The Chancel Flowers: In honor of our sons- Mike and Seth and grandchildren - Evan and Kinsley by Keith and Diane Johnston. **And:** In honor of my beautiful grandchildren, Alexander, Melissa, Vincent and Natalie by Gwen Weiss.

Love and sympathy to Shirley Minteer and family on the death of J. Alan Minteer, who passed on November 8, 2026.

Added to the prayer list with renewed health difficulties as of 11.10.26: Grace Plenderleith, John Smith. Complete listing can be found in the latest newsletter and on the church website.

Praise and Thank You: All God's people! "You need not cry very loud: He is nearer to us than we think." Brother Lawrence

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!

FIRST PRESBY IRWIN

"Bringing the heart of Jesus to the heart of Irwin"

Morning Worship
November 15, 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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M. Let us thank the Lord for His steadfast love, that is from everlasting to everlasting.

P. The Lord is good to all, compassionate and forgiving to all who seek it.

M. Let us examine our ways and return to the Lord.

P. Great is the Lord, and greatly to praised, our lips will praise You, O Lord!

***HYMN No. 1** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

We confess, merciful God, that we have not joyfully taken upon ourselves Your yoke of obedience. We have not rejoiced in You with our whole heart and soul and strength. We have been more often possessed with our own circumstances. Our selfishness has hindered our faithfulness to You. In the pride of our hearts and our desire for the world, we have turned away from You. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us most merciful Father and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***MOMENT OF SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsively)

M. There is now no condemnaton for those who are in Christ Jesus.

P. Who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

SPECIAL MUSIC Give Thanks Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:25-30

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

ANTHEM Rejoice, the Lord is King! Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 624

***HYMN No. 58** This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:12-21

SERMON "The Joy of Pressing On" Doug Rehberg

***HYMN No. 562** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** No. 42

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you - Allelu, alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you - Allelu, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Buxtehude

***Those who are able may stand**

This Week's Activities

Sunday, November 15
- **8:15AM** Worship Service
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart & Refresh
- **10:30AM** Family Worship Service, Youth Choir, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship Cookie Hour
- **11:30AM** Deacons Meeting
- **2:15PM** Youth Fellowship (9-12 grades) PTHS Play Trip

Monday, November 16
- **9:30AM** Counters
- **6:00PM** PNC Meeting
- **6:30PM** GriefShare
- **6:30PM** Internet Awareness Class

Tuesday, November 17
- **11:00AM** Staff Meeting
- **1:00PM** Circle 1
- **6:30PM** Boy & Cub Scouts
- **6:30PM** Working Women's Study Group

Wednesday, November 18
- **7:30AM** Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- **10AM–11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **5:30PM** Children's Choir Practice
- **6:00PM** TOPS
- **6:00PM** Youth Club (K-5 & 6-8)
- **7:00PM** Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 19
- **5:00 PM** Irwin Light Up Night
- **8:00PM** Boy & Cub Scouts after parade party

Friday, November 20
- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **1:00PM** Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord

Saturday, November 21
- **10:30AM** Free Lego Build

Sunday, November 22
- **8:15AM** Worship Service
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart & Refresh
- **9:30AM** New Member Class
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Kids Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM Congregational Meeting**
- **6:30PM** Youth Fellowship (9-12 Grades) Angel Tree Gift Shopping

John 3:25-30

25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.
26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."
27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.
28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'
29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is now complete.
30 He must increase, but I must decrease."

Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.
16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.
17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.
18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.
19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1.) <u>The RECOGNITION</u> v. 12, “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”

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4.) <u>The REASON</u> v. 16, “Only let us hold true to what we have a ttained.”

For your preparation: “Joy In Rejoicing”
John 2:1-11
Philippians 4:1-9

It's
GINGERBREAD HOUSE TIME
at First Presby Irwin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
1-3 PM

RSVP BY DECEMBER 3



The children of our community are invited to attend the building of gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 5th from 1 - 3pm in the Social Hall. You must reserve your spot **no later than December 3rd**... no exceptions PLEASE... so that we can have plenty of "building materials" and do not run out of supplies. When making your reservation, please include the names and ages of all children attending. **This is a free event, however, one bag each of powdered sugar & candy are requested for each child signed up.**

<u>This is an adult + child event</u>
Reservations can be made by contacting:
heather@firstpresbyirwin.org -OR-
use the Sign Up Genius QR Code to volunteer or reserve your space.

We also need your help! Donations of materials and time are crucial to the success of this event! We need:

- POWDERED SUGAR to make the icing;
- CANDY DONATIONS to decorate the houses;
- RSVP's for anyone coming to the event;
- ICING MAKERS on Thursday, December 3rd to help us make the icing;
- KITCHEN AID MIXERS (to borrow) to use that Thursday to make all the icing.

If you can **volunteer your time and/or your Kitchen Aid mixer,** please contact: Heather Duckett.

Some candy suggestions:

☐ Chocolate Kisses	☐ Candy Canes	☐ Twizzlers
☐ Cinn. Toast Cereal	☐ Winter/Waffle Pretzels	☐ Winter Peeps
☐ Tootsie Rolls	☐ Legos Candy	☐ Gumdrops
☐ M&M's	☐ Smarties	☐ Nonpareils
☐ Marshmallows	☐ Gummies	☐ White Chocolate Chips

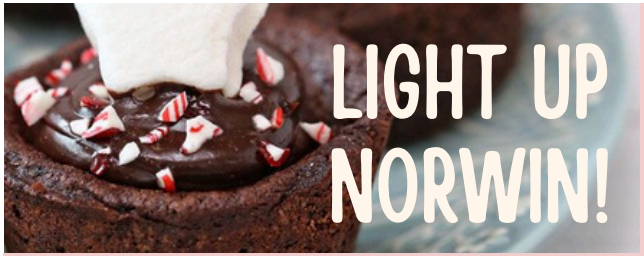
PLEASE DROP OFF ALL CANDY AND POWDERED SUGAR DONATIONS IN THE BLUE RUBBERMAID BINS IN THE ENTRYWAYS **BY December 3rd!** THANK YOU!!



Advent Readings

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Irwin Light Up Night Parade is Thursday, November 19th and runs 5-7pm.



ATTN: Congregational Meeting 11/22 immediately following 10:30 service to elect new officers.

Volunteers needed

Before the big event we do have some Gingerbread prep work:

Gingerbread Set Up Night!

We'll be making icing, setting up tables & prepping all the decoration candy.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3RD, 5PM





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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday,
November 22nd
9:30 am
in the Owens Room





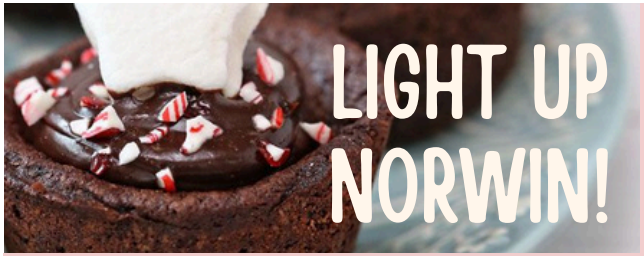
Thank you to all who have donated baked goods this year, we may still have your container. Please check the information desk in the Brenzia Room for cookie containers & pie plates, some have names on them some do not. The info desk also has all the lost and found items from the sanctuary & buildings - check it out to see if your missing coat, tumbler, water bottle, umbrella, etc… has been found. Unclaimed items will be donated by the end of the year.



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