



# First Presbyterian Church

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## First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 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 David Griffith

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

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:30 AM Worship

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

PRELUDE:

*"He Is Born"*

*"Silent Night"*

L. Koch

D. Wood

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

No. 31

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord God, you provide us with all that we need in order to live on a daily basis. We give you thanks for that provision and recognize that without your presence, we would not exist. Forgive us for assuming our skills and our talents have brought us to where we are. Place before us an opportunity to see your hand at work every single day. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

Sunday, December 26, 2021

*Welcome*

8:30 AM Service

ANTHEM Mays  
*“In Bethlehem A Babe Was Born”*

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 66:1-2

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON No. 66  
**SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
*“Jesus, the Baby Visited by the Wise Men”*  
 Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN No. 56  
*“We Three Kings”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 56  
*“The First Nowel”*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Schalk  
*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

*Welcome*

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship  
 O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)  
 The First Nowell  
 Angels We Have Heard On High

\*Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

First Scripture Isaiah 66:1-2

Second Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon: No. 66  
**SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**  
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\*Closing Song: Emmanuel

\*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK**

January 2, 2022 – Covenant Renewal Sunday

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

- Bette Davis – Recovering from surgery
- Wayne Carr’s mother passed away

*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

*January Deacon(s) of the Month:* Lillian Myers & Joan Coste

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

<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 **No FPC youth meeting**

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### Monday, December 27

In observance of Christmas, the church office will be closed.

### Tuesday, December 28

2 pm Food Bank

### Wednesday, December 29

*Knifty Knitters & Stitchin' Sisters will resume meeting on January 5*

7 pm Mission & Finance Meeting – Rm 3/4

### Thursday, December 30

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/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

### Friday, December 31

9 am Toddler Gym

2 pm Food Bank will be closed today

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Melissa Long**, 505 Clay Ln, University Park PA 16801

Email: [melvp2018@gmail.com](mailto:melvp2018@gmail.com) • Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

## ORGAN UPDATE

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.

## 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. Hosts for today: June Stum & Sandy Bernstorff. Host for next week: Tina Dansereau. 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.

## 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.

**MISSION TO ITALY 2022 AUCTION:** We are thrilled to be able to once again invite you to participate in an auction to help benefit the Mission to Italy 2022 by the Senior High Youth of First Presbyterian. On February 19 the doors will open and food will be available for purchase as we auction off items that have been donated for this purpose. We simply need two things from you: 1) We need donated items that are of value (not garage sale items), so that we can auction them off to the highest bidder. Some example of these items are Penn State football tickets, one week in a condo on the beach, a dinner for 10 at a member's home, etc. 2) We need you to come and be ready to bid on items that are of interest to you. Bring your family and friends. If you have any questions about the auction you can contact Don Welk at 717-208-3884 or Michael Wilson at 717-572-1730 or Bob Bronkema at 717-799-0777.

**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



## 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 make meals or buy groceries for the house parents, or help with house cleaning and other preparations. Contact Alicia Eltman at [aeltman@straspres.org](mailto:aeltman@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).

**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.

**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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