



# First Presbyterian Church

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## December 27, 2020

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema  
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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: -- Vacancy --  
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Pam Johnson  
ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Gavin Elias-Lizardo • 11:00 am Evie Fulmer

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

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

**Sunday, December 27**

**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

*"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"  
"In Dulci Jubilo"*

Wood  
arr. Near

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader: But I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.**

People: For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress.

Psalm 59

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

\*HYMN

*"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"*

No. 31

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we praise You for the celebrations of this season, the love that brightens our way, the grace that makes us new. So often our days are full of distractions, deadlines, and duties. No matter how hard we work, how well we plan, the unexpected emerges at what seems to be the wrong time. Forgive us when we fail to allow for Divine intervention or to allow the Eternal to touch the now, making it a present for us. Teach us anew that our times are in Your hands and that it may be "for just such a time as this" that we have been placed where we are. In Jesus' name, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"What Child Is This?"*

J. Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:11-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:4-7

***A Season in the Lectionary***

SERMON

*"It Really Happened"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Away in the Manger"*

No. 25

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

No. 40

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"*

J.S. Bach

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**Sunday, December 27**

**11:00 AM Service**

Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Joy to the Word*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:11-14

Second Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

***A Season in the Lectionary***

Sermon:

*"It Really Happened"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Offering/Closing Song

*God with Us*

\*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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**College Student of the Week:** Mercedes Geiger, 656 Baugher Ave, Elizabetown, PA 17022  
E-mail: [geigerm1@etown.edu](mailto:geigerm1@etown.edu) Please brighten her 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: [www.straspres.org](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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, December 27

**8:30 am** Worship – Virtually Online

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

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

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10 am Class [Beth Feiler - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYMTmNZtwbu4z-FyEEtLrHA) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYMTmNZtwbu4z-FyEEtLrHA>

Wired Word Sunday School Passcode: Meeting ID: 869 4647 3973 355650 or word

11 am Worship – Virtually Online

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### Monday, December 28

**7 pm** Mission & Finance Meeting

### Tuesday, December 29

**2 pm** Food Bank

### Thursday, December 31

No Bible Study today

### Friday, January 1, 2021 Happy New Year!

Church Office and Food Bank Closed

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