



First Presbyterian Church

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*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit. Amen." -Phil 4:23*

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 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 Alice Eisenhooth

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:30 AM Worship

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:

*"Marche Petite"
"Peace Like A River"*

G. Young
S. Tucker

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 72

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: **Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth, Amen and Amen.**

*HYMN

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

No. 457

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God, we thank You and praise You for Your mercy and for being our refuge and our strength. We confess that we are not always welcoming of every kind of our Christian brethren. Forgive us when we focus too much on our differences and for being surprised with joy when we discover how our faith can bind us together. We pray together in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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: Beth Feiler

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Consolation"* Liszt

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Genesis 48:8-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:21-23

SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS

SERMON *"A Final Greeting"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* No. 440

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Welcome
- Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"The Heavens Declare"* Marcello

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

- Meghan Conway -- Janet & John Fitzgibbons' granddaughter who has Covid
- Sandy Wenger – Recovering from outpatient surgery
- Jim Witmer – Recovering from heart surgery
- Carla Plomchok – Recovering from surgery



In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

Military Service Personnel of the Month Change

Please keep the following military service person in your prayers or send him a note of encouragement:
Caleb C. Quarles, 8 Greenfield Rd, Lancaster, PA 17602



Flowers in the sanctuary this week are provided by Beth and Mark Feiler in honor of the baptism of Emery Rose Feiler, daughter of Matt and Julie Feiler

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Head to the Heart
God So Loved
River of Love

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Beth Feiler

Baptism of Emery Rose Feiler

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 48:8-12

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:21-23

SERMON SERIES: SURPRISED BY JOY – PHILIPPIANS

Sermon "A Final Greeting"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Offering/Closing Song: *We Rise*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
May 9, 2021 • Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Scripture: John 19:25-27
Second Scripture: Judges 4:1-10
Sermon Series: Stories To Live By
Sermon: "The Story of Deborah"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY • MAY 23 - Don't forget to wear red on that Sunday as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE • May 31 – Our church will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on May 31. We will have a float with a band playing patriotic songs like we have in the past. If you would like to join the float you can walk with it in the parade. Come join the fun! We will also be serving a grab and go meal with hot dogs and drinks like we normally do in the past, but in a very different way. Instead of waiting around for your food, the food will be ready and prepacked for you to take with you. We look forward to continue our impact upon the community as we serve it in these very difficult times. Come and be a part of it!

WELCOME BILL DYKE: We are so pleased to welcome into the FPC family Bill Dyke who is a retired astronomy professor from Delaware Community College and is currently involved in the Certified Ruling Elder program through Doe Run Presbyterian Church. Bill will be doing his field education here at First Presbyterian for 6 weeks in June and July this summer with pastor Bob as his mentor. Bill will be preaching for a couple of weeks as well as attending and teaching Sunday School and committee meetings. Make sure you give Bill a big welcome when you meet him.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Sunday School and Children's Church. Please contact Beth Feiler for more information at bfeiler@straspres.org. Thank you!

TODDLER GYM IS BACK - Opportunity for toddlers to come and play together in our Fellowship Hall on Friday mornings from 9-10. Parents are spaced out and all Covid protocols are in place.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - In May, we will be collecting children's clothing and accessories. This includes: Tee shirts, socks, slip-on shoes, flip flops, hats, mittens, ball caps, sunglasses, small tote bags, bandanas, friendship bracelets, stretch pants and gym shorts. A collection bin is located at welcome desk area. Any questions, contact Beth Feiler.



COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

A J Petrokonis, 8 Country Ln, New Providence PA 17560

Email: <mailto:ajpetrok1@gmail.com>

Please brighten his day with a card, email or note

BULLETINS: Once you are finished with your bulletin, please take it with you. We will not be recycling any of the bulletins at this time.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 2

- 8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional) - 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84477985294?pwd=Tm1KdjY3b3lLc3FQZjBldjFqRTZaUT09#success) 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** (Contemporary) - In-person and 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#
- 5:30 pm Ignited Youth Group Tonight

Tuesday, May 4

- 2 pm Food Bank
6 pm CE Meeting – Rm 3/4
7 pm Worship Committee – The Well
7 pm LS Together -- Parlor

Wednesday, May 5

- 7 pm Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Rm 3/4

Thursday, May 6 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

- 6 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - [Zoom Gathering](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582076945?pwd=eDdxN3NtRW45VlpmVGJlWkduRjJ5QT09)
<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, April 30

- 2 pm Food Bank