

First Presbyterian Church

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ACOLYTE: Gavin Elizas

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

@ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/videos>

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:30 am

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

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Kerr

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Kerr

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

Leader: Which of you desires life and wishes to enjoy many good days?

People: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Leader: Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

People: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth!

HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

No. 423

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, we confess that we fail to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We speak with words that hurt rather than heal, confuse rather than clarify, separate rather than unite. Forgive us and cleanse our lips that with one voice, we may ever give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Hideth My Soul"

Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:33-37

SECOND SCRIPTURE

James 3:2-12

SERMON

"Stick Out Your Tongue"

Rev. David Drain

HYMN

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

No. 310

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"My Song Forever Shall Record"

No. 209

BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

POSTLUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

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11:00 AM SERVICE

Greeting & Announcements

Praise & Worship

Called Me Higher

Reckless Love

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:33-37

Second Scripture Reading: James 3:2-12

Sermon

"Stick Out Your Tongue"

Rev. David Drain

Closing Song

Come Thou Fount Come Thou King

Benediction

Rev. David Drain, our guest preacher this morning, is a retired Presbyterian Pastor now residing at Willow Valley.

In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following people and their families:

- Allan Scheurich In Rehab
- Bob Masoner Lancaster General Hospital
- Bud Moore Recovering at home
- Larry Guise York WellSpan
- Joyce Hollinger

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

In need of the prayer chain?

Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-201-7926 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676



NEXT WEEK – November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Matthew 25:31-46

“Christ the King”



2020 SANTA’S HELPERS

As with just about all of our church programs, COVID has also affected our annual Santa’s Helpers program. While we are again supporting this program by buying Christmas Gifts for needy children, the program has been changed slightly to allow for as much participation as possible given that many in our congregation are not able to physically attend church due to health concerns.

To participate all you need to do is:

- ☒ Sign-up to purchase a gift either as you arrive or as you depart the Church Service on **Sunday, November 29 or Sunday, Dec. 6** at the reception desk.
- ☒ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
- ☒ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table.
- ☒ If you are interested in purchasing a gift but will not be attending a church service on either of those Sundays simply call Jo Ann Sweigart (717-672-1427) or Terry Sweigart (717-606-6907) and you can be registered over the phone and be given information on the specific gift you are to purchase.
- ☒ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
- ☒ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa’s Helpers organization.

Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 13th**. If you are unable to drop your gift off at the church, please contact Jo Ann or Terry and they will see that your gift is picked up.

If anyone is interested helping with the purchase of gifts that may not be selected, please also contact Jo Ann or Terry to volunteer to be a buyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday school for children and adults has started back up again - Welcome to all the Sunday school teachers and everyone participating in the classes! All are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - The Christmas Pageant is still on but will be in a very different format. If you have a child who is interested in taking part in the pageant you should have received an email from Beth Feiler. If you are interested in having your child be a part of the pageant this year but did not receive an email, please reach out to Beth at: bfelie@straspres.org

We are again collecting 2021 calendars and new greeting cards for Conestoga View. You can leave them on the table in Rm. 1 across from the office. Deadline is December 1.

College Student of the Week: Steven Murphy, 14 Broad Street, Ephrata, PA 17522
murphy.steven97@gmail.com Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

Our Great Beginnings Preschool is open and always very appreciative of your donations. It helps to keep the tuition costs down! There is a bin in the library area for your donations. Needed are: paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, 5 oz. cups, crackers, pretzel, animal crackers, cookies, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, popcorn, cheese balls.

The work of FPC continues: All of the staff are still working hard to keep us connected and are keeping the light of Christ shining within the community. While programmatically things may have shifted, we are still looking to provide a family for those who don't know Christ, for those who want to grow in Christ, and for those who want to go with Christ. This not only takes time and planning, it also takes resources. We fully realize that we are in a time of having to rely even more on the providence and provision of God. You can play an enormous role in helping us meet the needs for our staffing and our programs during this time when collecting tithes in person is limited. There are various ways that you can give your tithes and contribute to the FPC ministries. One way is to send your tithe and offering checks to First Presbyterian Church at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579. Make it out to First Presbyterian and our financial accountant will take care of it. Another way to give is online at the church website: <http://www.straspres.org/> Click the donate button. On your home computer, at the top of the page, select "Computer Giving". From there click on "Go to Engage e-giving" where you can either create an account to give more frequently or in a recurring way. To give a one-time gift, click "Create a Gift" and it will provide similar options. You can pay either by credit card or by ACH, your bank information. Please take the time to make an impact on your community with your offerings at this time. For questions about electronic giving please give me a call at 717-799-0777. I can walk you through it

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER WEBINAR: On Saturday November 21, 9-10:30am, **Anmarie Early, PhD** will be leading **Intro to Working with Dreams** as a live webinar: *Dreams are the communication of the soul. In this introductory session, learn the basics of how to participate with our dreams, using a depth psychology perspective, through amplification, reflection, and opening into their mysterious messages.* <https://parishresourcecenter.org/events/intro-to-working-with-dreams/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers, to approve the 2021 Pastor Terms of Call, and to review and receive the 2021 Ministry Budget. The meeting will be 'hybrid' for sanctuary in-person attendance and virtual online attendance. Details to follow closer to the date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am Worship – In Person and Online

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<http://www.straspres.org/home-2>

<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>

Phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#

10 am Wired Word Sunday School Class

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8126946473973?pwd=dUt4bVIOWDErcG4xYTluOTB0TXUrQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 4647 3973

Passcode: 355650 or word

11 am Worship – In Person and Online

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6 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, November 17

2 pm Food Bank

Wednesday, November 18

7 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, November 19

6 pm Bible Study

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Friday, November 20

2 pm Food Bank