

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 7, 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 Janet Fitzgibbon

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Welcome

Sunday, November 7, 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:

"Prayer" (Movement No.3 from Suite Gothique)

Boellman

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

*HYMN

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

No. 150

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord of Lords and King of Kings, you, Jesus, are our sovereign and our master. We come before you this morning aware of our sin, wanting to be cleansed from our iniquities. You provide forgiveness, you provide grace, you provide another chance. Today, as we see your Scripture which convicts us for when our leadership has failed, we come before you asking you to pick up the pieces. 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

David Griffith

*ANTHEM

"Blessing"

Sleeth

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 3:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Mark 12:38-40

SERMON

"When Leadership Fails. . ."

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

No. 414

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude in G Minor"

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



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



Flowers in the sanctuary this week are provided to the glory of God from Dorothy M. Smith in loving memory of her grandparents, C. Ralph & Charlotte Ziegler Mowery and Aaron H. & Anna Huber Keeperts.

Welcome

Sunday, November 7, 2021

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Yes and Amen
Everlasting God
Breathe

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

First Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5

Second Scripture: Mark 12:38-40

Sermon: "When Leadership Fails. . ." Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Closing Song: Called Me Higher

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

November 14

First Scripture: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: *"Predicting the Times Ahead of Us"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



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) under the "Happenings" tab for the current church events. Be sure to like us on Facebook.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: **Morgan Murphy**, 111 Willow Valley Dr, Lancaster, PA 17602
Email: morgmorgs001@yahoo.com • Please brighten her 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 7

- 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 8

7 pm *Mission & Finance Meeting*

Tuesday, November 9

- 9 am Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room ¾
- 2 pm Food Bank
- 6 pm Personnel Meeting – Rm 6
- 7 pm Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Rm 3/4
- 7 pm Community Meal Team – Rm 5

Wednesday, November 10

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters- Rm 6
- 3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
- 7 pm Trustees Meeting – Rm 3/4
- 7 pm Outreach Meeting—Rm 6

Thursday, November 11 – Veterans Day *Thank you for your service!*

- 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
- 5 pm **Bible Study – Please note time change just for the week!**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
- 7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

Friday, November 12

- 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: _____



Happening Today - Right After the 8:30 AM Service

EXPERIENCE THE REASONS • Are you curious about this organ search and how it relates to our present instrument? On Sunday, November 14 and 21 after the first service, Chris and Donna will offer a short 15-minute demo at the organ while you gather around the choir area to listen and ask questions - "here is what we have" and "here is what we need." Stop by before you head to Coffee Hour!

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.

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

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: Tina Dansereau. 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.

FOOD BANK COMMITTEE "SCOUTING FOR FOOD" DRIVE • **November 13** • We need lots of hands to help sort and box food that we get from the "Scouting For Food" drive. Join us Saturday morning, November 13th in Fellowship Hall. We would SO appreciate any help to support our Food Bank ministry. Thanking everyone in advance for donating their time.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND ADVENT PROGRAMS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX SORT & SET UP • November 13

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox sorting and setting up. Join us Saturday, November 13th at 1pm, in room #5 to help sort and set up the items that will go into our shoeboxes on Sunday.

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 • November 28

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 – 7:30 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 please contact Beth Feiler.

FIRST CAPITAL BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT • December 12

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE • December 19 • 7 PM – 8:30 PM

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

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 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.

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.

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

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 - 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!

Sermon Notes

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

