



# First Presbyterian Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

**November 29, 2020**

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Feiler

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: -- Vacancy --

LITURGIST: Karen Bachman

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Sandy Wenger

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Glori Fulmer 11:00 am Isla Marsh

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

[@ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/videos)



### First Sunday of Advent

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

*"Savior of the Nations, Come "*

Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Christmas Joy Offering

Peter Witmer

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Fulmer Family

Leader: This first Sunday of Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

**People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and Living God, together we thank You and praise You for waiting for us to find the path toward You. Together we confess that having to wait for anything is difficult for us. Together we pray to be forgiven for not fully understanding the value in waiting for You. Open our hearts and minds to the joy of waiting to be graced with new life. Keeping watch together through Advent, we pray in the name of our Emmanuel. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

## HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Beth Feiler

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

J Martin

## FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9

## SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:23-37

## SERMON

*"Advent and the Second Coming of Jesus"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

## HYMN

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

No. 482

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

No. 38

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

## POSTLUDE

*"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

Zachau

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

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

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

+ Sanctuary flowers provided today in memory of Kenneth Corey, by his wife, Joy Corey & family



**NEXT WEEK – December 6**

**A Season in the Lectionary**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: Advent and Baptism



## 11:00 AM SERVICE

Greeting and Announcements

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Christmas Joy Offering – Peter Witmer

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Marsh Family

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Praise & Worship

*Jesus Messiah*

*God with Us*

*O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Beth Feiler

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 13:23-37

### *A Season in the Lectionary*

Sermon: “Advent and the Second Coming of Jesus”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Closing Song

*Christ is Risen*

Benediction

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## 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 29

8:30 am Worship – In Person and Online

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

<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, December 1

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm Christian Education Meeting – Rm ¾

7 pm Worship Committee Meeting – The Well

7 pm LS Together – Parlor

### Wednesday, December 2

7 pm Deacon Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 3

6 pm Bible Study on Zoom this week only

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9703411314>

### Friday, December 4

2 pm Food Bank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**CALENDARS** -- Presbyterian Women will not collect any calendars or cards after December 1st. They will be taken to Conestoga View next week. Thank you for all you have given.

**College Student of the Week:** Brandon Roe, 128 N Custer Ave, New Holland, PA 17557 Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

**Our Great Beginnings Preschool** is 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.

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**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.

Click below for a PDF file of the 2021 FPCS Budget

[http://www.straspres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PDF\\_Final.FPCS\\_2021.Budget\\_10.21.2020.pdf](http://www.straspres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PDF_Final.FPCS_2021.Budget_10.21.2020.pdf)

### **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.

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