



First Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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 --

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am David Griffith

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Gavin Elias-Lizardo • 11:00 am Lola Nadu

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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



Fourth 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

"Toccata on Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Hyfrydol)

Pardini

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The Elias Family

Elias This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of
Family: Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the Coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

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

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

*HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

No. 22

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and Living God, together we thank You and praise You for revealing Yourself to us through Christ. Together we confess that we need more signs and more certainty to help us wait. Together we pray to be forgiven for always asking when to expect You rather than trusting that You are already here. Open our hearts and minds to the joy that comes from peaceful waiting, standing on the promises You have made to us by way of a manager and a cross. 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.]



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8:30 AM Service

*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

David Griffith

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

J. S. Bach

David Griffith, Tenor

FIRST SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

A Season in the Lectionary

SERMON

"Advent and Salvation"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 38

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"The First Nowell" Verses 1,2,4,6

No. 56

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

G. Young



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11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

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**People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
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*Praise & Worship

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Mighty to Save

Defender

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

A Season in the Lectionary

Sermon:

"Advent and Salvation"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Offering/Closing Song

Jesus Paid it All

*Benediction

~ *Please Keep in Your Prayers* ~

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

- The family of Lisa Fisher who passed away on Sunday, December 13
- The family of Marlene Lefever who passed away on Monday, December 14
- The family of Mark Guise in the passing of his father, Larry Guise
- Jim Yinger in the passing of Ruthann Wood

- Liz Lau - healing from radiation treatment
- Ryan Smith
- Carol Wenger (Randy's aunt)
- Joyce Hollinger

In need of the prayer chain?

Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676

Chancel flowers for this Sunday are sponsored by the Stettler Family.

As we join in celebrating Christ's birth, may each of you be blessed by the wonder of His coming, the depth of His love, and the peace of His presence.

*Merry Christmas to our church family,
Donna, Randy, Steven & Morgan*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Student of the Week: Aiden Geiger, 234 S Decatur St, Strasburg, PA 17579

E-mail: apgeiger191@stevenscollege.edu Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am Worship – Virtually 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 Sunday School

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

Wired Word Sunday School Class [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 869 4647 3973 Passcode: 355650 or word

11 am Worship – Virtually Online

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6 pm Ignited Youth Group

Tuesday, December 22

2 pm Food Bank

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Church Office Closes at Noon

No Bible Study today

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Church Office and Food Bank Closed

Christmas Eve Services

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Covid surge, all in-person worship services have been cancelled until further notice for the safety of everyone.

Family Christmas Pageant Services

4:30 pm - **Online only**

[YouTube](#)

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)



Candlelight Services

8:00 pm & 11 pm **Online only**

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*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a very happy, safe and healthy New Year 2021!*

