

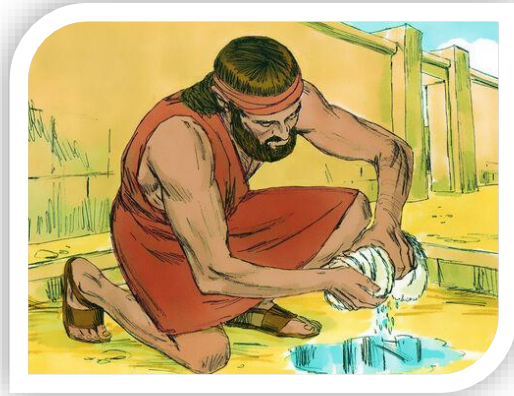


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 5, 2021 Fifteenth 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 George Pontz

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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

Welcome

Sunday, September 5, 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

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*HYMN

“Immoral, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 263

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and living God of all ages, we thank You and praise You for Your steadfast providence in support of us. We confess that we struggle with our need for absolute confirmation that we are doing your will. Forgive us when we set up trials to test You instead of trusting that, if we are imitating Christ, we can't go wrong. Hear us as we repent. Together, we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 12:38-40

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Judges 6:36-40

SERMON

SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY
“The Story of Gideon and the Fleece”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

No. 151

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:

- Tom Martin Recovering from surgery
- All victims of the effects of Hurricane Ida
- All people in Afghanistan, victims of recent tornados, wildfires 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 Bernstorff 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676



Welcome

Sunday, September 5, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

The Father's House
Now I See
Living Hope

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

David Griffith

First Scripture:

Matthew 12:38-40

Second Scripture:

Judges 6:36-40

Sermon:

SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY
"The Story of Gideon and the Fleece"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Closing Song:

Amazed

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

September 12, 2021

First Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Second Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Sermon: *"The Story of the Widow & the Flowing Oil"*

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 5

- 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 5 Young at Heart – Rm 3/4
- 11 am **Worship** (Contemporary) - In-person and virtually online at:
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<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>
- 5:30 pm **Ignited Youth Group** – No meeting tonight
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Monday, September 6

Labor Day Observed – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

- 2 pm Food Bank
6 pm CE Meeting – Room 3/4
7 pm Worship Meeting – The Well

Wednesday, September 8

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters- Room 6
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Room 3/4
8 pm Outreach Meeting – Room 3/4

Thursday, September 9

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
9 am Creating Landmarks/Visual Journaling Through Scripture – Room 5
6 pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

Friday, September 10

- 2 pm Food Bank

ORGAN CORNER

Throughout most of the nearly 190 years of First Presbyterian's ministry in Strasburg, music and singing have been supported by an organ. We know that the early instruments were reed organs, where the organist produced sound by treading on pedals to pump the bellows. Trustee minutes from 1923 indicate that the pump organ in use was electrified, thus eliminating the need to move the bellows by foot pressure.



In 1948 a committee was challenged at a congregational meeting to contract for a small Moeller pipe organ (at a cost of \$4825), which was installed and dedicated in 1950. This instrument required the pipes to be located in the ceiling area, which over time proved unsatisfactory. By 1982 the Trustees and Session authorized the purchase of a new electronic organ. Fred Buch of Buch Organ Company in Ephrata, designed and installed the new instrument at a cost of \$32,906. The dedication was in May and the dedicatory recital offered by David Craighead was on November 12, 1982 – all occurring within the 150th birthday of the church. An interesting side note is that David Craighead, a nationally recognized organist and teacher at Eastman School of Music, was born in Strasburg while his father was pastor at First Presbyterian.

We now find ourselves in the same situation of nearly 40 years ago where the current instrument is failing and should be replaced. The committee working to recommend a future replacement includes Peter Witmer, Chairman; Chris Henkel, organist; Ray Reeder, choir member; Donna Burkholder and Linda Lawrence, members; Jon Knauss, contemporary worship leader and Pastor Bronkema

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 Reeder. Hosts for next week: Al & Sandy Bernstorf. 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.

MISSION TO ITALY 2022 • September 14 • 7 PM • There will be a second informational meeting for our high school mission trip to Italy. Any students who did not attend the first meeting and might be interested should be there with a parent.

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.

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

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!

NEW BIRTHS – Congratulations to parents and relatives of recent newborns in August:
Grayson Richard Keays, son of Will and Nicole Keays
Alma Potter, daughter of Chris Potter and Erica Molina; granddaughter of Bill & Joyce Potter
Owen Benjamin Johnson, son of Alex and Emily Johnson, great-grandson of Mary Lou Butler

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.



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!

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