



First Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday of



March 21, 2021

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Theresa Rineer

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Sunday, March 21

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: *"Fugue in C Minor"* J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds, his name is the Lord, be exultant before him.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

*HYMN *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"* No. 476

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God, Abba,

We thank You and praise You for renewing our strength day by day. We confess that we grow weary of pressing on toward the goal of citizenship in heaven when there are so many earthly things pressing against us. Forgive us when we fail to live according to the example set by Jesus. 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	<i>[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]</i>	
*HYMN	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	
	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:		Beth Feiler
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"O Come and Sing Unto the Lord"</i>	Anonymous
FIRST SCRIPTURE:		Isaiah 40:28-31
SECOND SCRIPTURE:		Philippians 3:12-21
	SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS	
SERMON	<i>"Pressing On Toward the Goal"</i>	Rev. Robert Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"</i>	No. 341
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"</i>	No. 430
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Postlude in D Minor"</i>	J.S. Bach

Sunday, March 21

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

God So Loved the World (Live At The Wheelhouse)
Head to Heart
Better Is One Day

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Beth Feiler

SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-21

Sermon *"Pressing On Toward the Goal"* Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Offering/Closing Song: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Benediction

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING on PALM SUNDAY
[For Bulletin Inserts with more Information – Click Here](#)

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

- Ryan Smith (In hospice) - Red Bortzfield (Home)

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



NEXT WEEK

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

First Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Scripture: Mark 11:1-10

Sermon: **“Palms and the Pandemic”**

Rev. Robert Bronkema



FPC Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Services will be held in-person and virtually on the following days and times:

Palm Sunday, March 28 – 8:30 am and 11 am

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – 7 pm

Good Friday, April 2 – 7 pm

Easter, Sunday April 4 – 8 am (Traditional) 9:30 am (Traditional) 11 am (Contemporary)

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery • 40 E Main St, Strasburg, PA 17579

Easter Sunrise Service (In person) • Sunday, April 4, 2021 • 6:30 AM

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 are 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 is at 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!

Ways to Give Tithes & Contributions to the FPC ministries: 1) Send your tithe and offering checks to First Presbyterian Church at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579, payable to **First Presbyterian** 2) Give in person or 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.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 21

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=Tm1KdjY3b3lC3FQZjBldjFqRTZaUT09#success>

Meeting ID: 844 7798 5294 Passcode: Welcome

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6 pm Ignited Youth Group Tonight

Tuesday, March 23

2 pm Food Bank

Wednesday, March 24

6:15 pm Caring Committee - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 25

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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Friday, March 26

2 pm Food Bank

College Student of the Week: Mercedes Geiger, 656 Baugher Ave, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

E-mail: <mailto:geigerm1@etown.edu> Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."

-- *Philippians 3:13-14*