The Chancel Flowers: In honor of first responders and law enforcement.
And: For blessings received, Keith & Diane Johnston.

Added to the prayer list as of 11.18.26: Ron Hoffman, Cheryl Jeffcoat, Bob Prehoda, Darcy Riazzi, and Karen Watkiss. Complete listing can be found in the latest newsletter and on the church website.

Praise and Thanksgiving for the use of God's building: Blessing Board, Grief Share, Internet Awareness Class, Boy & Cub Scouts, Men's Prayer Fellowship, Carpenter's Apprentice, TOPS, Food Pantry, Knit Witnesses for the Lord and the Norwin Senior Center. Lord we thank you for these opportunities to share and serve you. We thank you for the opportunity to share brownies and hot chocolate with people of the Irwin/North Huntingdon community. Amen

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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The following are the Class of 2029 Elder and Deacon nominees and the 2027 Nominating Committee that we are bringing to the congregation for approval:

ELDERS
Heather Baker, Mark Claycomb, Mandy Luchs, Andy Waszyn
DEACONS
Stephenson Guffey, Lisa LeDonne, Ina Marton, Adela Umeikai
2027 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Glen Harmon, Hannah Hoffman, Jim Schlosser, Diane Waddell, Susan Walker, Elder from Session appointed by Minister to Chair

WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

FIRST PRESBY IRWIN

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

Morning Worship
November 22, 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 Father We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)
M. You have turned my mourning into dancing.
P. You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
M. That my glory may sing your praises and not be silent.
P. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

***HYMN No. 561** We Gather Together

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)
Our Heavenly Father, You have loved us more than anyone else could ever love us, we come to You with the burden of our sin. Often, we behave as though we have already forgotten Your incomparable grace. We have spoken unkind words, we have willed our own will rather than following You. We have sidestepped the opportunities to reach out to those in need, to reconcile differences among us, or treat a stranger as a friend. Forgive us, we pray. Free us by Your power to live the new life we have been given through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

*__MOMENT OF SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION__

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsively)
M. By confessing our sins we put ourselves in a place depending on the grace and forgiveness of God through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.
P. Let us accept His forgiveness and His acceptance. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15) Come, Ye Thankful People Come
Jeffry Wright

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 9:6-10

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

ANTHEM (10:30) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Chancel Choir
Jeffry Wright

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 624

***HYMN No. 559** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON "The Joy of Rejoicing" Doug Rehberg

***HYMN No. 204** Rock of Ages

***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 Now Thank We All Our God Bach/Fox

***Those who are able may stand**

This Week's Activities

Sunday, November 22

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

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

- **10:00AM** Circle 3
- **11:00AM** Staff Meeting
- **6:30PM** Boy & Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 26

- **Happy Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 27

- **Office Closed**

Saturday, November 28

- **9:00AM** Deacons Decorate for Christmas
- Pick up for The Blessing Board

Sunday, November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**

- **8:15AM** Worship Service, Communion
- **9:15AM** Refresh **No Jumpstart**
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Communion, Kids Worship, Child Care
- **6:30PM** Youth Fellowship (9-12 Grades) Campfire

ATTN: Congregational Meeting TODAY immediately following 10:30 service to elect new officers.

II Corinthians 9:6-10

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. "
10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Philippians 4:1-9

1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.
Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer
2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.
3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.
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.

1.) <u>The PRINCIPLE</u> v. 1, “Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.”

2.) <u>The PRAYER</u> v. 6, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

3.) <u>The POSTURE</u> v. 5, “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.”

4.) <u>The PRESENCE</u> v. 7, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

For your preparation: “Joy In A Contented Life”
Philippians 4:10-13

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

Readers and Candle Lighters are needed this Advent Season:

Sunday, November 29th at 10:30
December 6th at 10:30
December 13th at 8:15

If your family is interested please contact **Heather@firstpresbyirwin.org** to check availabilty and sign up.



WEARABLES ORDER DUE TODAY!

View all options at firstpresbyirwin.org/1st-church-merch

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Due Monday, December 15

Envelopes will be available starting next Sunday

$10 each



BOY SCOUT TROOP 284

17th Annual Christmas Tree Sale

sale

At Norwin Hills Busy Beaver
1st 2 weekends in December
FRI | SAT | SUN 5PM-9PM

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



In everything
give thanks:
for this is the will of
God
in Christ Jesus
concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us

IRWIN COOKIE TOUR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
5-8PM

WE ARE A STOP ON THE CARRIAGE RIDE!
WE WILL HAVE COOKIES, COFFEE, & HOT CHOCOLATE.

Bakers needed: 1 batch (3-4 dozen) of cookies to be dropped off at the church 12/3 or 12/4.
Thank you for participating!



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, pans & 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.