

The Chancel Flowers: Blessings to all students beginning the school year - Kathy Paskus
And In Honor of all Caregivers

In the hospital and in our prayers as of Thursday, September 3:
Redstone Murrysville Isobel Nelson
Brookdale Latrobe John Smith
Home Hospice Diane Brosnahan

Added to the prayer list as of 9.2.26: Tony
Praise and Thanksgiving: Greg Davis as guest worship leader this past Sunday, for his and his wife Ellie's continued leadership at Pine Springs Camp, for all the campers and volunteers who wore their Pine Springs shirts, and for the campers presenting the Lord's Prayer in sign language. WOW!

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!



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

Morning Worship

September 6, 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	I Danced in the Morning	Diemer
	My Lord! What a Morning	Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

- M.** Friends, above all things let us praise God for His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
- P.** **For His days upon earth, His life, His teaching and love.**
- M.** For His death on the cross to save our souls, for His resurrection
- P.** **For His promise to come again, and His gift of the Holy Spirit who is at work in us now.**

***HYMN No. 9** Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

Almighty God, our Father, we have sinned against You and one another in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and what we have left undone. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, change what we are, and conform us to the image of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

- M.** God of mercy You have written Your law in our hearts.
- P.** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 623

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:8-11

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts and Debtors)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15)	The Holy City	Jeffrey Wright
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ANTHEM	An Invitation to Joyful Praise	Chancel Choir
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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY	No. 624
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*HYMN No. 228	Rejoice, the Lord is King
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SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 4:4-9
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SERMON	"Even Joy in Jail!"	Gary Filson
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*HYMN No. 2	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE	No. 363
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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	Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness	Manz
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***Those who are able may stand**

This Week's Activities

Sunday, September 6

- **8:15AM** Worship Service, Baristas
- **9:15AM** NO Jumpstart
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Kid's Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship: Cheapest Lunch hosted by
The Worship & Sacrament Committee

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

- **9:00AM** Counters
- **11:00AM** Staff Meeting
- **5:30PM** Court of Honor in Brenzia Room
- **6:30PM** Boy & Cub Scouts
- **6:30PM** Fellowship Meeting
- **6:30PM** Working Women's Study Group

Wednesday, September 9

- **7:30AM** Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **5:30PM** Children's Choir Practice
- **6:00PM** Youth Club (K-5 & 6-8)
- **7:00PM** Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **1:00PM** Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord
- **6:00PM** Table 21 Faith - YA Bible Study - *Join us for pickleball*

Sunday, September 13

- **8:15AM** Worship Service
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Kids' Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship: Coffee & Munchkins
- **12:30PM** St. Vincent Summer Theater - "Rounding Third"
- **6:30PM** Youth Fellowship (9-12th grades)

NOTE: Start Date Changed

Join us...

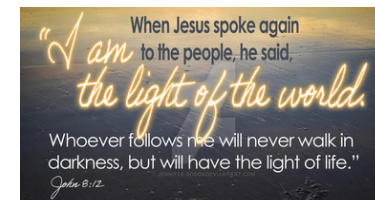
AT REFRESH CLASS
STARTING 9/20 THRU 11/29
9:15-10:15

“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”

Philippians 2:8-11 ESV

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 4:4-9 ESV

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;
6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

YOUTH CLUB

K-5th & 6th-8th

& Kids Choir Practice
Starts this Wednesday
September 9th
6-7:30pm

(Choir practice is at 5:30)
Dinner is provided, bible lesson/discussion, games, and crafts.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

9th-12th

Starts next Sunday
September 13th
6:30-8pm

Bible lesson/discussion, games, crafts and snack.

Watch the calendar for upcoming outings and service project opportunities.

1.) Who is JESUS? Philippians 2:6-8, “Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

2.) Who is PAUL? Philippians 3:4-6, “Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.”

3.) What is JOY? Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”



Welcome our New Custodian, Joseph!

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

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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

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



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Sept. 11th



Join us for pickleball
& ice cream!
Carpooling from the church
will be available.

Group Outings

Friday 6:00pm

Sept. 25th

Join us for a movie
night & popcorn!



Friday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Bible Study



We will continue reading & discussing the gospels together at
First Presbyterian Church - Irwin, PA

Sept. 18th



Circle 3 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month
10am - 12pm, Rm 308 starting Tuesday, September 22nd.
We will be studying **Angels - Finding Hope in God Who Reigns over Heaven and Earth** by Melissa Spoelstra
Book will be provided.

Circle 1 meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
1pm - 3pm starting Tuesday, September 15th.

This year, we are studying
Aging with Grace by Sharon W. Betters & Susan Hunt.
Book will be provided.



Grieving the death of a
loved one?

GRIEF SHARE

Join us

Mondays 6:30 – 8:30pm

Sept. 14 through Dec. 4



Sponsored by: The Deacons

10:00-12:00
Brenzia Room

Saturday, Sept. 19th

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
"NHMS Rescue"

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- ✓ Student Phone
- ✓ College Address
- ✓ Year of Study
- ✓ Birthday