

# First Presbyterian Church

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## Sunday, October 9, 2022

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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 Mary Lou Butler / 11:00 Danielle Marsh

### WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, October 9, 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

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Philippians 1

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our father and from our savior Jesus Christ.

**People: We thank God as we remember one another and celebrate our partnership in the gospel.**

Leader: God has begun a good work among us and calls for our worthy and wholehearted involvement.

**People: We will stand side by side, firm in one spirit, striving for the faith of the gospel**

Leader: We will recall God's wonderful works and steadfast love as we seek to do our part.

**People: It is God who inspires, empowers, and blesses so let us worship our Lord.**

\*HYMN

*"Fairer Lord Jesus"*

No. 306

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| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION   |   |                     |
| Holy Lord God, you are the good shepherd who leads us to places of nourishment and refreshment. Your steadfast love is upon us even when our path is uncertain or difficult. We give thanks for your goodness and mercy that has been showered upon us. Forgive us for times when we have failed to acknowledge your gifts. Forgive us for times when we have wandered off in search of greener pastures. Forgive us for times when our words or deeds did not witness to your love or authority. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers, 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   |   | Beth Feiler         |
| ANTHEM   | “Jesus, My Breath, My Life, My Lord” - J. Carter  | Chancel Choir       |
| FIRST SCRIPTURE:   |   | Joshua 24:22-27     |
| SECOND SCRIPTURE:  |   | Acts 1:1-9          |
| SERMON   | “Can I Get a Witness”   | Rev. Douglas Friant |
| *HYMN  | "Be Thou My Vision"   | No. 339             |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER  |   |                     |
| PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED  |   | Page 14             |
| *HYMN  | "Take My Life"  | No. 391             |
| *BENEDICTION   |   |                     |
| *POSTLUDE  | "Rondeau"   | J. Mouret           |

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*Please keep the following in your prayers*

- Lynn Rohrer – Hershey 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

*The Father's House  
Breathe  
God of Israel*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

First Scripture: Joshua 24:22-27

Second Scripture: Acts 1:1-9

Sermon: "Can I Get a Witness"

Rev. Douglas Friant

\*Closing Song *Build My Life*

\*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK**

**October 16, 2022**

*We will be worshipping together at the  
Strasburg Community Park at 10 am so there will not  
be church worship services or Sunday School at  
First Presbyterian Church. See insert for details.*

Sermon Notes

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

**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. We 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. **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](mailto: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 October, we are collecting: Beanie baby animals, small stuffed animals & dolls, small plastic reusable cups, bowls, spoons, forks and water bottles.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** - Teachers are needed for the children's classes, kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org) Thank you!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, October 9

8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional)  
9:30 am **Coffee Hour**  
10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages – In person only  
Children's Sunday School (Grades K – 5) – Rm 12  
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

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

### Monday, October 10 **Columbus Day**

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

### Tuesday, October 11

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4  
2 pm Food Bank  
5:30 pm Personnel Committee – Rm 6  
6 pm Christian Education Committee – Rm 5  
7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

### Wednesday, October 12

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

### Thursday, October 13

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>  
7 pm Choir Practice  
7 pm Outreach Committee – Rm 6

### **Friday, October 14**

9 am Toddler Gym  
2 pm Food Bank  
6 pm "Our Table" Steering Committee – Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, October 15** - Strasburg Day

**Sunday, October 16** – Community-wide Worship at Strasburg Community Park

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**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

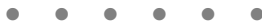


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.



*We Are Pleased to Welcome* back Doug Friant this morning. Doug grew up in our church and was ordained under Jim Powl. In his ministry, he has pastored several wonderful churches throughout Pennsylvania and worked with local and global mission partners. He and his wife Linda now live in Leola. Together they have 5 grown children and one grandchild.

**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: Al & Sandy Bernstorff, Janice Bowers & Jane Weese. No Coffee Hour next Sunday due to the Community Worship in the Park. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** - Flowers are provided this weekend in honor of our Lord God from Linda Lawrence in loving memory of son, Jason, who passed away 20 years ago, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT** – The rose in the sanctuary today is in celebration of the birth of Hayden Brooks Feiler on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, son of Matt and Julie Feiler, baby brother of Emery Rose, and grandson of Mark & Beth Feiler.

**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.

**CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> •** We will be celebrating the **190<sup>th</sup> birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with a brunch in Fellowship Hall after our first worship service (no Sunday School that day). We will share a delicious brunch prepared and served by our Outreach Committee and celebrate the faithfulness of Almighty God in our midst throughout all the years.

**ORGAN RECITAL • Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> •** Join us for the Organ Dedication Recital at 3 PM in the sanctuary. Lancaster native and nationally recognized organist, Peter Stoltzfus Berton, will be the dedication organist.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE • Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> •** The Ministerium Thanksgiving Service will be held at Wesley Methodist Church at 6:30 PM.

**FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE** – Ignited Youth Group will be hosting a Family Football League after church services on **Sunday, November 13**. Lunch will be provided. Playing starts at 1 PM. There will be no youth group that night. For more details on this event or other upcoming youth activities, contact Kristin at [kristin@straspres.org](mailto:kristin@straspres.org) or 908-581-5050.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

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### 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.

**TODDLER GYM** • Fridays • 9am – 10am (Sept. – May) • Weekly playtime for ages 1 – kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amy Stauffer at 717-224-3036 or [astauffer@straspres.org](mailto:astauffer@straspres.org)

**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](mailto:aeltman@straspres.org).

# 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.**