

The Chancel Flowers are: In memory of our parents, Bill & Harriet Deitch, Robert & Margaret Popovich, by Joanne & Bob Popovich.
And: In memory of our loved ones who are now with our Lord, by Ron & Becky Jadlocki, Sarah Parry, Jessica, Jeff, Hailee, and Ethen Culbertson, and Heather, Christopher, Wyatt & Declan Duckett.

In the hospital and in our prayers as of Thursday, August 20:
Redstone Murrysville Isobel Nelson
Brookdale Latrobe John Smith
Home Hospice Diane Brosnahan

Added to the prayer list as of 8.19.26: Billy, M.M., George Family
Praise and Thank You: Sandy Kutz, Isabella and Sullivan Novicki's musical gift uplifted before the Lord. "Remember this - that very little is needed to make a happy life." Marcus Aurelius

Our Service Personnel: Jeff Cmar, MSgt. Zachary Coleman, SFC James Davis, Dominic Duke, Vaughn Estepp, Sgt. Luke Frye, Sgt.GY, Sgt. Chris Keba, 2nd LT Andy Marlin, CDR Timothy Minor, Sr. Airman Zane Moore, Sgt. Noah Rady, Connor Ramage and Col. Brian Trumble

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WELCOME
We're glad you're here!



“Bringing the heart
of Jesus
to the heart of Irwin”

Morning Worship

August 23, 2026

8:15 & 10:30am

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 O Sacrum Convivium Near
 Panis Angelicus Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M. "I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast & sure love for David..."

P. **Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.**

M. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

P. **Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.**

***HYMN No. 484** Who Is on the Lord's Side?

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

O God, we confess we have lived so comfortably in the abundance of our times that we have made things our god. We spend our day dreaming of possessions that cannot satisfy. The pursuit of riches replaces the quest for faith and faithful relationships. Our relationship with You and others is superficial at best. Redeem us, we pray, from our self-destructive ways and restore us to right fellowship with You.

***MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsively)

M. We have received God's continuing offer of a lasting relationship with Him.

P. **God forgives and redeems us through Christ, the living bread sent from heaven.**

M. Accept God's gift and know that this moment can have a new beginning of faithfulness.

P. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

SCRIPTURE READING Lamentations 3:10-24

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

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15) Fill My Cup Jeffry Wright
(10:30) "Whom Shall I Fear" Rick and Noah Bennett

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 624

***HYMN No. 501** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19

SERMON "Hope In Failure" Doug Rehberg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN No. 462** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** No. 363
More Love to Thee

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Buxtehude

***Those who are able may stand**

This Week's Activities

Sunday, August 23

- **8:15AM** Worship Service, Communion, Baristas
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart (K-12th summer classes)
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Communion, Kid's Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship: Barista Bar
- **11:30AM** Deacon's Meeting
- **7:00 PM** Youth Fellowship Campfire

Monday, August 24

- **9:30AM** Counters
- **September NL Articles DUE**

Tuesday, August 25

- **11:00AM** Staff Meeting
- **6:30PM** Boy & Cub Scouts
- **6:30PM** Working Women's Study Group

Wednesday, August 26

- **7:30AM** Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **6:00PM** TOPS
- **7:00PM** Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, August 28

- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **1:00PM** Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord
- **6:00PM** Table 21 Faith - Young Adult Bible Study - Outing

Sunday, August 30

- **8:15AM** Worship Service, Baristas
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart (K-12th summer classes)
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Kid's Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship: Barista Bar

PHOTOS NEEDED - individual & family photos are needed to complete the directory. If you did not have your picture taken at church we need you to update your listing with a photo.

You can upload directly from your phone or email a picture to karen@firstpresbyirwin.org. Log in from the home screen of our website.



Lamentations 3:10-24 ESV

10 He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding;
11 he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate;
12 he bent his bow and set me as a target for his arrow.
13 He drove into my kidneys the arrows of his quiver;
14 I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long.
15 He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood.
16 He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes;
17 my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
18 so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord."
19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!
20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.
21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

John 21:1-19 ESV

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.
2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.
3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."
6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place,
with fish laid out on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught"

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me? "Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me? "and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

1.) The SWIM v. 7, “That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.”

2.) The SIGHT v. 9, “When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.”

3.) The SOLICITATION v. 15, “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

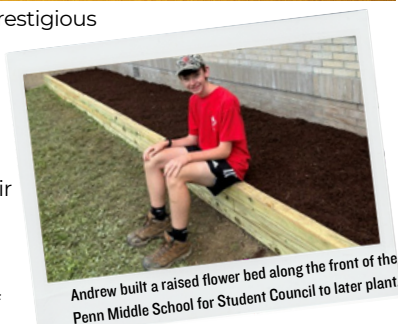
4.) The SURRENDER v. 17, “He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me? ”Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me? ”and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Congratulations

Andrew Baker 2026 Eagle Scout Awardee



Becoming an Eagle Scout is a prestigious milestone that truly proves a Scout's mettle in leadership, service and personal growth. Fewer than 10% of Scouts attain the Eagle rank, and those who do often carry its values into their academic, professional and personal lives. Scouts must advance through six prior ranks before beginning the process of earning Eagle. Scouts must serve in a leadership position within their troop for a minimum of six months after achieving the Life rank. This ensures they have the



Andrew built a raised flower bed along the front of the Penn Middle School for Student Council to later plant.

opportunity to guide others and make real contributions to their unit. The hallmark of the Eagle Scout rank is the service project. This project must benefit the community, a school, or religious institution. Scouts must plan, develop, and lead the project from start to finish. Each of these steps contributes to their growth as individuals and citizens.

September 13th is

RALLY DAY

Come together to pray over the start of a new season of learning for
 Jumpstart ❤️ Youth Clubs ❤️ Refresh
 Young Adult Bible Study
 Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups

Sundays at 9:15

Jumpstart Class Breakdown

Pre-K3 - Kindergarten: Room 308, Michelle & Bill Beecy
 Grades 1-2: Room 307, Ed & Cheryl Schock
 Grades 3-5: Room 306, Susan & Glen Harmon
 Grades 6-8: Room 309, Kyle Dynys
 Grades 9-12: The Dwelling Place, Eric Batchelor

Refresh

"The Church in the Middle Ages" Led by: Bill Martin, Fireside Room
 "Freedom in Christ" Led by: Jerry Detar, Room 120

Attn Parents: Rally Day please have all kids report to the Brenzia room at 9:15 for a picture before we break into our classrooms. Join us at the 10:30 service for a blessing and a special fellowship celebration after service.

Working Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 6:30pm

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Table 21 Faith (age 21 – 35) is a community of people in various stages of life (college, professional, single, married) engaging with culture, building authentic friendships, and seeking God together.

UPCOMING Events

Aug
28
2026



Friday 6:00pm
Group Outing
 Join us for a bonfire & s'mores!

Sept
4
2026



Friday 6:00pm-8:00pm
Bible Study
 We will continue reading the gospels together!

at First Presbyterian Church- Irwin, PA



@table21faith

Saturday, September 19th 10:00-12:00 Brenzia Room
 Sponsored by: The Deacons
Registration Required
 You will receive a certification certificate.
INCLUDES AED TRAINING

Fee: \$40
 Registration due upon sign up
 Cash or check can be written out to "NHEMS Rescue"

Deacons are collecting donations for back to school.

A collection barrel is in the Brenzia room through August 23rd. Monetary donations also accepted.



CARING CLOSETS FOR:

SHERIDAN TERRACE
 TRAFFORD ELEMENTARY
 NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL



School supplies, snacks, new or gently used clothing, see full list on barrel.

INSPIRE Confirmation CLASS

Oct 4, 2026 – April 25, 2027

Meet in
The Dwelling Place
Open to all 8th graders and above. Contact Heather Duckett to REGISTER

Register by
AUG 30, 2026
heather
@firstpresbyirwin.org



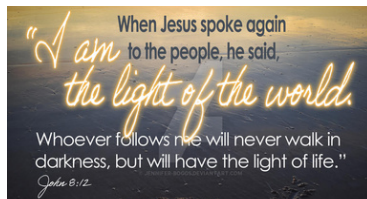
Join us... **AT REFRESH CLASS** **STARTING 9/13 THRU 11/22** **9:15-10:15**

“Freedom in Christ”

Location: Room 120

Led by: Jerry Detar

We are offering you an opportunity to explore a pivotal chapter in the gospel of John. This time it's chapter 8. Here Jesus, speaking near the temple in Jerusalem, identifies Himself as the Light of the World. The contrast between Jesus and the dark religious culture of his day couldn't be more striking. In verse 12 He says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." But He doesn't stop there. A few verses later, He says, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." So, what is it this freedom that He's talking about? Join us, we'll talk about it.



“The Church in the Middle Ages”

Location: Fireside Room

Led by: Bill Martin

The Church in the Middle Ages presents an overview of key events between 600 AD and the Protestant Reformation. Topics include: the Rise of Islam, Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire, the Investiture Controversy, the Crusades, the Rise of Scholasticism, and more! This is a period of Church History most know little about but its happenings and their ramifications have left their imprint upon both church and world to this day! Join us and see how through many obstacles God preserved His church.



Please tear off & drop in the offertory basket, we are asking for a general count for supplies & room arrangement (you are always welcome to drop in a class).

Count Me In! _____

name

I plan on attending the following Refresh Class

☐ “Freedom in Christ”

☐ “The Church in the Middle Ages”

COLLEGE OUTREACH

For our FirstPresby college students while they are away from home in college study.

Each month they receive a "letter from home" and/or a small gift.

Contact Heather Duckett
heather@firstpresbyirwin.org

PLEASE INCLUDE:

☒ Student Name	☒ College Address
☒ Student Email	☒ Year of Study
☒ Student Phone	☒ Birthday

Mark your Calendar

KIDS EVENTS

Youth Club K-5 & 6-8
& Kids Choir Practice
Starts Wed. 9/9

Youth Fellowship 9-12
Starts Sun. 9/13

Grieving the death of a loved one?

GRIEF SHARE

Join us
Mondays 6:30 – 8:30pm
Sept. 14 through Dec. 4

— Attention: Ladies of First Presby! —



Circle 3 would like to invite you to join us this year for our study of “Angels - Finding Hope in God Who Reigns over Heaven and Earth” by Melissa Spoelstra.

This series explores Scripture from Genesis to Revelation to learn about angels—who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with us.

**We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from
10am - 12pm, Room 308
Starting September 22nd**