

First Presbyterian Church

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ
who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 7

Leader: O Lord, my God, in You I take refuge.

People: God is my shield, who saves the upright in heart.

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of the ages, You have chosen us even before we have been able to reach out our hands toward You. In our baptism we have been washed clean of our sins and given a new life. Jesus nailed our sins to the cross in baptism and provided us with an opportunity to live a life of freedom. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism by living as the world would want us to live. Teach us again to trust in Your covenant. Through Jesus our Savior we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE: *[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carol McComsey

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:8-14 (NT p200)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-14 (OT p13)

SERMON

GENESIS SERIES

Rev. Robert Bronkema

"Baptized in Water"

*HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

No. 343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Awesome is the Lord Most High
Came to My Rescue
Let it Be Jesus*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Carol McComsey

Scripture Readings

Colossians 2:8-14; Genesis 17:1-14

Sermon: *"Baptized in Water"*

*Offering/Closing Song

Take My Life

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

NEXT WEEK
Matthew 17:14-21
Genesis 18:1-15
"Getting Our Ratio Right"

WELCOME, we are glad to see you here today! If you are visiting or new to the area, please fill out a Visitors' card located in the pew pockets in front of you. Please be sure to check our Church's website (www.straspres.org) often under the "Happenings" tab for the current schedule of events taking place in the life of our church.

WELCOME TO RACHEL SCHULZ, our guest organist today.

JOIN US in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts today: Peter & Phyllis Witmer. Hosts next Sunday: Ray & Carol Reinmiller

NURSERY CARE is provided for children ages 5 and under. Helpers today: (8:30) Tim & Jane Ott; (11:00) Amanda Allison & Grace Hess. Helpers next Sunday: (8:30) Carolyn Groff & Theresa Rineer; (11:00) Terry & JoAnn Sweigart

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Don & Emily Welk in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

HANNAH'S HANDS: An evening of fun crafting Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm in Rm. 5 for youth in grades 6-12.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin on Tuesday at 9:00am and 7:00pm. We will be reflecting on the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit using Beth Moore's new study, "*Breath: The Life of God in Us*". All are welcome to join us for this time of Bible study and fellowship.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: If you don't have a Sunday School class and would be interested in a women's Bible study we would like to offer "*Breath: The Life of God in Us*" on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour beginning on September 20. This six-week study by Beth Moore reflects on the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the same study that will be offered on Tuesdays. If you are interested in this class please contact Stacy Bronkema.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS are needed for the children's classes beginning this fall. We also need someone to play the piano for the children on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Beth Feiler (786-3711).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN would like to remind you of the Personal Care basket in Fellowship Hall. It benefits those who seek shelter at Water Street Ministries. Toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap and deodorant are always needed. Please help us help those in need

OUR GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL is in need of the following items: Paper towels, napkins, tissues, 5 ounce paper cups, white paper plates, Clorox wet wipes, washable markers, large crayons, crackers, Cheerios, pretzels, raisins, popcorn, Pepperidge Farm fish, cookies, carrots, apples, oranges, cheese and banana chips. A tub is in the library area for your donations.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SANDWICH Sale starts Now!! See any PW committee member to order and/or orders will be taken in Fellowship Hall on September 20 and 27. See Terri Reiner if you need an order form.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:30-105; 11:00-89

This Week's Schedule

TODAY

JR HI YOUTH GROUP: 4:30-6:00pm

SR HI YOUTH GROUP: 6:10-7:40pm

MONDAY

EVENING PRAYER: 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

NEW BEGINNINGS TEAM: 7:00pm in Rm. 3/4

CROP WALK TASK FORCE: 7:00pm in Rm. 7

M&F: 7:00pm in Rm. 1

TUESDAY

MORNING PRAYER: 7:30am in the Sanctuary

MARTHA CIRCLE: 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

SARAH CIRCLE: 9:30am in Rm. 7

KNIFTY KNITTERS: 1:00pm in Rm. 6
STITCHIN' SISTERS: 3:00pm in Rm. 7
HANNAH'S HANDS: 6:00pm in Rm. 5
SESSION: 7:00pm in Rm. 3/4

THURSDAY

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 6-7am in Fellowship Hall

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In our prayers today and your prayers this week please remember the following:

Family of Betsy Clark ---Betsy died Thursday

Sue Francis – recovering at home

Kim Wertz & Pat Charles – Being treated for cancer

Our sisters and brothers in our partner congregations of the
Presbyterian Church of Honduras, Presbytery of Mthatha
(South Africa) and Donegal Presbytery. This week pray for:

Honduras: Roca de Israel Congregation, Villa Union

Mthatha: G. T. Vika Memorial Congregation

Donegal: Kreutz Creek Presbyterian Church, York

In need of the prayer chain? Call Sandy Bernstorf (687-7276);
if no answer, call Mary Taylor (464-4745)

Deacon of the Month: Dot Rineer (464-0453)

KIDS CLUB will begin Wednesday, October 6. Many volunteers will be needed including kitchen crew, servers, shepherds, recreation leaders and helpers, Bible helpers, craft leaders and helpers, nursery volunteers, and prayer warriors. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Beth Neumann at kbneumann@comast.net or 464-9247.

AN OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL will be held October 8 at 6pm on the grassy knoll behind the Strasburg Mennonite Church. The Keynote speaker will be Terry Roberts and the Evangelist will be Frank Ferrari. There will be an eclectic mix of music. All the churches of Strasburg are involved and participating.

SENIORS AND FRIENDS TEA will be held Monday, September 28 at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come for tea, sweets and bingo. RSVP to Alice Eisenhooth 687-7623.

Food Bank

Our food bank supplies are getting low. Below is the list of items which goes in the bags that are given to our recipients. Please give as you are able.

Potatoes: box 4-8 oz., canned 15 oz.

Hamburger, chicken, or tuna Helper 5-9 oz.

Cereal 12-15 oz.

Peanut butter 15-16 oz.

Jelly 16 oz.

Pancake/baking mix 40 oz.

Syrup 27-28 oz.

Canned pasta 15 oz.

Canned fruit 15-16 oz.

Applesauce 24 oz.

Snack cup packets

Canned soup 10-18 oz.

Canned tuna or chicken 5 oz.

Spam 12 oz.

Canned chili 15 oz.

Canned beef stew 20 oz.

Juice boxes

Dry pasta 12-16 oz.

Pasta sauce 24 oz.

Canned vegetables 14-16 oz.

Canned pork & beans 15-16 oz.

Boxed macaroni & cheese 5-7 oz.

Box or pouch rice 4-8 oz.

Snacks: candy, chips, crackers, fun/junk food, cake mix