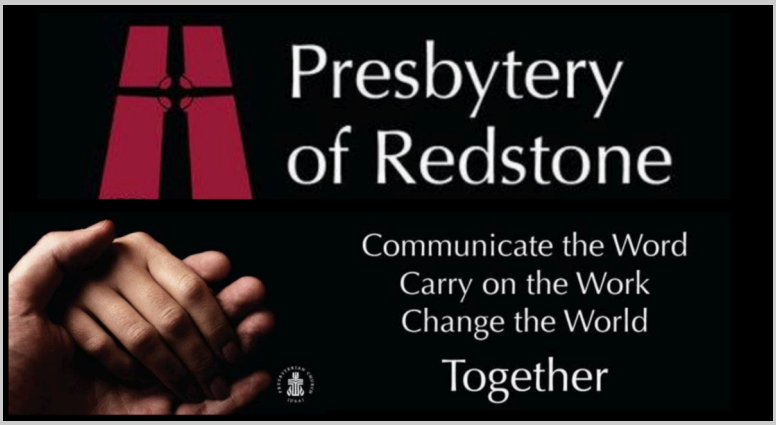
# This week's Redstone happening
# November 5, 2026




## This week we are praying for the following congregations:

### District 1 Churches

Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Brian Kilbert, Moderator
Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Brian Kilbert, Pastor

### District 2 Churches

Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor
Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Martin Ankrum, Moderator

### District 3 Churches

Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Commissioned Pastor
Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Covenant Pastor

### District 4 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, Alice Tondora, Pastor
Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Ed Gray, Moderator

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## ~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~

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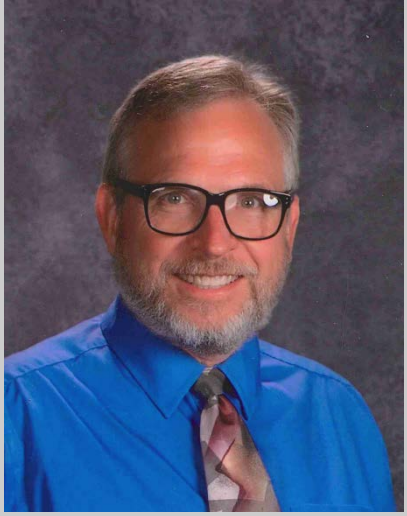
### "Ready to Receive"

**Have you ever had those impatient moments when you encounter a person – a stranger – and your impatience leads you to treat that person with disrespect. There are several types of places where a person serves you. Various grocery stores come to mind: there's a fellow there in the self-purchasing lines who regularly greets me with a kind spirit, yet too often people ignore him. Staying with the theme of food, various restaurants where I've eaten through the years have come to mind: I think about Ritters near Bloomfield in Pittsburgh, or Tavern on the Hill or Sara's Table in Duluth, Minnesota. I remember a conversation Robyn and I had with a sweet server who had just been unkindly treated by a customer. She summed it with the comment, "All we're trying to do is give good tasting food in a pleasant atmosphere," yet rudeness was the response she received.**



Scripture has many examples of that experience. A powerful one is that of Jesus' encounter with the woman from Samaria (John 4:1-30). There, the woman approached Jacob's well. She went there at that time because she likely wanted to be alone. For some reason, people judged her for the life she had led. Jesus, on the other hand, began a conversation that took a deep, meaningful direction. Others had treated her with disrespect. Even the followers of Jesus looked with suspicion at him as she departed and they arrived. Jesus was the only one who surrounded her with respect built upon her innate value, her dignity.

Those experiences happen too often in our lives. The change that we must embrace is the practice of readiness. Nobody is unworthy of our respect. Some people may make you uncomfortable. The many lessons in action that Jesus offers us is to be ready to receive all others with respect and self-giving love. Imagine if that was what guided all of us. It may involve no words. It may be a simple, affirming nod or a gentle, kind smile. Then, we've received them, affirmed their dignity, blessed them in the spirit of the Christ. Amen.

**Grace and Peace,**
**Lon Weaver**

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## ~Presbytery News~

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## Announcement Loop and Venue Change for Presbytery Meeting

The November meeting of Presbytery will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, by Voice and Vote In Person at the **Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg** or Online Viewing Only by Zoom beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you have an announcement that you would like included in the Announcement Loop that will be presented that day, please submit them directly to redstonepresbytery@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Thank you!



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## Presbyterian Foundation

**November 17, 2026**
**Maplewood Presbyterian Church**
**4:30 p.m. with Dinner**

**Pre-Presbytery Seminar on the Property Checklist:**

**"How do you Prepare for Action?"**

**Speaker: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly**

**Please contact the Presbytery Office to Pre-Register**
**724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org**
**Please respond by 12:00pm, November 10, 2026**

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## IPLF Fall Workshop

**Fall Pastor and Elder Training Workshops presented by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation. All workshops will be hybrid offerings by Zoom and in-person from 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 14, 2026 - Boundaries & Ethics**
**Instructor: Bryan Bass Riley**

**Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church, 33 Manse Street, Washington, PA 15301. Workshop at the manse behind the church**

**Please confirm you are attending by contacting the Presbytery Office (724-837-6737) or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.**

**The zoom login information is:**

**https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1**

**Meeting ID; 7248330340**
**Password: IPLF**

**Fall 2026 Workshop Schedule**

**IPLF Program**

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## ~ Church Events~

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*First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville*
*presents the*

*Murrysville Cantata Choir*

*In a choral concert of*
*Thanksgiving and Patriotic selections*

***"A Patriotic Thanksgiving"***

*Sunday, November 15, 2026*
*4:00 p.m.*

*First Presbyterian Church*
*3202 North Hills Road*
*Murrysville, PA 15668*

*No Admission Charge*

*Donations Gratefully Accepted*

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## ~Continuing Education~

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### From Empty Nets to Overflowing Impact: Discovering God's Abundance Through Stewardship

### Nov. 17-18, 2026

**In a time when many congregations are navigating financial strain, shifting demographics, and urgent community needs, this lecture invites faith leaders to move beyond scarcity thinking and recover a theology of abundance rooted in the gospel. Drawing from Fishing Differently, the Rev. Dr. Sidney S. Williams Jr. will explore how churches can reimagine stewardship, leverage sacred assets, and build sustainable models for social impact. The lecture will challenge leaders to see fundraising not merely as a financial necessity, but as a spiritual practice of aligning resources with mission, cultivating community partnerships, and participating in God's work of transformation.**

**For more information: Click Here**

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## ~Links to Events & Resources~

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