

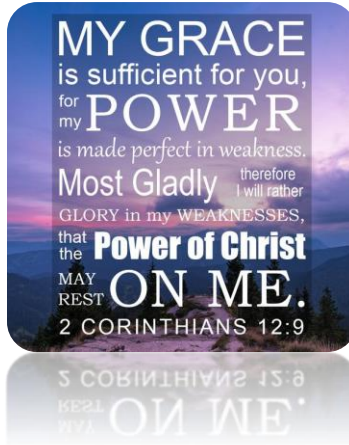


# First Presbyterian Church

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## Sunday, October 24, 2021

*Twenty-Second 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 Shirley Douts

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021

# Welcome

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

*"Aria"*  
*"Jesus, Lead Thou On"*

G Young  
P. Manz

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Alicia Eltman, Social Ministry Contractor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

\*HYMN *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* No. 303

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of compassion and mercy, we come before you today aware of our sin. It is this sin which separates us from you, even while we think that we are righteous. Forgive us for turning our backs on you when things are difficult. Thank you for dying for us even while we were yet sinners. Thank you for rising for us so that in you we can conquer death. We pray this in the powerful, loving, faithful name of Jesus. 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

SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION  
\*Ava Mills presented by Amanda Allison (Aunt) Joshua 1:9

\*ANTHEM *“I Am His Lamb”* Larson

FIRST SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 12:6-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Job 1:13-22

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
*“The Story of Job”* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* No. 404

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER


\*HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* No. 379

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *“Voluntary”* Green

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

- Dave Russell - in ICU
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery
- Ray Frye – Recovering from illness
- Jean Pontz – Recovering from knee surgery
- All victims of hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters



*Comfort in Time of Loss*  
 Clair Whitwer, brother-in-law of Don & Pam Johnson, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?*  
 Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676

*Deacons of the Month:* Wendy Hess and Bill Rouse

# Welcome

Sunday, October 24, 2021

11:00 AM Service

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## Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission                      Alicia Eltman, Social Ministry Contractor

### \*Praise & Worship

My Hands Are Open  
Build My Life  
Amazed

### Prayer & Peace

Children's Message                      Ali Elias

### Second Grade Bible Presentation

\*Ella Caldwell presented by Patricia DeMeo (Grandmother)      Psalm 139:14  
\*Nina Caldwell presented by Patricia DeMeo (Grandmother)      Hebrews 13:8  
\*Evie Fulmer presented by Patricia DeMeo (Grandmother)      1 John 4:16  
\*Rowan Nadu presented by Seth Nadu (Uncle)                      1 Peter 3:8-9  
\*Ben Stauffer presented by Michael Fehle (Brother)              Matthew 5:43-48

First Scripture:                      II Corinthians 12:6-10

Second Scripture:                      Job 1:13-22

Sermon:                                      **SERMON SERIES: STORIES TO LIVE BY**  
    "The Story of Job"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Closing Song:                              Abide With Me

### \*Benediction

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## NEXT WEEK

October 31, 2021 • *Reformation Sunday*

Matthew 16:24-26

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Sermon: The Story of Hannah

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME!** We are glad to see you here today! If you are visiting or new to the area, please fill out a visitors' card located in the pew pockets in front of you and check our website ([www.straspres.org](http://www.straspres.org)) under the "Happenings" tab for the current church events. Be sure to like us on Facebook.

**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to Karen Bachman, our Liturgist, for providing the Prayers of Adoration and Confession for our liturgies since 2018. Karen has been called to serve as acting pastor at Coleman Memorial Chapel. We appreciate all the time, effort and inspiring prayers she has provided.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK:** Ivy McComsey, 1122 Washington St, Apt. 2, Indiana PA 15701  
Email: ivy.mccomsey@gmail.com • Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you for everyone who has donated items for our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated!

**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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – We are grateful to all those who have provided flowers for the sanctuary. As we have transitioned to in-person worship, we are pleased to announce that we have slots available for anyone wishing to donate flowers for Sunday worship. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board above the information table.

**STEWARDSHIP** • Please contribute your tithes and offerings using one of the following methods:

- Scan the QR code below and follow the prompts
- Click the DONATE button on the church web site
- Mail your check to FPCS, 101 St. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, October 24

- 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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<http://www.straspres.org/home-2>  
<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>
- 5:30 pm **FPC Youth Group tonight**                      **No youth group on 10-31-21**
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### Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays • **Nursery Time** • 9 am – 3 pm

For information, contact Amy Stauffer at 717-224-3036 or [astauffer@straspres.org](mailto:astauffer@straspres.org)

### Tuesday, October 26

- 9 am     Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room 3/4  
2 pm     Food Bank  
7 pm     Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room 3/4

Wednesday, October 27

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

Thursday, October 28

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  
7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 29

9 am Toddler Gym  
2 pm Food Bank



**Sunday, October 31, 2021 • 5 PM**

**Fellowship Hall & FPC Parking Lot**

**Free for all ages • Car decorations**

**Lots of Candy, Costumes & Fun!**

**A safe way for kids to trick or treat!**



**Trunkers should register by contacting  
Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or  
[bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org)**

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us today in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts today: Ron & Sandy Lowe. Hosts for next week: Ken & Marsha Anderson. 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.

**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY** • **Today, October 24** • The Presbyterian Women offer a sincere thank you to everyone who provided donations for the Water Street Mission. It is very much appreciated!

**NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY SERIES** • **Tuesday, October 26** •

Join us for a new bible study by Priscilla Shirer starting this Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 7 pm.

**CREATING LANDMARKS: VISUAL ART JOURNALING THROUGH SCRIPTURE** • **Thursdays**

**9 am • Room 5** Each week, we will be creating journal pages as we study and reflect on Bible passages usually taken from Sunday's worship service. Please come discover this beautiful practice of visual art journaling. No art talent is necessary and supplies will be provided. All are welcome! Call Joan Coste for more information at 717-201-7926.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN INGATHERING** • **Sunday, October 31** • The ingathering of goods will be on display next Sunday, October 31 in the church foyer. We are blessed to also have friends, outside the church family, to help us. Items on display will go to Mennonite Central Committee, Lancaster Rehab (formerly Conestoga View), Manor Care, Quarryville Presbyterian Home & Mennonite Home. Preemie items will go to Casey's Caps. If anyone is interested, we will be starting again in January 2022.

**ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT** • **Sunday, October 31** • **5 PM-7 PM** (*Ad in this bulletin*)

We are only a week away and we still could use your help as we welcome families from our church and the community. Bring your car decorated and with a bunch of candy to minister to the area children. Please sign up at the welcome desk to register your car. Each year this event has continued to grow, and we have welcomed more families and members of the community to FPC. Join us in sharing all the good things happening within the walls of FPC and make this a fun evening for all. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org) or 717-572-9683

**FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT** • **Sunday, December 5** • We will have a family Advent/Ornament making night on Sunday, December 5th. All are welcome. Stay tuned for more details!

### IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

**DINNERS FOR THE FPC YOUTH GROUP** - Anyone interested in preparing dinner for the youth group on Sunday nights, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the church lobby wall. Print your name next to the date you can bring a meal. They must be brought to Fellowship Hall Kitchen by 5:15pm on Sunday ready to serve. Please do not cook with nuts (Serve 20) For questions, contact Danny Miller, Youth Director, 484-753-1092 or [dmiller@straspres.org](mailto:dmiller@straspres.org).

**SPOOKY CANDY DRIVE** • Mitzvah Kids are holding a Halloween candy drive, to bring smiles to other kids -- now through November 15. FPC is one of the drop off locations if you would like to donate candy. For more details, contact Heather Reynolds at [h.reynolds@comcast.net](mailto:h.reynolds@comcast.net)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – We are again collecting “new” greeting cards & 2022 calendars for Conestoga View. You can leave them on the table in room 1 across from the office. Thank you! We appreciate your kindness!

**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL** is in full swing. They are always very appreciative of your donations. It helps to keep the tuition costs down! There is a bin in the welcome area for your donations. Needed are: white paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, 5 oz. cups, wet wipes, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, cookies, raisins, apples and carrots.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – October Needs: Plastic cups, water bottles, bowls, mittens, gloves, knit hats, ball caps, socks, tee shirts, flip flops, bandanas, beanie babies, small stuffed animals, rag dolls, books, flashlights, batteries, jump ropes, small games, puzzles, small toys but no match box cars.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS:** Canned pasta (e.g. Chef Boyardee, Franco-American brands, etc.), powered drink mix, kids' snacks (e.g. breakfast bars, crackers, etc.), soap bars, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, Kleenex, 4-pack bathroom tissue and paper towels (1 or 2 pack size). 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!

Sermon Notes

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## ORGAN CORNER

*By Donna Burkholder, Organ Search Committee*

### Question -

**Did the organ search committee consider investigating the acquisition of a pipe organ as well as a digital instrument to replace our aging church organ?**

The answer to the question is YES. Indeed in the 1930's through early 1980's, the church did have a small pipe organ in the former sanctuary (before renovation). However, pipe organs require a large space for pipes. Each sound (stop) on the organ requires a separate pipe for each key – 66 various pipes for one sound source. A basic pipe organ would require at least 25 – 30 ranks of pipes. Normally organ chambers are built and reserved for that purpose. First Presbyterian does not have such a space. To consider a pipe organ would require losing most of the platform area, either for chambers or standalone cabinetry. In fact, the current location of electronic speakers which serve the organ is at the front of the sanctuary located above and behind the choir area and is only large enough for the required speakers – a depth of less than 2 feet.



Nevertheless, we did make contact with several local organ builders and the Organ Clearing House to determine if there might be an instrument seeking a second home that would not be an enormous expense and could be considered in some configuration. Again, the dilemma involved finding such an instrument, arranging to have it transported and then rebuilt in our space. There would be no certainty of when all those details might come together. Knowing we were in a critical stage of need to replace the current organ seemed to suggest another reason why this this avenue should not be pursued.

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Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Peter Witmer, chairman, or the other members of the committee – Chris Henkel, organist, Pastor Bob Bronkema, Ray Reeder, Linda Lawrence or Donna Burkholder.