



First Presbyterian Church

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“Whoever sows
generously
will also reap
generously.
God loves
a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:6,7

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Angie McVey

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Welcome

Sunday, September 12, 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

“Festival Piece on Nicaea”

Westenkuehler

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tiffanie Martin – Water Street Rescue Mission

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth, or even you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

*HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

No. 460

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God of all ages, we thank You and praise You for your indescribable gift of overflowing providence. We confess that we do not trust in You to keep enough oil flowing. Forgive us when we are not obedient to the gospel and fail to share it abundantly and then miss out on the glorious harvest. Hear us as we repent and return to Your Word for guidance. Together, we pray in the name of the one who is our bread of life, 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

“I’ll Fly Away”

Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

II Corinthians 9:6-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

II Kings 4:1-7

SERMON

SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY
“The Story of the Widow and the Flowing Oil”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“O For A Closer Walk With God”

No. 397

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN

“Rejoice! The Lord Is King”

No. 155

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Declare”

Marcello

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:

- Dave Russell -- In the hospital
- All victims of the effects of Hurricane Ida; people in Afghanistan, victims of recent wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters

September Military Service Personnel

Please keep the following military service person in your prayers:

- Brandon Schmid, 8227 Gygax Rd, Norfolk, VA 23505

In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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



Welcome

Sunday, September 12, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Tiffanie Martin – Water Street Rescue Mission

*Praise & Worship

The Father's House
Walk Around My House
Called Me Higher

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

First Scripture: II Corinthians 9:6-15

Second Scripture: II Kings 4:1-7

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**
"The Story of the Widow and the Flowing Oil"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Closing Song: God of Our Mothers and Fathers

*Benediction

Sermon Notes



NEXT WEEK

September 19, 2021

First Scripture: Acts 5:1-11
Second Scripture: Judges 16:4-22

Sermon: *"The Story of Samson & Delilah"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

BE PART OF THE LAMPETER FAIR • FPC is looking for a few good volunteers to man our booth at the Lampeter Fair. If you are interested in taking a time slot, contact Sandy Bernstorf at 717-687-7276 or email her at asbernstorf@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - In September, we are collecting small toys: Yoyos, cars, trucks, jump ropes, chalk, playing cards, small dolls, small books, balls, etc.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: Pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, 12 – 16 oz jars of jelly, pasta sauce, 4-pack bathroom tissue and paper towels. Thank you for your many donations!

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

TRUNK OR TREAT is not too far away. We need a person who would like to coordinate this fun and exciting community outreach program. If you would like to be that person please see Beth Feiler.



STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Featuring the
**Summit Hill &
Iron Ridge Bands**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 AT 5:00PM

Strasburg Community Park
151 Precision Ave, Strasburg

Bring your lawn chair and a friend!

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church
Of Strasburg

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 12

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>

9:30 am **Coffee Hour**

10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages – In person only
Young Adults – Choir Rm Wired Word – Rm 6 Young at Heart – Rm 3/4

11 am **Worship** (Contemporary) - In-person and virtually online at:
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5:30 pm **Ignited Youth Group**

Monday, September 13

7 pm Mission & Finance Committee – Room 5

Tuesday, September 14

9 am Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm Personnel Committee – Room 3/4

7 pm Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4

Wednesday, September 15

1 pm Knifty Knitters- Room 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4

7 pm Session Meeting – Room 3/4

Thursday, September 16

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

6 pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

6 pm Food Pantry Committee – Room 3/4

Friday, September 17

2 pm Food Bank

CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR • JOIN US in Fellowship Hall today & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts today: Al & Sandy Bernstorf. Hosts for next week: Donna Burkholder & David Witmer. There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to help with *Coffee Hour*. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

BIBLE STUDY • September 14 • Hey Ladies! It's time for a Beth Moore Bible Study, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 9 am and 7 pm. For more information, contact Lorraine Oliver (morning bible study) at 717-392-2535 and Stacy Bronkema (evening bible study) at 717-699-5323.

STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL • September 18 • 5:00 PM

This Bluegrass festival, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, will be held at Strasburg Community Park, 151 Precision Ave, Strasburg. See ad in this bulletin.

DEACONS' ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA • October 4 • 1 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

All First Presbyterian Church members (women & men) and their invited guests are invited to this event for an afternoon of tasty refreshments, conversation, Bingo fun and a program by the Mueller twins on aprons. You are encouraged to wear or bring one of your favorite aprons. We are also asking those attending to bring an item or two for our food bank. Deadline for reservations: Sept. 19th. Please R.S.V.P. to Pat Hess at 717-786-4184 or Lillian Myers 717-687-8293

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE PRESENTATION - Are you a parent of a second grader? Do you know a child in second grade? If so, contact Beth Feiler so the church can include them in our annual 2nd grade Bible presentation held on October 24th.

LIBRARY NEWS - Pastor Bob has been preaching about some of our famous Bible heroes. In our library, there are some children's books about these heroes. Several are on the bottom shelves across from the mailboxes. Enjoy! *September Author of the Month* -- Richard Paul Evans. After reading one his books, you'll be hooked! There are 2 series by this author across from the mailboxes – plus several of his Christmas books. Get an early start on the Christmas season! Enjoy!

ORGAN CORNER

A Note from Chris, Organist and Choirmaster

While serving FPCS, I've been told 'You make the organ sound so good'; it's a small example of how *incredibly* kind and supportive our congregation is. Accordingly, you might ask 'Is it necessary to replace the organ?' Here is a summary explaining why our organ committee (the Committee) confidently replies 'yes' ...

- **Key resource for worship:** The organ has been, and continues to be, a key resource for facilitating worship (Ex: congregational hymn singing, service music, and accompaniments to choral / solo worship music). Growth in the congregation indicates an ongoing need for the organ as a worship resource.
- **Life Expectancy:** The typical life expectancy for an electronic organ is 35 years. The organ in FPCS is more than 40 years old (on 'borrowed time'). Left alone, it will continue to age, experience failure and deterioration of parts, and the scarcity of replacement parts will increase. Stated simply, the *sustainability* of the current organ is increasingly uncertain.
- **Deterioration, Tonal Deficiencies:** Some of the 'voices' (stops) on the organ have deteriorated and cannot currently be used. Additionally, the tonal quality of other voices has declined such that they have become shrill or unpleasant. Because the organ's age is beyond its life expectancy, spending money to repair these problems is not prudent if the organ will ultimately be replaced. This problem is less conspicuous because the organist will simply choose the best voices available for service playing.
- **Outdated Technology:** The FPCS organ, as originally installed, was equipped with the leading-edge technology of its time; however, it currently lags far behind the technology of today's digital organs. Think of advancements in GPS systems, smart phones, laptops, medicine, etc. that occurred over the past 40 years.

The Committee has been investigating solutions that will offer a vast improvement to FPCS in tonal quality (and therefore, enhance /support worship) because technological advancements make possible a much more detailed and realistic pipe organ sound. Most people are unaware that they are hearing a digital organ today because it cannot be distinguished from a pipe organ. More will be shared on this exciting topic in future 'blurbs' in our church bulletin. Stay tuned!

