

# First Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:30 am

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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

*"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (Little)"*

J S Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 58

Leader: People will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous."

**People: Surely there is a God who judges on earth.**

HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

No. 488

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and Living God, we praise You and thank You for being the source of all of our blessings. Forgive us when we take those blessings for granted. Help us to recognize that our talents are also blessings from You and should be used for Your glory. United in Christ and in our love for our country, we pray in the name of our savior, 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

Tess Feiler

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Rock of My Salvation"*

Kerr

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 1:7, 14-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

*~ A Season in the Lectionary ~*

SERMON

*"Parables as a Teaching Tool"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

HYMN

*"Open My Eyes That I May See"*

No. 324

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

No. 438

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

POSTLUDE

*"Sonata No. 2"*

*Mendelssohn*

III. Allegro Maestoso

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

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| - Allan Scheurich   | Lancaster General Hospital                                |
| - Bob Masoner       | Lancaster General Hospital                                |
| - Bud Moore         | Recovering at home  |
| - Marianne Lafferty | Reading Hospital (Phyllis's aunt & Sally Witmer's sister) |
| - Larry Guise       | York Wellspan   |
| - Joyce Hollinger   | Recovering at home  |

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Marianne Lafferty passed away on Wednesday morning (11/4). Please keep Phyllis Witmer, her niece, and Sally Witmer, her sister, in your special prayers.

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

**In need of the prayer chain?**

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



**NEXT WEEK**

Matthew 12:33-37

James 3:2-12

*"Me and My Big Mouth – Taming the Tongue"*

## 11:00 AM SERVICE

Greeting & Announcements

Praise & Worship

*Desert Song*

*Resurrecting*

*Who You Say I Am*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 14-16

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

*"Parables as a Teaching Tool"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Closing Song

*Way Maker*

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.

**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.

**MISSION SEWING PROJECTS** - If any women have Mission Sewing projects at home please see that they are brought to the church by **tomorrow at 9:00 am**. We have to prepare them for shipping.

However, if you cannot get them there, please let me know what you have and I can let you know how we will handle them. Thanks to all who help with the sewing projects. – Kay Straley

**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 will take on a very different format this year. 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 [bfelier@straspres.org](mailto:bfelier@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:** A J Petrokonis, 8 Country Ln, New Providence, PA 17560  
[ajp6531@psu.edu](mailto: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 which help to keep 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.

**Food Bank** – Donations are always gratefully welcome and accepted. Current needs include: Syrup, pancake mix, soup, coffee, tea, cereal, canned fruit, canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper, Kid's pudding, jello and fruit cups. **Food Bank Hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 2 pm – 4 pm

**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 – which takes time, planning & resources. We are currently 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 staffing and program needs 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: 1) Send your tithe and offering checks to First Presbyterian Church at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579. Make it out to First Presbyterian. 2) Give online at church website: [www.straspres.org](http://www.straspres.org) Click the donate button. At the top of the page, select "Computer Giving". Then select "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. Pay 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

## **Sunday, November 8**

**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 Children's Sunday School with Beth Feiler**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYMTmNZtwbu4z-FyEEtLrHA>

**Wired Word Sunday School Class**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86946473973?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**

## **Monday, November 9**

**7 pm      Mission & Finance – Via Zoom**

## **Tuesday, November 10**

**6 pm      Personnel Committee – Room 3/4**

**7 pm      LS Together - Parlor**

## **Wednesday, November 11**

**7 pm      Trustees Meeting**

**7 pm      Outreach – Room 1**

## **Thursday, November 12**

**6 pm      Bible Study**

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