



First Presbyterian Church

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Covenant Sunday, January 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Dale Groff

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Welcome

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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:

"In Thee Is Joy"
"Festive Trumpet Tune"

J. S. Bach
D German

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The newborn Christ is with us

People: **Praise the Lord.**

*HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 455

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, our Covenant Friend, You have given us life and reason. You have given us light, but we continue to long for darkness. You promise to be by our side but we flee from You. Your patience is never-ending but we get restless when things don't go our way. You are a rock of strength but we decide to build our lives on the sand. Forgive us and remind us that through Your birth You have given us life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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

Tina Dansereau

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:13-16

COVENANT RENEWAL:

*"Why Renew Our Covenant?"
(Litany below the Bulletin)*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

[Worshippers: Your blue bead reminds you of your baptism and your rededication to Jesus.]

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

G. Young

Comfort in Time of Loss: Wayne Carr's mother passed away.
Please keep Wayne and his family in your prayers.

In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

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



Sunday, January 2, 2022

Welcome

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Future / Past
God So Loved
God of Our Mothers & Fathers

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

First Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Covenant Renewal: "Why Renew Our Covenant?" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Closing Song: Build My Life

*Benediction

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 2

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** -- Student Ministry room

Tuesday, January 4

2 pm Food Bank
6 pm CE Meeting – Rm 3/4
7 pm Worship Meeting – The Well
7 pm Community Fellowship Meal Team Meeting – Rm 5

Wednesday, January 5

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters- Rm 6
- 3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
- 6 pm Kids' Clubhouse
- 7 pm Deacons Meeting – Rm 3/4

Thursday, January 6

- 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
- 6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
- 7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir

Friday, January 7

- 9 am Toddler Gym
- 2 pm Food Bank

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.

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL is in full swing. 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!



NEXT WEEK **January 9, 2022 • Baptism of the Lord**

First Scripture: Exodus 12:1-13
Second Scripture: John 1:29-34
Sermon: *"Jesus, the Man Baptized by John"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

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



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. Check out our website: www.straspres.org under the "Happenings" tab for the current church events and 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 Tina Dansereau & Camille Mulé. Host for next week: Jane & Tim Ott. 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 – Today, 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 at 12:15 pm.

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.

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SANTA'S HELPERS THANK YOU

Thanks to the purchasing of 75 gift items for needy children in the Lampeter-Strasburg area, our congregation continues to show its steadfast support to a program which provides a valuable service to our neighbors in need. As we all know this has been yet another very unusual and trying year, yet the enthusiasm and commitment to helping others during the Christmas season continues to reflect the hearts of those in the congregation. Thanks goes out to the many that have participated in the Santa's Helpers program.

ORGAN UPDATE

This week thanks to your generosity we were able to pay our first down payment of \$35,000 toward the organ completely on your gifts to the organ fund. Our goal is to be able to pay each of the three payments solely from your gifts to the organ fund. We are well on our way. Thank you and if you are able to contribute to the fund please put in the memo of your check: organ fund. God is good and is clearly using you in powerful ways.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Starting tomorrow we will be reading through the Bible together. You can pick up your Read Through the Bible pamphlet after church and you can follow along in the daily blog here: <http://www.straspres.org/read-through-the-bible>

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Ivy McComsey, 1122 Washington St, Apt. 2, Indiana PA 15701

Email: ivy.mccomsey@gmail.com • Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

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PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God.

Through baptism, we have entered this life
and have been admitted into the new covenant
of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator.

He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last forever.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ,
the Source and Perfecter of our faith.

On the other side, we are pledged
to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ,
who loved us and gave himself for us.

From time to time we renew our covenant with God,
especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table.

Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met,
to renew the covenant that binds us to God.

Let us make this covenant of God our own.

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.

Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.

Christ has many services to be done.

Some are more easy and honorable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.

Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
others are contrary to both.

In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.

But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.

It is necessary, therefore,
that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

I freely and with a willing heart

give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.

He is the source of all
salvation to those who obey.

Christ will have no servants except by consent;

Christ will not accept anything except full consent
to all that he requires.

Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once,
to be spent alone before the Lord;
in seeking earnestly God's special assistance
and gracious acceptance of you;
in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant;
in searching your hearts
whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.

Consider what your sins are.

Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are,
and whether you, after having carefully considered them,
are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant,
rely upon God's promise of giving and grace and strength,
so you can keep your promise.
Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.
You have given to the Lord your hearts,
you have opened your mouths to the Lord,
and you have dedicated yourself to God.
With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.
Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven,
open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

(The people may kneel or bow if they so choose)

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will,
for you have promised mercy to me
if I turn to you with my whole heart.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

**I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.
Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.
In your power**

**I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.
For my own righteousness is riddled with sin,
unable to stand before you.**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again
if you would let him.

**Before all heaven and earth,
I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.**

**I take you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for my portion,
and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant,
to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ
as the only way and means to coming to God.

**Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ.
as the only new and living Way,
and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.**

**O blessed Jesus, I come to you,
hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked,
unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.**

I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.

**I renounce my own worthiness,
and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.**

I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.

I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

**I do here covenant with you, O Christ,
to take my lot with you as it may fall.**

**Through your grace I promise
that neither life nor death shall part me from you.**

God has given holy laws as a rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden.

All your laws are holy, just, and good.

**I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions,
promising that I will strive
to order my whole life according to your direction,
and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.**

The Almighty God searches and knows your heart.

**O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
without guile or reservation.**

If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.

And now, glory be to you, O God the Father,
whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.

Glory be to you, O God the Son,
who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood,
and now is my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,
who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you have now become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.

So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

Signature: _____ Date: _____