



First Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday



March 7, 2021

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
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DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Feiler
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Rev. Frances Carr

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Sunday, March 7

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: *"O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"* Mendelssolhn/Gower

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146, adapted

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Happy are they whose hope is in the LORD their God; who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

People: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

Leader: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

People: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, through all generations!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your *kingdom*. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your *“kingdom”*. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Through Christ Jesus, we pray. 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: Ali Elias

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Were You There”* Innes

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 3:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-22

SERMON *“An Invitation”* Rev. Frances Carr

*HYMN *“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”* No. 343

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

**[Worshippers: Please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ’s one people.
Please drink as you are ready, in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *“O World, I Must Leave Thee”* Brahms

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Head to the Heart
Good to Me
O Come to the Table*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Ali Elias

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 3:1-7

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon *“An Invitation”* Rev. Frances Carr

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song: *The River*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31

Second Scripture: Philippians 3:12-21

SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS"

Sermon: "Pressing On Toward the Goal"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

- Kay Straley
- Ryan Smith
- Red Bortzfield

In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

Military Service Personnel of the Month

Please keep the following military service person in your prayers or send them a note of encouragement:

EMN3 Brandon L. Schmid – Marines
8227 Gyax Rd, Norfolk, VA 23505

* Please note that SPC Owen Hess's address was listed incorrectly in the March newsletter.

His correct address is: PO Box 2672, Fort Riley, KS 66442

College Student of the Week: Bethany Bronkema, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081

E-mail: bethanyb2000@gmail.com Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed - Helpers are very much needed for Sunday School and Children's Church. Please contact Beth Feiler for more information at bfeiler@straspres.org. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child - We will be collecting children's items for Operation Christmas Child this year. In March we will be collecting personal care items. This includes; comb, brush, toothbrush, adhesive bandages, single packs of tissues, bar soap, wash cloth, lip balm, hair accessories, and reusable plastic containers like water bottle, plate, bowl. A collection bin will be in the welcome desk area. Any questions, contact Beth Feiler.

Our Great Beginnings Preschool is always in need of the following items and very appreciative of your donations:

Paper towels, white paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, sanitizing wipes, 5 oz. cups, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, apples, carrots, cookies, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, popcorn, cheese balls. Donations help to keep the tuition costs down! There is a bin in the library area for your donations. Thank you!

Preschool Registration for September -- Preschool registration is now open to the public. All are welcome to register their children for the **2021/22 Preschool Year**. Classes available are:

- Afternoon Pre-K class - Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:30 to 3:00
- 3 Year class - Tuesday & Thursday 9 to 11:30
- 2 year class - Monday and/or Wednesday 9 to 11:30

Registration forms are available on the [preschool webpage](#). The registration fee is \$45. (non-refundable). For more information e-mail Lynn Underhill at

hlunderhill@comcast.net

Blankets Plus - Presbyterian women would like to remind you that gifts to Blankets Plus can still be made through Sunday March 14th. Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 7

8:30 am Worship in-person or virtually online at:

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

<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 [Beth Feiler - YouTube](#)

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

Meeting ID: 869 4647 3973 Passcode: 355650 or **word**

11 am Worship in person and virtually online at:

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6 pm Ignited Youth Group Tonight

Monday, March 8

7 pm Mission & Finance Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, March 9

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, March 10

7 pm Outreach

7 pm Trustees' Meeting

Thursday, March 4

6 pm [Bible Study](#) (Select this link or copy and paste link below)

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Friday, March 5

2 pm Food Bank

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4, 2021 • 6:30 AM
St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery
40 E Main St, Strasburg, PA 17579