



# First Presbyterian Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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 John Fitzgibbon

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

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ  
who is here to meet you today.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:30 AM Worship

PRELUDE:

*"Savior of the Nations"*

J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *Davis Family*

Family: This first Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

**People:** (Sung) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*HYMN

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

No. 2

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving Lord, we come before you this first Sunday in Advent and celebrate the anticipation of your birth. We recognize that we have failed to trust in your promises and to believe that the impossible can take place through you. Help our unbelief, and deliver us from doubt in a time when your assurance is all we really need. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Share Christ's peace with one another.]*

\*HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ali Elias

\*ANTHEM

*"Is Your Heart Prepared For A King?"*

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FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 7:10-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:30 AM Service

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY**  
"Jesus, the Baby Born Out of Wedlock" Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 41

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Vom Himmel Hoch" Pachelbel

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath: *Marsh Family*

Family: This first Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.  
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

**People:** (Sung) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Praise & Worship

We Have a Savior  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
All the Poor and Powerless

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

First Scripture Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY**  
*Jesus, the Baby Born Out of Wedlock* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Closing Song: God of Wonders

\*Benediction

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

- Alice Eisenhooth – Knee surgery this week
- Karen Cooper – In the hospital
- Wayne Carr's mother – In hospice care
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Olivia Guise
- Scott Guise – Battling cancer



*In Need of the Prayer Chain?*

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

*November Deacons of the Month:* Pat Hess and Lillian Myers

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, November 28

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

<http://www.straspres.org/home-2>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>

9:30 am **Coffee Hour**

10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages – In person only

11 am **Worship** (Contemporary) - In-person and virtually online at:

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5:30 pm **FPC youth group tonight**

7 pm **Servant Stage** presents, “*Joy to the World*,” in sanctuary

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### Tuesday, November 30

9 am Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Rm 3/4

### Wednesday, December 1

1 pm Knifty Knitters- Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin’ Sisters – Rm 3/4

6 pm Kids Club

7 pm Deacons Meeting – Rm 3/4

7 pm Project Center for Youth – Pole Barn, 40 W. Main St

### Thursday, December 2

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

9:30 am Creating Landmarks; Journaling Through Scripture – Rm 5

6 pm Bible Study –

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

7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

### Friday, December 3

9 am Toddler Gym

2 pm Food Bank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**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: Debbie DiFranco. Host for next week: Fran Carr. 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.

**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.

## ORGAN CORNER

After screening various options for a new organ for First Presbyterian Church, the committee chairman, Peter Witmer, has forwarded requests for proposals from two firms and for three instruments. The anticipated bids should be received by the end of November. At that time the committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to Session for their consideration and decision. Please be aware that once a proposal has been selected the new instrument will not be installed for a minimum of six months to a year. Any questions at this time can be forwarded to either Peter Witmer or Pastor Bob.

**CHURCH ORGAN FUND:** The session wanted to give people the opportunity to contribute to a newly formed church organ fund. We recognize people might have the opportunity to give before the end of the year and this would be a way in which to do that. In the New Year, we will have more information as to the progress and the plans for a new church organ.

**COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK:** **Brandon Roe** 128 N. Custer Ave, New Holland, PA 17557  
No Email • Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

**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**



### Memorial Poinsettias

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Pots \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deadline for Ordering: Sunday, December 5



### NEXT WEEK

December 5, 2021

**ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY**

First Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

*Sermon Title:*

*“Jesus, the Baby Born in a Stable”*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



## UPCOMING ADVENT PROGRAMS



### “JOY TO THE WORLD” • Today, Nov. 28 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

Servant Stage will be presenting, *Joy To The World*. This heart-warming, 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! This show will also be live streamed.

### FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT • Sunday, December 5 • 6 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall 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 please contact Beth Feiler.

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

This concert will be held in the church sanctuary

### ADVENT OPEN HOUSE • December 19 • 7 PM

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



## 2021 SANTA’S HELPERS



As we emerge from COVID, we continue to support the Santa’s Helpers program of buying Christmas Gifts for needy children. The program will continue to allow for as much participation as possible given that many in our congregation may not be able to physically attend church due to health concerns. To participate all you need to do is:

- ❏ Sign-up to purchase a gift either as you arrive or as you depart the Church Service on **Sunday, December 5 or Sunday, December 12** at the giving tree located by the reception desk.
- ❏ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
- ❏ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table. If a volunteer is not at the table, please sign your name next to the tag number.
- ❏ If you are interested in purchasing a gift but will not be attending a church service on either of those Sundays simply call Jo Ann Sweigart (717-672-1427) or Terry Sweigart (717-606-6907) and you can be registered over the phone and be given information on the specific gift you are to purchase.
- ❏ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
- ❏ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa’s Helpers organization.

Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 15th**. If you are unable to drop your gift off at the church, please contact Jo Ann or Terry and they will see that your gift is picked up.

If anyone is interested helping with the purchase of gifts that may not be selected, please also contact Jo Ann or Terry to volunteer to be a buyer.

## IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – **TODAY is the last day for turning in thank offering contributions and to donate calendars and greeting cards for Conestoga View.** You can leave them on the table in room 1 across from the office. Thank you!

**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).

**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](mailto:dmiller@straspres.org).

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

Sermon Notes

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