



First Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



*He makes my feet
like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread
upon the heights.*

Habakkuk 19

March 14, 2021

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Clayton Frackman

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Sunday, March 14

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 World, Mourn for Thy Grievous Sin"* J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

*HYMN *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* No. 85

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and Living God, Abba, We thank You and praise You for being our strength and we rejoice in our salvation. We confess that we juggle the value of knowing Christ with the value of everything else. Forgive us when we forget that everything we have of value came to us only because of Your righteousness and mercy. We have no righteousness of our own making. Humble us, and help us to hold fast to the word of life and rejoice in the opportunities that faith brings to us. In the name of Christ, our companion on this journey of faith, we pray together. 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:

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Got A Mind To Do Right"* Morrow

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Habakkuk 3:17-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:7-11

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS**
"What Do We Value?" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* No. 100

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* No. 376

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Oh How Happy Are Ye"* Brahms

Please Keep in Your Prayers:
 - Ryan Smith - Red Bortzfield

Comfort in Time of Loss
 Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Harold Wiker who passed away on March 4. Please keep Bev and the family in your prayers.

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:
 Brandon L. Schmid – Navy
 8227 Gygax Rd, Norfolk, VA 23505

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*The River
Ever Be
Great Are You, Lord*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message:

SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS

First Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-11

Sermon "What Do We Value"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song: *Build My Life*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

March 21, 2021

Fifth 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



Easter Sunrise Service • Sunday, April 4, 2021 • 6:30 AM

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery

40 E Main St, Strasburg, PA 17579



*"We are a village,
improving our community,
one good deed at a time."*

What is a mitzvah?

a good deed, done from
religious duty

Past project:

- Supplies for the homeless

Current project:

- Delivery of free care baskets

Future projects:

- Earth Day
- Children in Foster Care

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mitzvahmomsrock.weebly.com

Mitzvah Moms Give Back

BY CATHY HOLTOMES



Mitzvah Moms have a mission to help others, delivering gift baskets to people affected by COVID-19. Helping to spread the love are (back row, from left) Judith Kresse, Gina Kresse, Gena Harting, (front row) Elaine Kresse, Ryder Harting and William Kresse.



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Supply Request:

- Throw blankets
- Hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- soup
- adult thermos cups
- face masks
- bath salts
- bath bombs
- playing cards
- lotion
- cough drops
- tea
- Honey
- Snacks
- Baskets
 - 13.5 round
 - 10 inch square

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!

Presbyterian Women -- A Vice Moderator is needed for the Presbyterian Women group. Are you being called to serve? Pray about it. . .

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.

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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 today, Sunday March 14th. Checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**.

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

E-mail: <mailto:apgeiger191@stevenscollege.edu> Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

Card Shower - We would like to have a card shower for Linda Stoots for her upcoming birthday on March 19. Linda has been through a lot between her stroke last April and then dealing with all the Covid restrictions. She was moved into personal care in the memory area of Luther Acres. Her daughter said it would mean so much to Linda to be showered with cards and well wishes. Her new address is **300 St. Mark Ave, Apt 420, Lititz, PA 17543**.

Thank You -- A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to drive or assist with registration for those in need of help. If anyone else would like to volunteer to assist members get that vital vaccine shot, please let us know! Also, if you are available to drive some members to church, doctor appointments, grocery stores, etc. please call the church office.

The Work of FPC Continues: All staff continue to work diligently to keep us connected and are keeping the light of Christ shining within the community. While programmatically things have shifted, we still seek to provide a family for those who don't know Christ, for those who want to grow in Christ, and who want to go with Christ. This takes time, planning & resources. 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 to 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** and our financial accountant will take care of it. 2) Give online at the church website: <http://www.straspres.org/> Click the "Donate" button. At top of next page, select "Computer Giving". From there, select "Go to Engage E-Giving" where you can create an account & choose a preferred method of giving. For one-time gifts, click "Create a Gift" and it will provide similar options. Donations are accepted via credit cards or ACH (bank information). Please take the time to positively impact your community with your offerings. For questions about electronic giving please give me a call at 717-799-0777. I can walk you through it.

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ." -- Philippians 3:7

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 14

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#

10:00 am Wired Word Sunday School Class

Select this link to join: [Zoom](#) or copy and paste link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84477985294?pwd=Vm1kdjY3b3l3L3FQZjBldjFqRTZaUT09#success>

Meeting ID: 844 7798 5294 Passcode: Welcome

11 am Worship in person and virtually online at:

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6 pm Ignited Youth Group Tonight

Tuesday, March 16

2 pm Food Bank

Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day 

7 pm Session Meeting - Zoom

7 pm Trustees' Meeting

Thursday, March 18

6 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - [Zoom Gathering](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582076945?pwd=eDdxN3NtRW45VlpmVGJlWkdurJj5QT09>

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

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