



# First Presbyterian Church

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## Palm Sunday



**March 28, 2021**

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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 Debbie Defranco

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

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Sunday, March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday**

8:30 AM Service

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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:

*"Sing Hallelujah"*

M. Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

\*HYMN

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

No. 89

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and extravagant God, hosanna in the highest! We praise You and give thanks for Your passionate love, full of grace and truth. We confess that we are happy to wave palms at Your parade, and then turn right around and deny that we know You. Forgive us and open our hearts to Your truth – that You never stop loving us and never deny us. We pray together for mercy in the name of Jesus, our blessed Savior who came in Your name. 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:

David Griffith

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Palms"*

Leybach

## FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

## SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Mark 11:1-10

## SERMON

*"Palms and the Pandemic"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

## \*HYMN

*"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

No. 91

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

## \*HYMN

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

No. 88

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*"Valet Will Ich Dir Geben"*

Kauffman

*Please Keep in Your Prayers:*

- Red Bortzfield (Home)

*Comfort in Time of Loss*

† Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ryan Smith, who passed away this week. Please keep Ryan's parents & family in your special prayers:  
Greg & Kim Smith, 720 Woodhall Dr, Willow Street, PA 17584

*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 him a note of encouragement:

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

Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*But For You Who Fear My Name  
God So Loved (Live at the Wheelhouse)  
Defender*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-10

Sermon "Palms and the Pandemic"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Communion

\*Offering/Closing Song: *Graves Into Gardens*

\*Benediction



**NEXT WEEK**

**April 4, 2021**

**Easter Sunday**

First Scripture: Psalm 118:1-4

Second Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: **"The Resurrection According to Mark"**

Rev. Robert Bronkema



**FPC Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

*Services in-person and virtually on the following days and times:*

**Maundy Thursday** April 1 • 7 pm

† **Good Friday** April 2 • 7 pm

**Easter Sunday April 4** • 8 am & 9:30 am Traditional • 11 am Contemporary

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - TODAY we receive One Great Hour of Sharing: OGHS has provided us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need for more than 70 years. The 3 programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. For more info or to give, go to our website, click on "One Great Hour," designating your gift for the *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

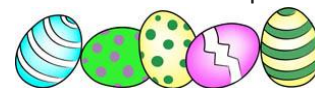
**If we all do a little — *together* — it adds up to a lot."** Thank you!

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** • Sunday, April 4, 2021 • 6:30 AM  
St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery • 40 E Main St, Strasburg, PA 17579

**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](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org). Thank you!



**EASTER EGG HUNT IS ON:** On Saturday April 3 we will be having our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. (Rain date: April 10th) Now, in theory it should be our 10<sup>th</sup> annual since we started way back in 2012, but we did miss last year. It will be at the Tinney Fields starting at 10 am. We are looking for a whole team of volunteers as we spread out among the ball fields to celebrate Easter and to provide an important outreach to our community. All current Covid protocols will be in place. Looking forward to having you come out and volunteer.



**TODDLER GYM IS BACK:** Once again we are offering an opportunity for toddlers to come and play together in our Fellowship Hall on Friday mornings from 9-10. Parents will be spaced out and all covid protocols are in place. Miss Amy is looking forward to seeing all of her kiddos back!

**FOOD BANK:** Did you know that our community food bank just purchased a freezer in order to store the many pounds of frozen meat that is being donated to it by the Meck family? Thank you Meck's for your incredible generosity in this time of extraordinary need. Also, we just applied for a grant from our Synod of the Northeast. We are waiting to hear, but in the meantime because we applied for the grant our Presbytery gave us \$250. Thank you Donegal Presbytery!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - We are collecting children's items for *Operation Christmas Child* this year. In April, we will be collecting toys. This includes: Small balls, finger puppets, Slinkys, match box cars, plastic dinosaurs and animals, small boxed puzzles, playdough, small Lego kits, yo-yos, jump rope, small boxed games, little dolls, small Frisbee, story books and craft kits. A collection bin is at welcome desk area. Any questions, contact Beth Feiler.

**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 AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO 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 Pastor Bob a call at 717-799-0777 and he can walk you through it.



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**COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK:**

Grace Hess, 125 Sides Mill Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579

E-mail: [gehess02@gmail.com](mailto:gehess02@gmail.com)

Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Announcements for the Sunday bulletins are due the Wednesday before the Sunday that you would like the news to appear.

## 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Palm Sunday, March 28

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

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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#

**10:00 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=Tm1KdjY3b3lLc3FQZjBldjFqRTZaUT09#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 30

**2 pm** Food Bank

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

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

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

**6 pm** No Bible Study today. Will resume next week.

**7 pm** Maundy Thursday Service (In person and virtually)

### Good Friday, April 2

**2 pm** Food Bank

**7 pm** Good Friday Service (In person and virtually)