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**February 14, 2021**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February Memory Verse - John 3:16:**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

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*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.*

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**L:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

**PRELUDE            “Jesus Is the Lord of All”**

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 50:1-6**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**P:** <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

**L:** <sup>3</sup>Our God comes, and does not keep silence, before whom is a devouring fire, round about whom is a mighty storm.

**P:** <sup>4</sup>**God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

**L:** <sup>5</sup>“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**P:** <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God alone is judge!**

**All: Amen**

**\*HYMN No. 173      “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”, v. 1 & 3**

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**WORD OF GOD    2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

## PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Immortal, Invisible"

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 2272 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"**

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus, the Light of the World" - Chancel Choir**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."

For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN**

## SERMON SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9

*The Transfiguration*

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**L:** The Word of God for the children of God.

**P:** Thanks be to God

## SERMON "High Beams"

**HYMN No. 2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (chorus, v. 1, chorus)**

**Chorus:** Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.

Set us free by the truth You now bring us, shine on me, shine on me.

**Chorus**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Festive Postlude”**

**(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host – Barb Worthington

Song Leader – David Lyons

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are presented by Becky Platt in memory of her best friend, Christine, who passed away one year ago on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

Please note: the church Secretary/Receptionist is in the office Monday through Friday until noon. Occasionally, there will be times (bad weather, COVID 19 mandates, illness, vacation) when there may not be anyone in the office. Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

**Sunday, Sunday, February 14**

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),  
Harvesters Adult Class,  
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA

9:30 Toddler – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School  
(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and  
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password  
104289)

12:30 Baptism

**Monday, February 15**

**Presidents’ Day**

6:30 Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, February 16**

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, February 17**

**Ash Wednesday**

9:30 Salvation Army

10:00 QC Meeting

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting

(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930,  
Password 3U22u3)

1:00 Bible Study

(Meeting ID: 826 4011 6693, Passcode 400790)

5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park

5:00 Youth Center

6:00-7:00 Ash Wednesday Drive-thru Service

7:00 AA

**Thursday, February 18**

6:00 Girl Scouts

6:15 Cathedral Bells

6:30 NA

7:15 Choir

**Friday, February 19**

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

**Saturday, February 20**

The gym and sanctuary levels are in use all day

6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

**Sunday, February 21**

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/14/2021**

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Today at 12:30 PM, we have the honor of baptizing Jameson Robert Fuller. He is the son of Eric and Sarah Fuller. May God bless Jameson and his family.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will begin on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School hour (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM.) The classes will meet each Sunday through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 AM service.

Confirmands are usually around 12 years of age. Anyone who would like to be part of the Confirmation Class of 2021 should contact Pastor Bruce or Ron.

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**FUMC MEMBERSHIP:** If you would like to become a member of our FUMC family, please fill out the Family Information sheet found in the bulletin today and drop it in the offering box. Pastor Bruce will be glad to talk to you about what it means to be United Methodist and a member of Irwin FUMC and will let you know when the next New Member Orientation will be.

**Also,** we want to be sure to have everyone’s correct information. So, if any of your contact or family information has changed in the last two years, please use the Family Information sheet to update it.

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**THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Souper Bowl Sunday!** Your many donations will help the less fortunate in our community.

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**N.O.W. COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next N.O.W. Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. If you are on this committee, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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**BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**



**in gym of our church.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: IrwinFirstUMC to schedule an appointment.

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**TODDLER – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:

Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503, [missdawn25@yahoo.com](mailto:missdawn25@yahoo.com) or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, [donnam\\_weber@yahoo.com](mailto:donnam_weber@yahoo.com) for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

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**BROWN BAG MEAL:** The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to "FUMC" and put "Community Dinner" in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.

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**ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT:** The time is coming once again to be thinking about the annual church audit. All committees and groups who keep their own financial accounts should begin preparing them for the audit. The Audit Committee will need your 2020 deposit/withdrawal check registry, all of the 2020 bills and receipts, and all of the 2020 bank statements.

A date has not been set for the audit, so after you have everything together for 2020, please wait for Joyce (our Finance Secretary) to contact you for your information.

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*Feed the Body  
Feed the Soul*

**Contemporary Saturday Evening  
Service 6 - 7PM**

Enjoy a light dinner with music  
and devotions!

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*Ash  
Wednesday*

**Drive-Thru  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
6:00 - 7:00pm**

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**THANK YOU** for all the prayers, calls, cards, and well wishes for us when we had the coronavirus. We have recovered very well. God bless, Bill & Ethel Rosenberg

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## **Grief Support Group**

**Restarting March 8, 2021**

**6:30 pm-8:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month**

Grief is deep sorrow, especially caused by someone's death.

Bereavement is the state of being deprived of something or someone.

Mourning is a time of sadness because of a loss.

**We all have had many reasons to mourn over this past year!**

Some of us have mourned the loss of loved ones, while some have mourned the loss of a job, a home, security, or our lifestyle. With so many losses at this time, First United Methodist Church Irwin is pleased to continue the Grief Support Group at this difficult time.

You can help others in the mourning and grief process by sharing your journey. Please join us to discuss our losses and support each other through them.



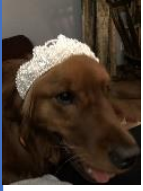
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**BLESSING BOX:** We stock our Blessing Box almost daily with toiletry items for the needy in our community. If you have donations of new toiletry items please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron.

Additional Blessings Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books.)

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Looking for something to do for Lent? For the 6 weeks from Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Maundy Thursday, April 1, join us for “Puppies, Pounds & Prayer.” This is for anyone who wants to walk with their dog, or perhaps wants lose weight, or wants to connect with prayer. If any (or all) of these 3 sound like you – come out to Oak Hollow Park to join us.

There is a lot of flexibility in this group. Suggested walking paths range from ¼ mile (approximately 500 steps on grass not a hard surface like a parking lot) – to 5 miles on pavement with very steep grades. We will meet at Oak Hollow Park near the basketball court/picnic tables at 5PM on Sunday through Thursday. Come 1 day a week or come all 5

days.

For more flexibility, you can come by yourself to walk and meditate alone with just you and Jesus, or bring your parents, children, neighbors, and friends and walk in fellowship with others (following social distancing guidelines). Bring your favorite puppy companion for some tail wagging fun. When we gather we will offer prayers of joys and concerns. After prayer, each participant can choose the walking path that best fits their personal journey for Mind (Puppies), Body (Pounds), and Soul (Prayer), and we will break out to walk.



The final flexibility – you can stay for 15 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule and works with your physical needs and abilities. God wants to work with us in caring for our body and soul.

1 Corinthians 6:19 reminds us, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, who you have received from God?”



We hope to see you at Oak Hollow for “Puppies, Pounds and Prayer.”

Contact Darlene Simpson at 724-309-4277 or [AMsunshine4@hotmail.com](mailto:AMsunshine4@hotmail.com)



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**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!** The Outreach Committee would like to know about this year’s college students. Please give us their name, college they attend, address, and an idea of a gift card they would like. If your child has graduated and was on our list from last year please advise us of this, also. Please contact Connie Phillips at [cmptcp@comcast.net](mailto:cmptcp@comcast.net) or call or text 724-493-8387. Thank you!

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**ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:** Please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron if you have questions.

**For computer or smartphone:**

Go to Zoom.com      Click-Join a meeting

When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting)

You will enter the "meeting space". If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

**For landline or cell phone (Audio only):**

Dial 1-646-558-8656. Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting in "This Week at our Church.")

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**MICROSOFT TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS:**      **For laptop or desktop computer, Smart Phone & Tablet:**  
Please follow the instructions on the reminder email that you receive from your committee.

**For landline or cell phone (Audio only):**

Dial 724-936-1197. Enter the Conference ID when prompted.

Follow the prompts.

Please contact Eric Platt at [eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org) or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.

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**THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN** has its own phone number. If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

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**\*\*\*\*\* IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES \*\*\*\*\***

Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon      Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin  
Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon      James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg  
Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City)      LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View  
Altozoe S. ~ Hempfield Manor

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS \*\*\*\*\***

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl & John M., Tim & Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Andrea, Lesley K., Debbie N., and Cliff R.

Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)      Connie Wieck (Missionary)

**\*\*\*\*\* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST \*\*\*\*\***

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.  
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Rolan and Janice, Joe K., The World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Connie B., Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, The Jeanne Rodehaver Family, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob

**\*\*\*\*\* SERVICE PERSONNEL \*\*\*\*\***

Brandon D. – Korea	Colby S. – Iraq	Sara D.	
Angelo W. – Oklahoma City	Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI	Jeremy L.	
David J. – Afghanistan	Amanda M. – Texas	Carl B.	
James G. – Texas	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak	Edward J. III





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**Transfiguration Sunday (February 14<sup>th</sup>)**

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*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

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**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Memory Verse**

**Opening Prayer**

**Worship music:**

*Reckless Love*

*Center of Your Love*

**Sharing of joys and concerns/prayer**

**Offering**

**Worship music:**

*Transfiguration*

*In Awe of You*

**Scripture & Message**

**Closing song:**

*Love Has a Name*

**Prayer Requests**

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8)*

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