



## First Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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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 Sandy Lowe

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

# Welcome

Sunday, December 19, 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:

*Lo, How A Rose  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
John Fitzgibbon, Trumpet

Near  
Hogan

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Elias Family

Family: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

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

\*HYMN

*"Arise, Your Light Has Come"*

No. 411

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord, you have promised redemption through your son Jesus Christ, and we give thanks and praise for that promise. We confess that we have not lived as though redemption is now, but rather as if salvation is meant for another day. Help us to see your promises as being real and affecting our everyday lives. Lead us to the way of salvation today. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE	<i>[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]</i>	
*HYMN	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i> 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	<i>"A Mighty King Is Coming"</i>	Lau
FIRST SCRIPTURE:		Isaiah 60:1-3
SECOND SCRIPTURE:		Luke 2:25-38
SERMON	<b>SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...</b> <i>"Jesus, the Baby Presented at the Temple"</i>	Rev. Robert Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"Angels We Have Heard On High"</i>	No. 23
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"</i>	No. 8
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	G. Young

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## *Prayer Requests*

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

- Bette Davis – In the hospital
- Wayne Carr's mother – In hospice care
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Carolyn Davis, mother of Laurie Fulmer
- Pat Andersen – Recovering from surgery
- Alice Eisenhooth – Recovering from knee surgery

### *Comfort in Time of Loss*

- Sue Schenke's husband, Reynold, passed away last Wednesday. Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers.
- June Stum's brother, John, passed away on Monday, 12/8. Please keep June and her family in your prayers.
- Kathleen Barge's sister passed away. Please keep Kathleen & her family in your prayers.

### *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



*Flowers in the sanctuary this week are provided by Donna, Randy, Steven & Morgan  
May the love and peace that was born that holy night be with you at Christmas and always.  
Merry Christmas to our church family.*

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## \*Praise & Worship

We Have A Savior  
The Father's House  
Betty Is One Day

## Prayer & Peace

Children's Message             Ali Elias

First Scripture:                Isaiah 60:1-3

Second Scripture:             Luke 2:25-38

Sermon:                         **ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
"Jesus, the Baby Presented at the Temple"  
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

\*Closing Song:                 Jesus, We Love You

## \*Benediction



### **NEXT WEEK** December 26, 2021



### **First Sunday of Christmas**

**SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
First Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-2  
Second Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

*Sermon Title:*

*"Jesus, the Baby Visited by the Wise Men"*  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## **ORGAN UPDATE**

On Wednesday evening Session approved moving forward in purchasing a new Allen Organ. It is a "Custom Three-Manual, 58-stop Allen Organ with Apex Technology". The work of the organ committee began in June 2017 and has concluded with a recommendation to session last evening. The organ committee has done an incredible job over these years. The members of the committee are: Peter Witmer (chair), Linda Lawrence, Ray Reeder, Donna Burkholder, and our organist/choirmaster Chris Henkel. Make sure you thank them for their work. The **COST** of the organ to install will be \$110,885. Some of you have already contributed generously to the organ fund. We wanted to be sure that you knew of the opportunity to give to the organ fund simply by marking "organ fund" on your donation to the church.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, December 19

- 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 at Funk house**
- 7 pm **Advent Open House**
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### Monday, December 20

- 7pm Presbyterian Women Meeting – Rm 3/4

### Tuesday, December 21

- 2pm Food Bank

### Wednesday, December 22

- Knifty Knitters and Stitchin' Sisters – No meeting on 12/22

### Thursday, December 23

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall   Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
- 9:30am Creating Landmarks – No meeting on 12/23
- 6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

### Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- In observance of Christmas, the church offices will be closing at noon. No food bank today.
- 4:30pm Children's Pageant • 8 PM & 11 PM Candlelight Services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND ADVENT PROGRAMS



#### **ADVENT OPEN HOUSE • Today! 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**



*“Arise, shine, for your Light has come  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”  
– Isaiah 60:1*

Need one more Christmas gift? Presbyterian Women cook books are still available for \$10 each.

**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)

**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: Glenna Kirchner & Heidi Zook Payne. Host for next week: June Stum & Sandy Bernstorf. 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:** Grace Hess, 125 Sides Mill Rd, Strasburg 17579  
Email: [gehess02@gmail.com](mailto:gehess02@gmail.com) • Please brighten her 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**



## SAVE THE DATE...

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

**FPC YOUTH TRIP - 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.

## IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. . .

**FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS:** Coffee, tea, powdered drinks (such as, Kool Aid, Tang, Country Time), paper towels, toilet paper and cans of chicken. 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 [aeltman@strarspres.org](mailto:aeltman@strarspres.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.

## *Thank You to the Following Members Who Provided Poinsettia*

<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Mel Butler &amp; Parents</i>
<i>Joy Corey</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Ken Corey, husband In Honor of Jim Clark, brother</i>
<i>Joan &amp; Peter Coste</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Parents, Betty &amp; Peter Coste and Betty &amp; Ernie Gilpin</i>
<i>Dick &amp; Nancy Cummings</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Ruth &amp; Chet Cummings and Emilie &amp; Ernie Gilpin</i>
<i>Clayton &amp; Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Lisa Fisher</i>
<i>Gary, Marvis and Todd</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Robert &amp; Madeline Butts and Mary &amp; Forrest Hambleton Hambleton</i>
<i>Lori Herr &amp; Julie Primaldi</i>	<i>In Honor of Charlie &amp; Jo Book</i>
<i>Robin C. Kendlehart</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Frederick &amp; Helen Cornter</i>
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Anne &amp; Glenn Esbenshade</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of H. LeRoy &amp; Ruth Welk, parents and Jason Lawrence, son</i>
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Gary Myers &amp; Nancy Burkhart</i>
<i>Shawn Murphy</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Shawn M. Murphy Sr.</i>
<i>Lois Anne Risser</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Jay Risser In Honor of Lois's family</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Betty B. Sheaffer and In Honor of Reid Sheaffer</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Nancy Smith Family</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Jim's parents, Martin &amp; Hazel Smith and Nancy's parents, Carl &amp; Virginia Mosebach</i>
<i>Reuben &amp; Barbara Stoltzfus</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of son, Jeffrey, and loved ones</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of husband, Bob</i>
<i>Jane Weese</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of loved ones</i>
<i>LeRoy &amp; Debra Welk</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Ira &amp; Dorothy Welk; Lloyd &amp; Barb Welk; James &amp; Fran Ashby</i>
<i>Hope Wixon</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Larry Wixon, husband</i>
<i>Linda Younger</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Helen &amp; Bill Dirian, parents</i>

