

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 4, 2022

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ORGANIST / CHOIRMASTER: Bruce Gerlach

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Linda Lawrence / 11:00 Linda Younger

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 and Fugue in C"

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 128

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

People: **You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.**

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 356

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God who shows up in our faith, we are thankful for you. We praise you for meeting us in those moments of faith. We praise you for parting the Red Sea. We praise you for bringing down the walls of Jericho. We praise you for when you calmed the storm on the lake of Galilee. We confess that it is scary to have faith. We confess to choosing comfort - ability over risk. We confess to being disappointed when things don't work out the way we want. Forgive us for choosing comfort over faith. Forgive us for our fear and encourage us to trust in you. Help us move with faith in this life. May we go out on a limb, in the name of Christ. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Philippians 3:17-21

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 29: 1-7

SERMON

"A Strasburgian & Superior Calling: Exile"

Rev. Brett Foote

*HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 455

PROFESSION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF BELHAR

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. Handel

Please keep the following in your prayers

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



In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*The River
River of Love
Have It All*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message David Griffith

First Scripture: Philippians 3:17-21

Second Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 1-7

Sermon: " A Strasburgian & Superior Calling: Exile"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Closing Song *O Come to the Table*

*Benediction



<p>NEXT WEEK September 11, 2022</p> <p>Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching</p>
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Save the Date

September 11 (Sunday) • Blessing of the Backpacks at both services

September 17 (Saturday) • Ignited Youth Six Flags Great Adventure Trip
9 AM – 10 PM • \$15 per student (grades 6-12) includes admission, dinner and a T-shirt.
Contact kristin@straspres.org for registration information.

September 23 • Family Movie Night & Ice Cream Party • Fellowship Hall • 6:30 PM

September 25 (Sunday) • Community Hymn Sing at the Lampeter Fair • 6:45 pm

September 28 - 30 (Wednesday - Friday) • Lampeter Fair

October 3 (Monday) • 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 4

- 8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional) - In person or virtually online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzgg>
<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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- 3 pm **New Members Class** • Parlor
- 5:30 pm **Ignited MS/HS Youth Group – Not meeting this Sunday**
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Monday, September 5

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on this day.

Tuesday, September 6

- 2 pm Food Bank
- 6 pm CE Committee – Room 3/4
- 7 pm Worship Committee – The Well

Wednesday, September 7

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6
- 3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
- 6 pm Kid's Clubhouse
- 7 pm Deacon's Meeting – Rm 3/4

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – The Well Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
- 6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzgg>
- 7 pm Outreach Committee – Rm 6

Friday, September 9

- 2 pm Food Bank

Saturday, September 10

Martha Circle will meet at 9:30 am in room 3/4

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!

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: Don & Pam Johnson. Hosts for next week: Fran & Wayne Carr. 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.

ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENT - The red rose in the sanctuary this week is in celebration of the adoption of Sabrina Joy Bucklen, daughter of Kelly & Bo Bucklen, granddaughter of Lynn & Mike Liggitt.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Starting Tuesday, September 20th, this exciting new bible study by Tara Leigh Cobble entitled, "*He Is 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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - On the youth room door, there is a monthly calendar of student activities (i.e. sports and concerts) for anyone who wants to come cheer on IGNITED students. Contact Kristin at 908-581-5050 for more information.

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!

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, or just want to know more about who we are and what we do, come and join us today at 3pm in the parlor and you'll find out more about the church as we learn more about you. You can let Pastor Bob know if you are coming, or you can just show up!

LAMPETER FAIR – Want to get involved with helping at the Lampeter Fair? Please sign up for a time where you can meet and greet the people as they visit our booth. Signup sheets are at the Welcome Desk or contact Alice Eisenhooth at ameisenhooth@comcast.net

LOST & FOUND - There are a number of accumulated items in the Lost & Found box located above the coat rack in the foyer leading to the sanctuary. If you lost a bible, article of clothing, umbrella, etc. it may be waiting for you there – so please check it out the next time you visit.

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



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We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.