



First Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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

Sunday, December 5

Welcome

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:

"Interlude on the Coventry Carol"
"In Dulci Jubilo"

Webber
J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Nadu Family

Family: This Second Sunday of Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

*HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of anticipation and promise, we come to you looking forward to celebrating your birth among us, even as we live as redeemed children of your promise. You command us to wait actively, and yet we look to others for action. You command us to hope beyond our sight and feel, and yet we don't believe unless we see and touch. Forgive us, thank you for redeeming us, help us to live a life of gratitude. 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

David Griffith

*ANTHEM

"A Tiny Child Will Come"

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FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 42:1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...
"Jesus, the Baby Born in a Manger"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

No. 25

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
 Words of Institution
 Welcome
 Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake for Night is Fleeing"

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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 on December 8
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Olivia Guise
- Scott Guise – Battling cancer
- Karen Cooper – Recovering at home



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

Greeting and Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

I Believe
For Your Glory
Amazed

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

David Griffith

First Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second Scripture: Luke 2:1-7


Sermon: **ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY...**
 “Jesus, the Baby Born in a Manger” Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Closing Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Benediction



<p>NEXT WEEK</p> 	<p>December 12, 2021 ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY... First Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-12 Second Scripture: Luke 2:8-20</p> <p><i>Sermon Title</i> “Jesus, the Baby Visited by the Shepherds” Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND ADVENT PROGRAMS

- FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT** • Sunday, December 5 • 6 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 contact Beth Feiler.
- FIRST CAPITAL BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT** • December 12 • 7 PM • Sanctuary
- ADVENT OPEN HOUSE** • December 19 • 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE** • Children’s Pageant at 4:30 PM • Candlelight Services at 8 PM & 11 PM



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: _____

Today, Sunday, December 5, 2021, is the last day to submit forms!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 5

- 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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- 12:15 pm **Congregational Meeting**
- 5:30 pm **FPC youth group tonight at Funk Street house**
- 6 pm **Advent Family Ornament Night**

Tuesday, December 7

- 9am Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Room 3/4
- 2pm Food Bank
- 6pm CE Meeting – Rm 3/4
- 7pm Worship Meeting – The Well
- 7pm Priscilla Shirer Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, December 8

- 1pm Knifty Knitters- Rm 6
- 3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
- 6:30pm Trustees Meeting – Rm 3/4
- 7pm Outreach Meeting – Rm 6

Thursday, December 9

- 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>
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

Friday, December 10

- 9am Toddler Gym
- 2pm Food Bank

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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. Check our website, (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: Carolyn Groff. Host for next week: Steve & Wendy Hess. 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 • Today, 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.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Bethany Bronkema '22, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore PA 19081
Email: bethanyb2000@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



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.



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 – We are collecting “new” greeting cards & 2022 calendars for Conestoga View. **The last day to donate calendars and cards is TODAY - November 28th**. You can leave them on the table in room 1 across from the office. Thank you! We appreciate your kindness!

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.

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**.

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!

2022 Slate of Officers

Three-Year Terms, unless otherwise noted

Ruling Elders

Sandy Lowe

Deacons

Donna Stetler

Morgan Murphy

Trustees

Ryan Bresset

Evans Elias

Andrew Nadu

Bill Payne

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
 seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
 peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
 best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, ca. 1868
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

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