



First Presbyterian Church

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*Those who are wise
will shine like the brightness
of the heavens,
and those who lead many
to righteousness,
like the stars for ever and ever.
Daniel 12:3*

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Twenty-Fifth 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 Theresa Rineer

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Welcome

Sunday, November 14, 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:

*"Voluntary in F"
"Festive Trumpet Tune"*

Keeble
D German

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

*HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 455

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we praise you for your assurance that eternal life will come to those who wait upon the Lord. Lord, we are waiting. We ask for forgiveness for those times that as we wait we look to our own interests above the interests of our neighbors. Don't let us try to predict the future but rather embrace the present in which you call us to live. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

Tina Dansereau

*ANTHEM

“Blessing”

Sleeth

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Daniel 12:1-3

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

“Predicting the Times Ahead of Us”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“God of Our Life”

No. 275

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

No. 355

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C”

J.S. Bach

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:

- Wayne Carr's mother – In hospice care
- Ed Bredin – Recovering from surgery at home
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Olivia Guise
- Scott Guise – Battling cancer
- Alice Mihan – Hospice care



In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

November Deacons of the Month: Pat Hess and Lillian Myers

Welcome

Sunday, November 14, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Rev. Simeon Harrar

*Praise & Worship

The Father's House
Waymaker
10,000 Reasons

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Baptism

Grayson Richard Keays

First Scripture:

Daniel 12:1-3

Second Scripture:

Mark 13:1-8

Sermon:

"Predicting the Times Ahead of Us"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Closing Song:

I Believe

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

First Scripture: II Samuel 23:1-7

Second Scripture: John 18:33-37

Sermon: *"Jesus, the King"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Sermon Notes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 14

- 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 tonight**
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Monday, November 15

- 7 pm PW Meeting – Rm ¾

Tuesday, November 16

- 9 am Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room ¾
2 pm Food Bank
7 pm Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, November 17

- 9 am Martha Circle – Rm 1
9:30 am Sarah Circle – Rm 3/4
1 pm Knifty Knitters- Rm 6
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
7 pm Session Meeting – Rm 3/4

Thursday, November 18

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
9:30 am Creating Landmarks; Visual Journaling Through Scripture – Rm 5
6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
6 pm Food Bank Committee Meeting – Rm 3/4
7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

Friday, November 19

- 9 am Toddler Gym
2 pm Food Bank

Memorial Poinsettias

Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$8.00.
Place the form below in the offering plate or drop off at church office.

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Justine Colvin & Jessica Thomas. Hosts for next week: John & Janet Fitzgibbon. 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.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY • November 21 • We will be celebrating the 189th birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg on Sunday, November 21st.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • December 5 • 12:15 PM Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to Elect New Officers, to approve the 2022 Pastor Terms of Call, and to Review and Receive the 2022 Ministry Budget. The in-person meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

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

- Scan the QR code to the right 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





UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND ADVENT PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE • Nov. 21 • 6:30 PM

The Strasburg Ministerium is holding a Thanksgiving Community Service at Strasburg Mennonite Church, 1514 Village Rd, Strasburg on November 21 at 6:30. Come and join the community in giving thanks to God for God's provision.

“JOY TO THE WORLD” SERVANT STAGE PRESENTATION • Nov. 28 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

Get into the spirit of the season with Servant Stage's *Joy To The World*. This heartwarming, original Christmas revue pays tribute to dozens of traditional and modern holiday favorites, tracing the magical spirit of the season to its source - the Miracle of the Nativity. With stunning arrangements and soaring vocals, *Joy To The World* is sure to fill your cup with Christmas cheer!

FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT • Sunday, December 5 • 6 PM • Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of ornament making, wreath making, cookie eating, and FUN! Please pre-register at the welcome desk. If you have any fresh greenery that you are willing to donate contact Beth Feiler.

FIRST CAPITAL BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT • December 12 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE • December 19 • 7 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE • Children's Pageant at 4:30 PM • Candlelight Services at 8 PM & 11 PM

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.

YOUTH GROUP IN NEED OF LEADERS • FPC Youth is in need of youth leaders to assist at the Sunday night gatherings from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, the Wednesday night gatherings from 6:45 pm – 9 pm and the once a month gathering on the first Wednesday of each month at the Pole Barn. If interested, please contact Danny Miller at dmiller@straspres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – We are collecting “new” greeting cards & 2022 calendars for Conestoga View.

The last day to donate calendars and cards is November 28th. You can leave them on the table in room 1 across from the office. Thank you! We appreciate your kindness!

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL - 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.

FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS: We are all out of paper towels, dish liquid and tissues. We also need canned chicken, cereal other than Corn Flakes, coffee and tea. 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!

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.

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.