

First Presbyterian Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Vacancy

LITURGIST: Karen Bachman

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am June Stum

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Gavin Elias-Lizardo 11 am Lola Nadu

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzgg/videos>

8:30 AM SERVICE

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

"Marche Triomphale on 'Now Thank We All Our God'"

Karg-Elert

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 59

Leader: I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress.

People: **Oh my strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.**

HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

No. 551

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy God, our True Shepherd, we praise You and thank You for seeking us out and rescuing us when we are lost. Forgive us when we stray from Your pastures and refuse to respond to Your voice. Help us to follow Your example so that we are better shepherds on Your behalf. United in our service for Christ, we pray in the name of our lead Shepherd and King, Jesus Christ. 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

David Griffith

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"

Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

~ A Season in the Lectionary ~

SERMON

Christ the King"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 473

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 555

BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

POSTLUDE

"Nun Danket Alle Gott"

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11:00 AM SERVICE



Greeting & Announcements

Praise & Worship

This is Amazing Grace

King of My Heart

Resurrecting

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"Christ the King"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Closing Song

Revelation Song

Benediction



NEXT WEEK – November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:23-37



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

- Mrs. Weaver
- Joyce Hollinger
- Allan Scheurich Recovering at home
- Larry Guise York WellSpan
- Donna Burkholder Recovering at Home

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



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.

ACOLYTES NEEDED: We are looking for children to participate in the Worship services as acolytes. Please call or text Mary Lou Butler at 717-940-7968 if interested.

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 @ bfelie@straspres.org.

Please note that, due to the ongoing Covid crisis, pageant plans are subject to change.

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: A J Petrokonis, 8 Country Ln, New Providence, PA 17560
ajp6531@psu.edu 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.



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.

2021 Slate of Officers

Three-Year Terms, unless otherwise noted

Ruling Elders

Tim Ott

Vacancy

Ron McVey

Heather Schnader - 1 year

Linda Younger

Deacons

Kenneth Andersen - fill 1-year vacancy

Marcia Andersen

Julia Barge – Junior Deacon

Nancy Cummings

Tina Dansereau

Janet Fitzgibbon - fill 2-year vacancy

John Fitzgibbon - fill 2-year vacancy

Dorothy Wood

Heidi Zook-Payne

Trustees

Will Keays

Dave Rineer

Jeff Stoltzfus

Don Welk Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 22

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=dUt4bVlOWDErcG4xYTluOTB0TXUrQT09>

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 24

2 pm Food Bank

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving

Church Office closed

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Friday, November 27

Church office closed