana S., Dorothy, Emily, and Laura P.

Praise the Lord! For His good works! Supporting the Carpenter's Apprentice fundraiser. Honor and Glory to His name.

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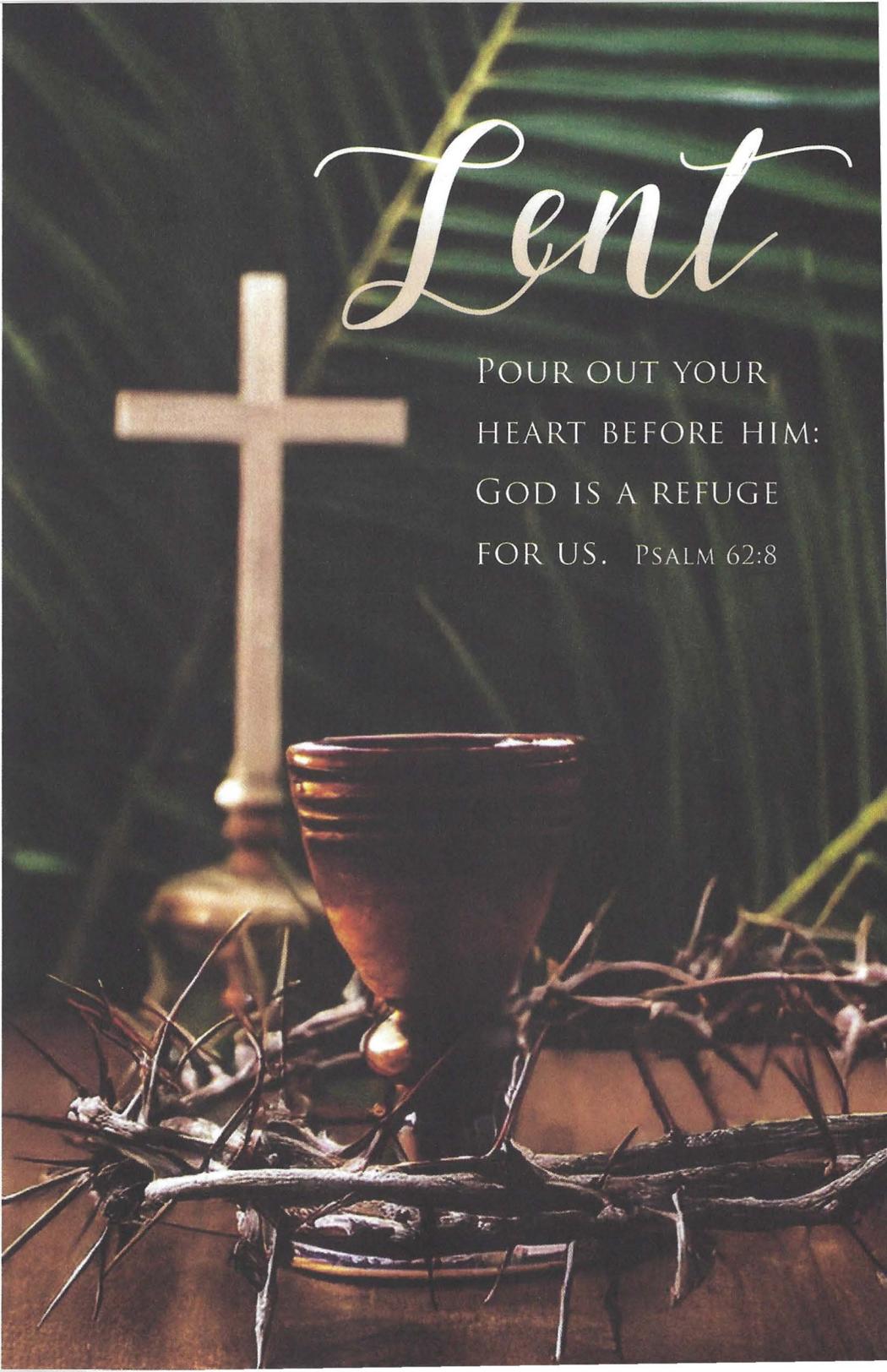
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Lent

POUR OUT YOUR
HEART BEFORE HIM:
GOD IS A REFUGE
FOR US. PSALM 62:8

Sunday Worship

March 8, 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 "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M. God speaks to His people in worship, and lets His will be known.

P. What a privilege it is to be drawn to worship Him.

***HYMN No. 66** "To God Be the Glory"

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (In unison)

**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.**

*MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

M. Though we often fail to recognize who we are in Christ,

P. Christ continually knows us as His own.

M. Through His finished work on the cross He gives us all we need to live free of sin.

P. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-26

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM (10:30) "The Wondrous Cross" Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 624

***HYMN No. 67** "The Love of God"

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 25:17-22

SERMON "The Mercy Seat" Doug Rehberg

***HYMN No. 43** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***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 "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" Bach
*Those who are able may stand

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 25:17-22

17 “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth.
18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat.
19 Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends.
20 The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.
21 And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you.
22 There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

1.) The SEAT v. 17, You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth.”

2.) The SATISFACTION v. 22, “There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.”

3.) The SPIRITS v. 22(b), “And from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony.”

4.) The SIGNIFICANCE v. 22(c), “I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.”

For your preparation: ““



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



GriefShare begins tomorrow evening!!

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. 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.

This Weeks Activities

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

- 9:30 AM Counters
- 6:00 PM Mission
- 6:30 PM Christian Education
- 6:30 PM GriefShare

Tuesday, March 10

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Fellowship
- 6:30 PM Working Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Stewardship & Finance
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 11

- 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, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry
- 1:00 PM Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord
- 6:30 PM Family Game Night

Sunday, March 15

- 8:15 AM Worship Service, Cookie Hour, Barista
- 9:15 AM Jumpstart & Refresh
- 10:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:30 AM Worship service, Bell Choir, Youth Choir, Kids Message, Baptism, Childcare, Cookie Hour, Barista
- 1:00 PM Youth Fellowship (6-8th & 9-12th grades) Bowling Party