



# First Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, June 20, 2021    Father's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

Sunday, June 20, 2021

8:30 AM Worship

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## Welcome

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:

*"Blessed Jesus, We Are Here"*  
*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

J.S. Bach  
Kerr

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 79

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;  
deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

People: **Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;  
from generation to generation, we will recount your praise.**

\*HYMN

*"This is My Father's World"*

No. 293

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Our Father who art in heaven, Abba, we thank You and praise You as our Heavenly Father whose steadfast love never rejects us. We confess that we have been Your prodigal children. Forgive us when we are afraid to come home to You; when we doubt Your love. Together we repent and pray in the name of the one who never stops calling us to come home, 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

David Griffith

\*SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

Faber / Hemy (Men's Choir)

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 48:8-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

**SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
**"The Story of the Prodigal Son"**  
**or the Loving Father"**

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

No. 418

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"*

No. 298

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Now Praise We God Almighty"*

Pachelbel

*The white rose in the sanctuary this week is provided by Robin Kendlehart in honor of her grandson, Wells Kendlehart Adams, who is being baptized today. The Chancel flowers are also provided by Robin in honor of all fathers for Father's Day.*

*Please Keep in Your Prayers:*

Lynn Underhill's son, Craig – Recovering from a kidney and pancreas infection

*Comfort in Time of Loss*

Carla Plomchok's father passed away. Please keep Carla and her family in your prayers.

*June Military Service Personnel*

Please keep the following military service person in your prayers or send him a note of encouragement: Owen Hess, P.O. Box 2672, Fort Riley, KS 66442

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?*

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

# Welcome

Sunday, June 20, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

My Hands Are Open  
All the Poor and Power  
Broken Vessels

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

Baptism of Wells Kendehart Adams

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 48:8-12

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon **SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
"The Story of the Prodigal Son"  
or the Loving Father"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Offering/Closing Song: Come to the Table

\*Benediction



## NEXT WEEK

June 27, 2021

First Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Second Scripture: II Kings 2:23-25

**SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
Sermon: "The Story of the Bald Guy"  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Join us on June 27<sup>th</sup> for Sunday School. The Harrar family, missionaries that we support in Kenya, will be teaching. Simeon will be leading the adults in Fellowship Hall and Ali and their children will be leading the children in their classes.

**WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** has resumed meeting in person in Room 5 at 10 am. The class eagerly welcomes anyone interested in a discussion type Sunday school class, reflecting on Scripture and the current news to join the class.

**KNIFTY KNITTERS** – Meets each Wednesday at 1 pm in room 6. Everyone is welcome!

**STITCHIN' SISTERS** – Meets each Wednesday in Room 3-4 at 3 PM. Come and join the group!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** – Meets 3 pm on Sunday June 20, 27; July 4 & 11. Time subject to change. If you are interested in learning more about the church, or wondering if membership at FPC is for you, then come and join us. Nursery care is provided.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** -- We are so excited to be able to offer VBS again this year from August 1-6. We will be celebrating the Rocky Railway and need our team of volunteers to make it happen. There is a volunteer signup sheet at the welcome desk and we will soon have a feature on our website to sign up your child to attend. Contact Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org) or 717-572-9683 for information or to sign up.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE 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!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - For the month of June, we are collecting small stuffed animals, beanie babies and soft baby dolls for *Operation Christmas Child*.

**MITZVAH MOMS** - We are helping *Mitzvah Moms* with a drive for items that will help them continue their important work in our community. Please go to this link to sign up to donate any items you can to help them: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A82FA5FF2-mitzvah](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A82FA5FF2-mitzvah) There is a bin by the Welcome Desk to drop off your donations.

**LIBRARY UPDATE:** There are some free books on a shelf by the Welcome Center labeled **Free Books**.

**FLAT JESUS** - Take Jesus with you on your summer vacation, "Flat Jesus" that is! Church members can now pick up a copy of Flat Jesus and activities to take on your summer adventures. Children can pick up a bag full of fun activities. Stop by the bulletin board in room #5 for details or talk to Beth Feiler.



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**ORDINATION** - If the way be clear, on June 27 Holly Miller will be ordained by the Presbytery of Donegal at 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg. You are all invited to attend as Holly's church family celebrates her call as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

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**What is "Flat Jesus?"** FLAT JESUS was created as a way to keep our church connected as we approach the travel season of summer.

**Here's how "Flat Jesus" works:** Pick up a copy of Flat Jesus, color him in, and take a photo of him wherever you go. You'll love taking FLAT JESUS out to dinner with you, to the beach, to hang with your grandchildren, and when you meet new friends all over town! It's an amazing adventure. Take FLAT JESUS with you and see what happens.

**IGNITED YOUTH GROUP** – There is no youth group meeting this Sunday. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the FPC Ignited Youth Group will be travelling via van to the Central Philly “Mini Fair” park event. There will be a barbeque as well as games and other fun activities. Come and join the fun! For more information or register, contact Danny at [dmiller@straspres.org](mailto:dmiller@straspres.org).

**STEWARDSHIP** - In addition to providing donations in person at church, there are various ways that you can give your tithes and contribute to the FPC ministries:

- 1) Send your tithe and offering checks made payable to **First Presbyterian Church** at  
101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579,
- 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” to create an account & choose a preferred method of giving. For one-time gifts, click “Create a Gift” for similar options. Donations are accepted via credit cards or ACH (bank information).

*\* If any church ministries are not planning to meet during the summer months or have changes to their schedule, please notify the church office so the church calendars/bulletins are up-to-date.*

*Happy Father's Day!*

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## 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, June 20

- 8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional) - In person or virtually online at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>  
<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** – Room 5
- 11 am **Worship** (Contemporary) - In-person and virtually online at:  
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Phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#
- 3 pm New Member Class – Room 6
- 5:30 pm There will be no Ignited Youth Group tonight

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### Tuesday, June 22

- 2 pm Food Bank

### Wednesday, June 23

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters – Room 6  
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4

### Thursday, June 24

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
Please bring your own coffee & breakfast items as desire
- 6 pm Bible Study <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

### Friday, June 18

- 2 pm Food Bank



# 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.