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Once again First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg will be featuring a series of musical events to encourage you to embrace the Advent season. Most of these events will be held on Sunday evenings throughout Advent. All events are free and open to the public.

This year the series kicks off with a performance by the Lancaster Marimba Ensemble Sunday December 3 at 7:00 p.m. The group performs a variety of musical selections in the traditional styles of the world's people, especially Mexican, Andean and African music combined with European classics and American jazz. Also popular are the Lancaster Marimba Ensemble's unique adaptations of spiritual pieces. The result is ground breaking chamber music, both exciting and intimate, intending to open new musical worlds to its audiences.

[More info is available at <http://www.lancastermarimbaensemble.org>]

On Friday December 8, folk musician Sean Cox and Three Strand brings his blend of 70s era folk, American soul and rock music to the FPC stage. This is an intimate venue and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Check him out on [www.facebook.com/threestrandsmusic](http://www.facebook.com/threestrandsmusic).

The following week First Presbyterian's own Dr. Tim Yoder and others will perform Jazz Lessons and Carols Sunday December 10 at 7:00 p.m. The traditional service of Lessons and Carols is based on the reading of passages of Scripture which tell of the coming and the birth of Jesus. Each reading is followed by the singing of a familiar Christmas carol. In Dr. Yoder's adaptation, the carols are accompanied by a jazz quintet including piano, guitar, bass, drums and vocalist providing a unique and fresh approach to the beloved songs of Christmas.

As Christmas draws near First Presbyterian opens its doors wide and invites everyone to join them for their Open House Sunday December 17 at 6:00 p.m. This is their sixth year for this event where visitors can wander the church campus and courtyard and enjoy a variety of music.

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg is located at 101 South Decatur St., one block south of the square in Strasburg. More information is available by calling the church office on 717-687-6030, on Facebook/straspres or the website [straspres.org](http://straspres.org).

**About**

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg is located at 101 South Decatur St., one block south of the square in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. It has been an historic fixture in the community for more than 150 years. FPC is open to all seeking a relationship with Christ wherever they are on that journey. FPC offers a traditional service Sundays at 8:30 am, Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 am and Come as You Are at 11 am. More information is available by calling the church office on 717-687-6030 or on the web at [www.StrasPres.org](http://www.StrasPres.org) or [www.facebook.com/straspres](https://www.facebook.com/straspres).

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