



## First Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Seventeenth 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 Debbie DiFranco

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

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

# Welcome

Sunday, September 19, 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

*"Jesus Lead Thou On"*  
*"Psalm"*

G. Young  
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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

People: **When they call to me I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble  
and I will rescue them and honor them.**

\*HYMN

*"Rejoice! Ye Put in Heart"*

No. 145

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God of all ages, we thank You and praise You for your strength and power. We confess that we think we own all of the power and control in our lives. Forgive us when we put off turning to You until we have reached the point of crisis. Hear us as we repent and return to Your word for guidance. Together, we pray in the name of the one who intercedes on our behalf, 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

\*SPECIAL MUSIC

*"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"*

Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Acts 5:1-11

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Judges 16:4-22

SERMON

**SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
*"The Story of Samson & Delilah"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Take My Life"*

No. 391

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

\*HYMN

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place"*

No. 398

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

Pachelbel

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*Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:*

- Dave Russell -- In the hospital
- Karen Cooper -- Recovering at home from pneumonia
- All victims of the effects of Hurricane Ida, victims of current wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters. Also, please keep the people in Afghanistan in prayer.

*Comfort in Time of Loss*

Larry Wixon passed away last Friday, September 10, 2021. Please keep his wife, Hope, and their family in your prayers.

*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 Bernstorff 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676



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11:00 AM Service

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## Greeting and Announcements

### \*Praise & Worship

This is Amazing Grace  
Reign Above it All  
Living Hope

### Prayer & Peace

### Children's Message

First Scripture: Acts 5:1-11

Second Scripture: Judges 16:4-22

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
"The Story of Samson & Delilah

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Closing Song: What A Beautiful Name

### \*Benediction:

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## Sermon Notes:

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### NEXT WEEK

September 26, 2021

First Scripture: John 9:1-7

Second Scripture: Joshua 6:8-21

Sermon: *"The Story of  
Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"*  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 19

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>

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 **FPC Youth Group**

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### Monday, September 20

7 pm     Presbyterian Women – Room 3/4

### Tuesday, September 21

9 am     Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4

2 pm     Food Bank

7 pm     Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4

### Wednesday, September 22

1 pm     Knifty Knitters- Room 6

3 pm     Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4

### Thursday, September 23

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

6 pm     No Bible Study Today – Catch it next week online at:

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

### Friday, September 24

2 pm     Food Bank

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**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: Donna Burkholder & David Witmer. Hosts for next week: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. 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 •** Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study is underway and meets on Tuesdays 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.

**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. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please R.S.V.P. to Pat Hess at 717-786-4184 or Lillian Myers 717-687-8293

**ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT • October 31 • 5 PM**

It is that time of the year again. Sign up and bring your car decorated and with a bunch of candy to minister to the area children. Please sign up at the welcome desk to bring your car decorated. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org) or 717-572-9683

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK:** Bethany Bronkema, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081 E-mail: bethanyb2000@gmail.com Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

**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, payable to First Presbyterian
- 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).

## 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!

