

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Dick Barge

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Welcome

Sunday, September 26, 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

"Andante"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Gluck
Walther

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

People: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God of all ages, we thank You for not using Your power to destroy us. We confess that we lose patience in the time it takes for Your plans to work out. Forgive us when we are shortsighted and want a quick fix, an instant miracle. Help us to understand the value in walking with You, even when it takes a long time. 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

Ali Elias

*SPECIAL MUSIC

"Thy Perfect Love"

Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

John 9:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Joshua 6:8-21

SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY

SERMON

"The Story of Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"It is Well"

No. 377 (Insert)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"O Lord, All Glorious"

Bach / Schreiner

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:

- Ray Frey
- Karen Cooper – Recovering at home from pneumonia
- All victims of hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters; the people of Afghanistan

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

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11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Surrounded (Fight My Battles)
Do It Again
Defender

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

Baptism

James Ryan Fulmer

First Scripture:

John 9:1-7

Second Scripture:

Joshua 6:8-21

Sermon:

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*Closing Song:

What A Beautiful Name

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2021

First Scripture: Judges 14:5-9
Second Scripture: John 2:1-11



Sermon: *"The Story of Jesus' First Miracle"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers this weekend are provided to the glory of God by Kay Straley in loving remembrance of husband, Ron; grandson, Jordan; son-in-law, Steve Harnish and in honor of our children.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: **Aidan Geiger**, 234 S Decatur St, Strasburg PA 17579

Email: apgeiger191@stevenscollege.edu • Aidan graduated this spring and is now pursuing a B.A. degree in Accounting. Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Please schedule and confirm any meetings you plan to have in the church building with Mary in the church office, mtunison@straspres.org or 717-687-6030.

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).

IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are collecting "new" greeting cards for their ministry projects. Please do not donate used cards. Thank you!

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!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 26

8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional) - In person or virtually online at:
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<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**

Tuesday, September 28

9 am Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4
2 pm Food Bank
7 pm Beth Moore Bible Study – Room 3/4

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

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>

Friday, October 1

2 pm Food Bank

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!

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: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. Hosts for next week: Janice Bowers & Jane Weese. 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

An afternoon of tasty refreshments, conversation, Bingo fun and a program by the Mueller twins on aprons. Attendees are encouraged to wear or bring one of your favorite aprons and bring an item or two for our food bank. Reservations are now closed.

"That they may be one" -- John 17:21

October 17: NO CHURCH SERVICE AT FPC




On October 17 all the churches of Strasburg are going to come together at the Strasburg Park amphitheater to worship together at 10am. You can get to the Strasburg Park either by parking at the Jaycee Park or parking near the police station on Precision Drive. Come and join the community in worship. There will be no Sunday School or any worship related activities that morning on the campus.

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 or 717-572-9683



It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,



when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not 'in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -



lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is



well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,



it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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