



First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Jean Pontz / 11:00 Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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World Communion Sunday

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 Humble Adoration"
"Meditation on 'Holy Manna'"*

Mozart, arr. Blake
D. Hustace

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

L: Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

P: Who redeems our lives from the grave, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

L: Who satisfies us with good as long as we live,

P: So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN

"How Firm A Foundation"

No. 361

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. In your mercy forgive what we have been. Help us to amend what we are. Shape and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. 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

David Griffith

ANTHEM

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is” - arr. D. Johnson

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 8:1-21

SERMON

“There’s Bread in the Boat”

Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes

*HYMN

“O the Deep, Deep love of Jesus”

Insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Prelude in D Minor”

J.S. Bach

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Lynn Rohrer – Harrisburg Rehab
- Jane Ott – Recovering at home
- Don Emig – Lancaster Rehab
- Louise Witmer - Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley

In Need of the Prayer Chain?
Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676

Deacons for the Month of October
Nancy Cummings & Tina Dansereau

Prayer Requests



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Getting Ready
All Hail King Jesus
Greatness of Your Glory*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

Scripture: Mark 8:1-21

Sermon: "There's Bread in the Boat"

Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes

*Closing Song *O Come to the Table*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
October 9, 2022

Rev. Douglas Friant
Guest Preacher

ASSISTANCE CORNER

THE FOOD BANK IS IN URGENT NEED of funds and food donations due to an increase in the number of visits to our Food Bank as well as new families being welcomed to our ministry. For your information, in August alone, there were 72 visits to the Food Bank, 119 bags of groceries were distributed and 7 new families were registered. Our families are SO grateful for the help First Pres. can offer them as they experience food insecurity.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEED SEWERS TO HELP WITH THEIR PROJECTS- Right now, the priority is walker bags - hot items for many of the homes we serve (for ex. Mennonite Home, Quarryville, etc.). There are some on the counter ready to be sewn. Directions are on the top of the pile, along with everything needed to complete each bag. Beginning September, we will meet the 4th Monday of each month from 9am - 11am to cut other items such as receiving blankets, gowns, dementia squares, and perhaps a quilt top to be laid out and knotted. In the next few weeks watch for items in the foyer to show the work we do. **WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT HELP!** Please see Kay Straley, Norma Weaver or Pat Hess for more information.

THE NURSERY is in need of volunteers for the first and second Sunday services. If able to lend a helping hand, please contact Amy Stauffer at: astauffer@straspres.org and 717-224-3036

FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS: Canned fruit, canned chicken, canned pasta, Spam, peanut butter & jelly, 4-pack puddings, tomato soup, vegetable soup, facial tissue & 4-pack bathroom tissue.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - For September, we are collecting: Small reusable plastic cups, bowls, utensils and small water bottles. Everything must be new and able to fit in a shoebox.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED - Teachers are needed for the children's classes, kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grades who can give their time **one Sunday a month** to lead a class. Lesson plans can be prepared for you.

Contact Beth Feiler: bfeiler@straspres.org Thank you!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30 am **Coffee Hour**

10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages – In person only
Youth (Grades 6-12) – Student Ministry Rm Young Adults – Choir Rm
Wired Word – Rm 6 Young at Heart – Rm 3/4

11 am **Worship** (Contemporary)

5:30 pm **Ignited MS/HS Youth Group Dinner** • 6 pm **Gathering** • Fellowship Hall

Recurring Daily – Nursery Time • Monday – Friday • 9 am – 1 pm

Monday, October 3

1 pm Deacons' Fellowship Tea – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 4

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, October 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, October 6

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – The Well Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

9:30 am Creative Landmarks: Visual Art Journaling Through Scripture – Rm 5

6 pm No bible study this evening

7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 7

9 am Toddler Gym – FH

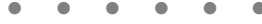
2 pm Food Bank

Sermon Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: www.straspres.org under the "Happenings" tab for current church events and please be sure to like us on Facebook. Children's Church is available for kids K-5th grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.



We Are Pleased to Welcome Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes as preacher today. Rev. Cox-Holmes was raised in Redlands, California. She graduated from the University of Redlands in 1980 with a degree in English and Religion. She received her Master of Divinity from Earlham School of Religion, and was ordained in the Presbytery of Detroit. After service as an associate pastor and an interim pastor, Erin served for 15 years as the Associate Executive Presbyter in Kiskiminetas Presbytery in western Pennsylvania. She received her Doctor of Ministry from Dubuque Theological Seminary, with a focus on revitalizing the church and worship in the digital age. She began as the Executive Presbyter in Donegal Presbytery on January 1 of 2010. Erin's husband, the Rev. Kent Holmes, is serving Bethany Presbyterian Church as pastor, after 18 years as the pastor of Punxsutawney Presbyterian church. They live in Manheim Township north of Lancaster. Daughter Meredith is a Montessori Lead Teacher and a newlywed with Ricky, who's a pilot. Son Graham is a therapist in York. Erin and Kent love travel, movies, walks on trails beside water. Erin is geeky about computers and has been puzzling over the same E.E. Cummings poem for 30 years.

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: Theresa Rineer. Host for next week: Al & Sandy Bernstorf. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

DEACONS' COMMUNITY TEA will be held on Monday, **October 3 at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Gather for light refreshments, conversation, bingo, fun and laughter. Please bring an item for our food bank. Reservations are due by September 25th to Lil Myers at 717-687-8293 or Nancy Cummings at 717-581-9331.

FORE! FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING on October 28 at 1pm at Meadia Heights Golf Club. Cost is \$50. Let Pastor Bob know if you are interested in playing. Registration is limited to the first 20 players so let him know if you are interested.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held on **Sunday October 30th 5pm-7pm**. If you wish to participate with your car, please have your car in the church parking lot by 4:30 and decorated by 5pm. Decorated trunks should not be too scary. A sign-up sheet will be at the welcome desk. This year we will have games and activities inside fellowship hall. If you wish to donate snack items or help with activities please see the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk.

CREATIVE LANDMARKS: VISUAL ART JOURNALING THROUGH SCRIPTURE meets every Thursday from 9:30 am – 11:30 am in room 5. All are welcome. Creative Landmarks is for anyone interested in responding in a visual way to the scriptures. No art experience required, only a desire to be creative and a willingness to respond as the Holy Spirit nudges you. A small journal & basic art supplies are provided. Contact Joan Coste at 717-201-7926 for details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Weekly on Tuesdays • This exciting new Bible study by Tara Leigh Cobble entitled, "*He's Where the Joy Is*" is a 7-week study based on the Trinity, offered mornings at 9 am and evenings at 7 pm in room 3/4. All are welcome! For any questions, please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.

CHOIR REHEARSAL meets every Thursday evening at 7 pm and finished promptly at 8:10 pm. We welcome all former AND new choir members. High School students proficient in singing are also encouraged to attend. The choir will be supplemented with section leaders from LBC to help you sing your part with confidence. It will be a joy to make music together, unto the Lord, and to lead His people in worship. Please join us!

MINISTERIUM COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND: The Community Impact Committee is accepting applications for financial relief for help in either rent, utilities or emergency needs. If you are interested in applying for this assistance please contact Alicia Eltman at aeltman@straspres.org.

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



STRASBURG DAY

Saturday, October 15

We will be joining with the rest of the churches in Strasburg to put on our annual Strasburg Day.

We will again have Piercing Word, free chicken BBQ lunch, games, and a whole variety of events for children and adults.

Come and join us!



Community-wide WORSHIP

Sunday, October 16 • 10 AM

at **Strasburg Community Park**

**Join all the churches of Strasburg
as we worship together as a sign of the unity
of the churches in Jesus Christ.**

Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket as well.

**There will be no worship services
at First Presbyterian Church on this day.**

211 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

... to grasp how... deep is the love of Christ. Eph. 3:18

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free!
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,
 How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward To my glo - rious rest a - bove.
 How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A - men.

TEXT: Samuel Trevor Francis

MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams

A higher setting may be found at No. 475

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