

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 18, 2022

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Alice Eisenhooth

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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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 on 'Bunnesson'"
"As the Deer"*

J. Southbridge
arr. J Carter

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 129

Leader: The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

People: **The blessing of the Lord be upon you!**

We bless you in the name of the Lord!

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

No. 139

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, you control all time and all things. We praise you for promising us that you will come back to take us to your side for all eternity. We confess that we often want to know when that time is, so we create timelines that we expect you to fill. Forgive us for adding to Scripture and for not trusting your words. You have told us already that you will come as a thief in the night. Thank you Jesus for your promise that you will come back. We pray this in 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

Ali Elias

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Daniel 12:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON SERIES: "READING THROUGH THE BIBLE"

SERMON

"The Rapture"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 341

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

No. 417

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

J. Clarke

Please keep the following in your prayers

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

In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

Deacons for the Month of September

Lillian Myers & Marcia Andersen



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Head to the Heart
We Rise
Goodness of God*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Ali Elias

Reception of New Members

First Scripture: Daniel 12:1-4

Second Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: "READING THROUGH THE BIBLE"**
 "The Rapture"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*Closing Song *Getting Ready*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK

September 25, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-3 • Revelation 21:1-7

The Promises of Scripture

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WELCOME NEW FPC MEMBERS – Today (9/18/22), the following new members will officially join First Presbyterian Church at the 11 am worship service. They will be introduced to the congregation at both the 8:30 am & 11 am services. Please give them a warm welcome:

Dillon Sickler	Hobbies & Interests: Wood working, home projects, hunting & fishing 116 E. Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579 Email: dsickler07@gmail.com
Whitney Sickler	Hobbies & Interests: Reading, running, history, home interior design 116 E. Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579 Email: wsteffy1@gmail.com
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Tricia Wilson	Hobbies & Interests: Nature, scrapbooking, music & spending time with family 21 Tallgrass Path, Lancaster, PA 17602 Email: tricia.as.wilson@gmail.com
Emma Wilson	Hobbies & Interests: Music, reading and school 21 Tallgrass Path, Lancaster, PA 17602 Email: emmagwilson@gmail.com

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 18

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, September 19

6 pm PW Meeting – Room 3/4

Tuesday, September 20

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, September 21

9:30 am Sarah Circle – Rm 3/4

1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4

7 pm Session 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>

Friday, September 23

9 am Toddler Gym – FH

2 pm Food Bank

6:30 pm Family Movie Night – FH

Saturday, September 24

9 am Deborah Circle – Rm 3/4

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



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.

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.

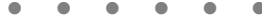
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – Teachers are needed for the children’s classes, kindergarten – 2nd grade and 3rd – 5th grades who can give their time **one Sunday a month** to lead a class. Lesson plans can be prepared for you. Contact Beth Feiler: bfeiler@straspres.org Thank you!

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.



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: Ignited Youth. 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-upsheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

COFFEE HOUR RECIPES – Thanks to all who volunteer at Coffee Hour. Your help is so appreciated! Last Sunday, the Coffee Cake was a popular item. The recipe is found on pg. 143 of our First Presbyterian Cookbook. These cookbooks are available for \$5 at Coffee Hour or at the Welcome Desk. It's filled with many delicious items. What a bargain!

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.

MINISTERIUM COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND: Starting next week the Community Impact Committee will be 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.

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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & ICE CREAM PARTY • September 23 • Fellowship Hall • 6:30 PM

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 hymns being led by several different choristers from local fellowships. Join us for an evening of worship rain or shine.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – The items on the window sills are examples of some of the sewing done by the Presbyterian Women group. If you are interested in knowing more, please join us on **Monday, September 26th at 9 AM** to see how you can help. We need people to cut, sew and help in other ways. For more information, contact Kay Straley at kstraley55@gmail.com

CHOIR REHEARSAL resumes **Thursday, Sep. 29** beginning 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!

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.