

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 11, 2022

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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Sandy Wenger / 11:00 Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, September 11, 2022

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*

PRELUDES

*"Prelude in G minor"
"Nearer My God, to Thee"*

J.S. Bach
arr L. Smith

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 128

Leader: The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

People: We bless you in the name of the Lord!

*HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 210

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you are unchanging even as the storms around us swirl. Thank you for being a solid rock while all around us is sand. We praise you for your promises of steadfastness even while we waver in fear. We adore you for your everlasting love that prevails over the hate that seems to drive us away from you. Forgive us for changing with the times in ways that take us further from you. Draw us closer and help us to not ever change our loyalty to you in these days in which we live. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE [*Please share Christ's peace with one another.*]

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| *HYMN | <i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i> | |
| | 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 | | Beth Feiler |
| BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS | | Prayer Insert |
| FIRST SCRIPTURE: | | Malachi 3:6 |
| SECOND SCRIPTURE: | | Hebrews 13:6-8 |
| SERMON | "When World Events Impact Our Faith" | Rev. Robert Bronkema |
| *HYMN | <i>"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"</i> | No. 282 |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED | | Page 14 |
| *HYMN | <i>"It is Well With My Soul"</i> | Insert |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *POSTLUDE | <i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</i> | arr. D. Hustad |

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Don Wood – LGH
- Don Powell – Recovering from surgery
- Lynn Rohrer - LGH
- Louise Witmer - Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley
- Jane Ott – Recovering at home
- Judy Moyer – Lancaster Rehab



In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

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



Sunday, September 11, 2022

Welcome!

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*He Is Faithful
Yes and Amen
Cornerstone*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer Insert

First Scripture: Malachi 3:6

Second Scripture: Hebrews 13:6-8

Sermon: "When World Events Impact Our Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*Closing Song *In Christ Alone*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

September 18, 2022

Daniel 12:1-4 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Rapture

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Blessing of the Backpacks: A Prayer

Leader: O God, we ask that you place a blessing on each of these backpacks – and more importantly **on each person who carries them: students and teachers, nurses and bus drivers, aides and administrators, and all.**

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that today will stand as a constant reminder that you go with all of those gathered here as they enter this new school year. We ask that you would calm all fear and anxiety that may arise in them and in their parents.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that the knowledge of your presence with them would give your people the ability to learn well, and grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that in large ways and in small you would lead your people here to show the love they have received from you, and the change you have made in their lives.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that as a whole congregation we would be reminded to pray for our students and all who guide and help them throughout the year, constantly asking for your blessing in them, through their learning and study and growth.

People: Lord, Bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray all this to the God who does infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, and we pray again,

All: Lord Bless these backpacks, and all those who carry them, Amen.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 11

- 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
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) - 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 **Ignited MS/HS Youth Group Dinner** • 6 pm **Gathering** • Fellowship Hall
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Recurring – Nursery Time • Monday – Friday • 9 am – 1 pm

Monday, September 12

- 12 pm Ruth Circle – The Well
7 pm Mission & Finance – Rm 5

Friday, September 16

- 9 am Toddler Gym Resumes - FH
2 pm Food Bank

Tuesday, September 13

- 2 pm Food Bank
5:30 pm Personnel Committee – Rm 6

Saturday, September 17

- 9 am Ignited Youth Six Flags
Great Adventure Trip

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

- 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 Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
6 pm Food Pantry Committee – Rm 1

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.

WELCOME DESK: We are looking for a few good men and women who might be willing to serve a morning or an afternoon at the welcome desk. While serving at the welcome desk you will be able to greet people as they come in the door, interact with our food bank clients, get to know the preschool children and families and answer the phone. Please let Kay Straley know of your interest at kstraley55@gmail.com.

ASSISTANCE CORNER (Cont'd)

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.

FABRIC NEEDED FOR PW SEWING PROJECTS -- Fabric scraps, like denim or corduroy, are needed for wheelchair bags. Pieces must be 24X36". Questions contact Pat Hess.

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!

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.

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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: Pat Hess & Joy Corey. Host for next week: Theresa Rineer. 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-upsheets in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

Straspres! It was so amazing to see most of you as we worshiped together. Laura and myself sat on the train that evening leaving Lancaster and Strasburg last Sunday and we sighed to each other and said "It feels so good to have been supported by FPC and to have a family praying for us STILL even after three years away." We feel so very loved by you all and blessed to call you not only friends but also family. Your hospitality to us was incredible...thank you for all of the hugs, questions, and well wishes! We can't wait to see you all again whenever that may be!

Grace & Peace, Brett & Laura

CREATIVE LANDMARKS: VISUAL ART JOURNALING THROUGH SCRIPTURE will resume on **Thursday, Sept. 15, 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 is required, only a desire to be creative and a willingness to respond as the Holy Spirit nudges you. It's not about the product – it's about the process of discovering how God's Word comes alive. A small journal & basic art supplies are provided. Contact Joan Coste at 717-201-7926 for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Starting **Tuesday, September 20th**, 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.

September 23 • Family Movie Night & Ice Cream Party • Fellowship Hall • 6:30 PM
Featured Movie: "UP." Wear your pajamas, bring a lawn chair, pillows and a blanket to get comfy.

HYMN SING - Everyone is invited to the Lampeter Community Hymn Sing held in the Lampeter Fair auction building on Sunday evening **September 25, 6:45 pm** with music by the Lampeter Community Band, followed by hymns being led by several different choristers from local fellowships. Join us for an evening of worship rain or shine.

LAMPETER FAIR – Want to get involved with helping at the Lampeter Fair taking place **September 28 - 30**? Signup sheets are at the Welcome Desk or contact Alice Eisenhooth at ameisenhooth@comcast.net

CHOIR REHEARSAL - Choir will begin with rehearsal on **Thursday, Sep. 29**. We will begin promptly at 7 pm and be 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. They are there 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!

DEACONS' COMMUNITY TEA will be held on Monday, **October 3rd 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.

WORSHIP on October 16 will be in the Strasburg Park: Join all the churches of Strasburg on Sunday at 10am in the Strasburg park as we worship together as a sign of the unity of the churches in Jesus Christ. Bring a lawn chair and maybe a blanket as well.

THIS IS AN INVITATION to the *Young at Heart Sunday School Class* – to the ones who feel they're too old for the Young Adult class. There's no age limit in ours! We are just beginning the fall series and we would be glad to have you!

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul.

it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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