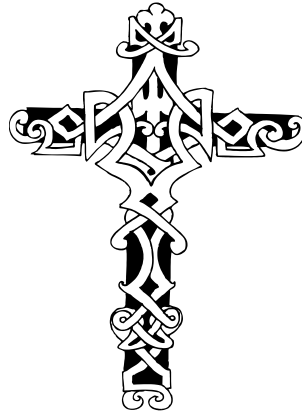


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST / CHOIRMASTER: Dr. Bruce Gerlach

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Robin Kendlehart / 11:00 Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, September 25, 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*

PRELUDE

"Improvisation on "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

arr. Haan

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

People: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

*HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

Insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Redeeming, loving, and merciful God, we come to you full of thanksgiving for your faithfulness. We rejoice in your living Word that gives us hope for the future while providing promises of hope for the present. Forgive us for not trusting in your holy Word and for looking for other avenues of authority upon which to rely. Your faithfulness and steadfast love endure forever. Help us to never doubt that. 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 Kristin Kondratowski

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-3

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-7

SERMON SERMON SERIES: "READING THROUGH THE BIBLE"
The Promises of Scripture Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life" No. 329

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*HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 327

*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 Toccata on "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Gordon Young

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 September
Lillian Myers & Marcia Andersen



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



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Call Upon the Lord
My Hands Are Open
Greatness of Your Glory*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Kristin Kondratowski

First Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3

Second Scripture: Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: “READING THROUGH THE BIBLE”**
 “The Promises of Scripture”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*Closing Song *I Believe*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK • World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2022

Mark 8:1-21
 “There’s Bread in the Boat”
 Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes, Guest Preacher
 Executive Presbyter of Donegal Presbytery

Sermon Notes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 25

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

6:45 pm **Community Hymn Sing** • Lampeter Fair Grounds

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

Monday, September 26

9 am PW Sewing Mission Opportunities -- Room 3/4

Tuesday, September 27

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, September 28 **Lampeter Fair • Sept. 28 - 30**

1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4

Thursday, September 29

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, September 30

9 am Toddler Gym – FH

2 pm Food Bank

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.

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.

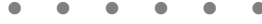
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - For September, we are collecting: Small reusable plastic cups, bowls, utensils and small water bottles. Everything must be new and able to fit in a shoebox.

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.



We Are Also Pleased to Welcome . . . Jan Stauffer who is our guest organist today. Jan has been organist at Lancaster Brethren in Christ and Calvary Church. She is currently accompanist for The Lancaster Chorale.

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: Ignited Youth. Host for next week: The Colvin Family. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - Flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are dedicated to the glory of God from Kay Straley in loving remembrance of husband, Ron; grandson, Jordan and son-in-law, Steve on the anniversary of their birthdays.



HYMN SING - Everyone is invited to the Lampeter Community Hymn Sing held in the Lampeter Fair auction building **this 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.

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 this 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 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – If you are interested in knowing more about the PW sewing projects, 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 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.

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**

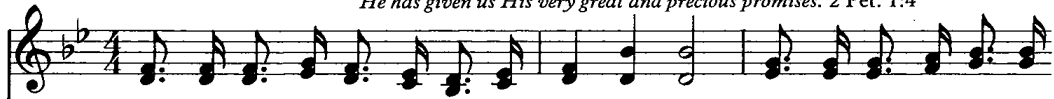
**Join all the churches of Strasburg
as we worship together as a sign of the unity
of the churches in Jesus Christ.**

Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket as well.

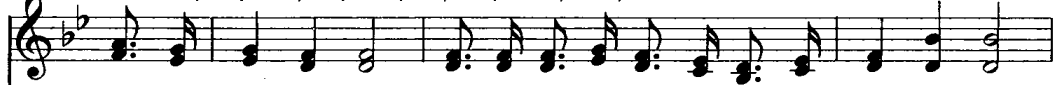
**There will be no worship services
at First Presbyterian Church on this day.**

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He has given us His very great and precious promises. 2 Pet. 1:4



1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment



let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



Refrain



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,



stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

