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November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday Baptism Sunday

November Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19

“We love because He first loved us.”

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 “Now Thank We All Our God”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150**

L: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: ... praise God in his mighty firmament!

L: ²Praise God for his mighty deeds;

P: ... praise God for his exceeding greatness.

L: ³Praise God with trumpet sound;

P: ... praise God with lute and harp!

L: ⁴Praise God with tambourine and dance;

P: ... praise God with strings and pipe!

L: ⁵Praise God with sounding cymbals;

P: ... praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

L: ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN No. 131 “We Gather Together”**

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
 he chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
 Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
 ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Maddox Joseph Mlinarich, son of David & Tiffany Mlinarich

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

WORD OF GOD 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Thanksgiving Prayer"

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2036 "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son .

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

HYMN No. 2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:

This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thanks Be to God" – 8:15 Connie Bickerstaff 10:45 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 Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Always Give Thanks”

HYMN No. 73 “O Worship the King”

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
and gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude on ‘Duke Street’”**

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

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are presented in honor of the Baptism of Maddox Joseph Mlinarich and are given by his Godfather, Matthew Rudy and his grandparents.

Bible passages are taken from the New International Version (NIV) of the Holy Bible.

Call to Worship is taken from “The United Methodist Hymnal”

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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73 O Worship the King

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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*

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday/Baptism Sunday

- 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 – 5th 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 Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 23

**All information is due for the
November 28th & 29th bulletins**

- 12:30 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 24

- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, November 25

- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
- 10:00 QC Meeting
- 1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID: 894 9312 8220, Password: 104289)

Thursday, November 26

- Happy Thanksgiving**
- Office Closed
- 6:30 NA

Friday, November 27

- Office Closed
- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, November 28

- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service

Sunday, November 29

1st Sunday in Advent

Advent Gift Giving

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),
Harvesters Adult Class,
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(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom



... will be immediately after the 10:45 AM service today, November 22. Many hands make the job easier. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be serving pizza and drinks this year, but we will have a lot of fun preparing our church and our lives for the season of Advent!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11/22/2020

SAFETY GUIDELINES: We are still practicing the COVID 19 safety guidelines set by the CDC for social distancing and wearing face masks. Thank you everyone for being so good about this and doing your part to protect yourself and others.

We encourage you to bring your own face mask when you come to the church. The disposable face masks that we have at the church should be used as a last resort as they are getting hard to come by and costly to purchase. And ... it's fun to see all the different mask designs!

Thank you for your cooperation.

RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Due to pandemic, we are forced to take reservations for our Christmas Eve services. We must limit our attendance to 200 at each service. In the bulletin today is a RSVP slip. You may also go to the church website at www.irwinfirst.org or Facebook page at [Irwin First UMC](#) to RSVP. Please have your reservations in by December 15th so that we can make preparation to accommodate everyone who wants to participate.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Order forms are in the bulletin today for the Christmas poinsettias that will adorn our church Christmas week. The poinsettia choices this year are red and white and are \$10.00 each. **Orders are due today, November 22nd.** The poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



Camp News - Orders for our camp fundraiser with RADA Cutlery will be due next Sunday, November 29th. The catalogs and order forms are on the camp table beside Pastor Bruce's office. Checks (payable to FUMC) and order forms are to be deposited in the church office door slot. If you are attending our church services from our parking lot tuning in to 87.9, or if you are worshipping on Facebook, ZOOM or YouTube, you can view the products online and call Laurie Saporito to place your order over the phone. All orders have a \$1.00 processing fee. Go to RadaCutlery.com to see everything that is in the catalog along with a description of each product. Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

ANGEL TREE - The Outreach Committee will be helping families again by providing gifts for children and gift cards for groceries. The Angel tree is in the Narthex, and to date, we have 63 children on our angel tree and more are coming. Our local elementary school has additional families in need that we will be helping. Please take an angel (or two) from the tree to purchase gifts for the children, and a star if you would like to purchase a \$25 grocery gift card.

This year we will be keeping track of who takes the angels – Robbyn will be near the angel tree to get your name and the angel number you take. If you do not attend church in person but would still like to provide a gift, please contact Anne and she can email or mail you an angel. We will also be trying something new. You (or a group of you) can sponsor a family for Christmas and provide the Christmas gifts for all the children in one family. Please contact Anne and let her know what size family (2, 3, 4 or more kids) you want to sponsor and she will match a family to you as best as possible. Anne can be reached at home (724-744-7278), by email (annegiannetti@gmail.com), or by text (412-582-8397). Please make requests this week before the angel tree is up and decorated. **All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 13th.**

If you prefer to make a donation, please send it to the office and we will do the shopping for you. Any donations not used for the angel tree will be held and used to help families at Easter.

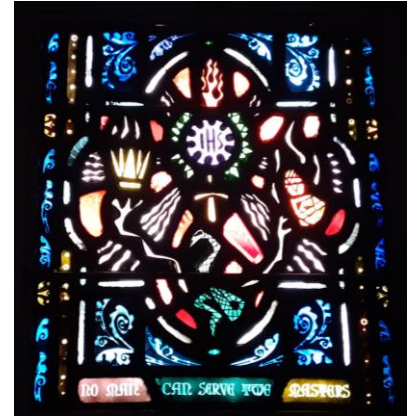
CALLING ALL CLARK GRISWOLDS! This year the Crazy Christmas Club Committee (CCCC) is inviting everyone to decorate the outside of your house for Christmas for a friendly competition. (You can decorate the inside as well, we just won't be able to see it.) 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded to the house that shows the meaning of Christmas the best. If you are interested please provide your Name, Address and Contact Number by December 16th. The CCCC will go around on December 18th starting at 6:30pm and take pictures/video of your house and determine our winners. In this year where everything seems so unexpected, why not share some love, happiness, and the meaning of Christmas for the world (or neighborhood) to see?



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

This week we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This is considered the last week in the Christian year. "Instituted during in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, *Christ the King Day* is a holiday which falls on the final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar. Although it was originally a Roman Catholic Holiday – known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – it has since been adopted by other Christian denominations as well. The purpose of this holiday is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the "King of all kings" and it was originally intended as a way to bring God back into a secular world." " <http://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/christ-the-king/>

Pope Pius XI said "If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast_of_Christ_the_King



Our stained-glass window this week depicts Matthew 6:24 which says, ²⁴*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* Synonyms for mammon are wealth, money, greed, and ambition.

What master, king, do you serve? Have you let Jesus rule in your life? Have you let Him be "King" of your life? It's not to late to start following Him. He's given us the Bible as an instruction book and faithful leaders to guide us in our path. Open your heart to Him today and let Him be your King.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS AND READERS NEEDED for Christmas Eve – 11:00 PM service. The reading will be short and simple. Please consider this a chance to prepare your heart for Christmas. To sign up please call, or text Dianne at 412-310-6121, or email her at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net) or go to the organ bench on Sunday.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: The prayer chain ministry will be another way for people to gain assistance in prayer. Thank you to all of you that have responded to be a part of this important prayer ministry. If you would have any prayer requests for any serious or pressing problem please contact Jean Barrett at (724-515-5524) or Bernie Johnston at (724-863-6967). This would be for immediate prayer concerns and should not be confused with the prayer list found in the bulletin. If you would like to be included as a prayer warrior, to pray for immediate concerns via text or email, please let us know. Thank you
Philippians 4:6 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

ADVENT GIFT GIVE-AWAY: Pastor Bruce would once again like to do the Advent Gift Give-away. For those who don't remember what this is, here's how it goes. Several people go outside the church building between the two Sunday morning services and hand out gifts to the cars that pass by the church. They are just small gifts, but are meant to lift the spirits of those passing by and to let them know that FUMC cares about the people outside our church. If you can help with this mission by donating new, small gifts (around \$1.00 – Dollar Store finds are great!) it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the church and Pastor Bruce and his elves will do the rest! If you would like to help pass the gifts out, please let Pastor Bruce know.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED FOR THANKSGIVING. We were able to help 34 families with shopping for their holiday meal!

The Outreach Committee

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed to join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).

WHEN VISITING OR HOLDING A MEETING AT FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. "Social Distancing" of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in "THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH" many of our services, Bible Study, and Prayer Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. 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.")

**RING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AT GIANT EAGLE**

The Salvation Army has suggested a two hour time for each volunteer, but we are asking for only an hour at a time. If you can serve longer, please write your name multiple times. To sign up, you may click the link our church Facebook page or web site. You may also directly contact Becky Platt at 724-331-7832, or email Becky.Platt@irwinfirstumc.org to schedule your time.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Just letting you know the progress of the Stewardship Campaign – “Invest in Hope” As of November 17, 2020 we have received 47 commitment cards. If you haven't returned your card yet, you can still either mail in or bring it in to Church as soon as you are able.

Please continue to pray and consider your pledge.
Thank You and God Bless You!

2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



Blood Drive
Irwin Community
First United Methodist Church
of Irwin

Gym
310 Oak St
Irwin

Monday, November 23, 2020
12:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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



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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.

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

****** 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

******* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *******

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl 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., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., 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. 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, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Helena & Marilyn, George and Lisa S., Joseph D., Sara T., Marilyn F., Ray S., The Lois Frye Family, Jerry L., Janice E., Judy L., Jim L., The Bill G. Family., The Jeff V. Family, The Diane Borza Family, Rolan & Janice W., Ethan D, Randy D, and Cindi D

***** 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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November 21, 2020

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE

OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIP MUSIC:

Raise a Hallelujah

Let the Redeemed

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/ PRAYER

OFFERING

WORSHIP MUSIC:

10,000 Reasons

Great Are You Lord

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE

CLOSING SONG:

Only King Forever

Prayer Requests

I cried unto the Lord with my voice and he heard me out of his holy hill. ~ Psalm 3:4