



## First Presbyterian Church

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### Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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**

# Welcome

Sunday, December 12

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:

*"Toccata on 'Hyfrydol'"*

Pardini

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Colvin Family

Family: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the Joyful Promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

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

\*HYMN

*"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

No. 59

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you remain with us in all seasons of our life. As we celebrate the Advent season we anticipate your second coming to take us to your side. Yet we often get lost in the fanfare. Forgive us for not focusing on your call to us to be faithful stewards of our time and our talents. Lead us to a path where we can do your will freely and without remorse. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE *[Please 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

Tina Dansereau

\*ANTHEM

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

Larson

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 53:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:8-20

SERMON

**SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
*“Jesus, the Baby Visited by the Shepherds”*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

*“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

No. 29

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*“What Child Is This”*

No. 53

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”*

J. S. Bach

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*Flowers in the sanctuary this week are given to the glory of God by Al & Sandy Bernstorf and in loving memory of Betsy Bernstorf, Bill Brotzman and son-in-law, Mike Ranson*

*Flowers in the sanctuary this week are given to the glory of God by Kay Straley in loving memory of husband, Ron.*

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

- Alice Eisenhooth – Recovering from knee surgery
- June Stum’s brother, John
- Wayne Carr’s mother – In hospice care
- Ed Bredin – Additional surgery
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Olivia Guise
- Scott Guise – Battling cancer
- Karen Cooper – Recovering at home
- Carolyn Davis, mother of Laurie Fulmer



*In Need of the Prayer Chain?*

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

*December Deacons of the Month:* John & Janet Fitzgibbon

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\*Praise & Worship

Angels We Have Heard On High  
We Have a Saviour  
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message             Tina Dansereau

First Scripture:                 Isaiah 53:1-12

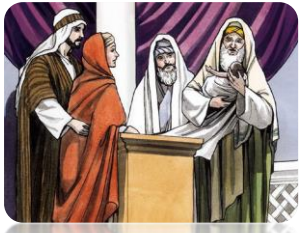
Second Scripture:               Luke 2:8-20

Sermon:                            **ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
"Jesus, the Baby Visited by Shepherds"    Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Closing Song:                   Emmanuel

\*Benediction



<p><b>NEXT WEEK</b></p> 	<p><b>December 19, 2021</b> <b>ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...</b> <b>First Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3</b> <b>Second Scripture: Luke 2:25-38</b></p> <p><i>Sermon Title:</i> <b>"Jesus, the Baby Presented at the Temple"</b> Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching</p>
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## 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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, December 12

- 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**
- 7 pm **First Capital Brass Ensemble • Sanctuary**
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### Tuesday, December 14

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

### Wednesday, December 15

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

### Thursday, December 16

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

### Friday, December 17

- 9am Toddler Gym  
2pm Food Bank

**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

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

The First Capital Brass, five professional musicians from the Central Pennsylvania area, will perform an enjoyable variety of music including traditional brass literature, ragtime, marches, pop tunes, jazz and contemporary styles. Come and join us for an evening of inspirational Christmas music!

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

All are invited to an open house at First Presbyterian Church for a variety of venues, including Christmas music and other fun activities.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THANK YOU** to Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson for leading us in worship today. Michael is the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Donegal.

**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. Check our website, ([www.straspres.org](http://www.straspres.org)) under the "Happenings" tab for current events & 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: Steve & Wendy Hess. Host for next week: Glenna Kirchner & Heidi Payne. 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.

**COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Aidan Geiger**, 234 S Decatur St, Strasburg PA 17579  
Email: [apgeiger191@stevenscollege.edu](mailto:apgeiger191@stevenscollege.edu) • Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

**UNDECORATING THE CHURCH - On Sunday, January 2**, we will be undecorating the church together to bring down the Advent and Christmas decorations. Come one and come all to join in the fun.

**SAVE THE DATE - In June of 2022** the Senior High Youth of FPC will be heading once again to Italy to take part in their quadrennial mission trip to Naples. We will be having our primary fundraiser for that mission trip, the auction, on February 19. More information will be forthcoming.

**COMPUTER LAB:** We now have a computer lab in room 1, across from Mary's office, where people are able to come in and use a computer to research areas of need and print out information that they may need. It will be open during the food bank hours. If you have questions about its use contact Alicia Eltman at [altman@straspres.org](mailto:altman@straspres.org)





## 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 **today, 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. . .**

**FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS:** Coffee, powdered drinks (such as, Kool Aid, Tang, Lemonade) and jelly. Thank you for your many donations!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR STUDENTS** - The Strasburg Ministerium is serving the local community by providing emergency housing for children and families. We are looking for volunteers who: Can serve as house parents as schedule allows, or are willing to make meals or buy groceries for the house parents, or would help with house cleaning and other preparations. Contact Alicia Eltman at [altman@straspres.org](mailto:altman@straspres.org) for information on how to get involved. We are thrilled to be able to use our home on 6 Funk Street as the hub for this project.

**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.