

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, November 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 Peter Witmer / 11:00 Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, November 13, 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

"Worship"

J. Southbridge

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 134

Leader: Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

People: Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

ALL: MAY THE LORD, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BLESS YOU FROM ZION.

*HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

No. 411

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of truth and promises, we adore you for your faithfulness and praise you for your unwavering presence. While you remain by our side at all times, we turn our back to you consistently. We focus on those things that would advance us on earth, while drawing us further from you. We think our goals of victory justify our actions of deceit. Forgive us, do not cast us off. Put people in our lives who will gently lead us back to your path. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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| *SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE | [Please share Christ's peace with one another.] | |
| *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 | | Ali Elias |
| ANTHEM | <i>"This Is My Father's World"</i> - Chancel Choir | Arr. C. Berry |
| FIRST SCRIPTURE | | Colossians 3:1-4 |
| SECOND SCRIPTURE | | Matthew 6:19-21 |
| SERMON | "Heaven Clarified" | Rev. Robert Bronkema |
| *HYMN | <i>"For All the Saints"</i> | No. 526 |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED | | Page 14 |
| *HYMN | <i>"Be Still, My Soul"</i> | Insert, No. 347 |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *POSTLUDE | <i>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i> | arr. H. DeCou |

Please keep the following in your prayers

- David Gulliver – Heart surgery on Wednesday
- Charlie Lefever – Recovering at home
- Tom Martin - Recovering at home
- Kay Straley – Mennonite Home
- David Witmer – Lakeside at Willow Valley
- Lynn Rohrer – Hershey Medical Center
- Jane Ott – Recovering at home
- Don Emig – Rehab in Elizabethtown
- 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 November
Donna Stettler & Morgan Murphy

Prayer Requests



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

*Here Is Our King
All Hail, King Jesus
Our Father*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Ali Elia

First Scripture Colossians 3:1-4

Second Scripture Matthew 6:19-21

Sermon: "Heaven Clarified"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Closing Song *Getting Ready*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
190th Church Birthday Celebration • November 20, 2022
 First Scripture: Psalm 100
 Second Scripture: Hebrews 13:7-8
 Sermon: “Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever”
 Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sermon Notes

ASSISTANCE CORNER

STUFFING OF THE SHOEBOXES FOR OCC • Sunday, November 13 We will be stuffing the shoeboxes at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall today. For questions, please contact Beth Feiler.

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



PRESCHOOL NEEDS DONATIONS OF: Paper towels, white paper plates (small & large), napkins, tissues, sanitizing wipes, 5 oz. wax cups, Graham Crackers, pretzels, Animal Crackers, Goldfish Crackers, popcorn. Thank you for your contributions! Donations help to keep the tuition costs down.

FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS: Canned vegetables: carrots, peas, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, canned whole white potatoes, 4-pack puddings, canned peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, pineapple chunks, cereal (kids’ brands, Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, etc), stuffing, chicken gravy, turkey gravy, creamed soups, pasta sauce, Spaghetti-Os, etc.

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!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 13

- 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
10 am **Stuffing of the OCC Shoeboxes** – Come and help!
11 am **Worship** (Contemporary)
4 pm **Family Football League**
5:30 pm **Ignited Student Ministry** Dinner • 6 pm Gathering in FH
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Recurring Daily – Nursery Time • Monday – Friday • 9 am – 1 pm

Monday, November 14

- 12 pm Ruth Circle – The Well
7 pm Mission & Finance – Rm 5
7 pm Young Adults S'Molder Group

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

- 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, November 17

- 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
11:30 am Martha & Mary Gift Show – The Well
6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
6 pm Food Pantry Committee – Rm 1
7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 18

- 9 am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall
2 pm Food Bank
6 pm "Our Table" New Worshipping Community – Fellowship Hall

Memorial Poinsettias



Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please place this form in the offering plate, the Administrative Assistant's mailbox or drop off at the church office or mail slot.
Deadline for orders & payments: December 12, 2022

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME! 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. Hosts for today: Mark & Beth Feiler. 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 a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE – Ignited Student Ministry is hosting the League **today, Nov. 13**. Game begins at 4 PM – Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) at the Lampeter / Strasburg practice field. The Ignited Student Ministry group will meet following the game for dinner and a meeting beginning at 5:30 PM. For event details or other upcoming activities, contact Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.

GATHERING AT THE WELL – Please drop in to the **Well** on **Thursday, November 17th** between 11:30 AM and 1 PM for Christmas shopping solutions – products by Mary & Martha. They are faith-based items that are beautifully made. Please join us! For questions, kindly contact Cheryl Faltin at 717-341-1499.

“OUR TABLE” NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Friday, November 18 - Doors open at 6 pm and dinner starts at 6:15 pm. Got friends? Bring ‘em along! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! The meal is followed by an interactive Bible study, worship songs, and prayer. Eat and run or stay for the fun; we’re just happy you showed up. There’s always room at Our Table!

190th CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • Sunday, November 20th • We will be celebrating 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. A gluten-free / vegetarian option will be available. Nursery care will be provided after the meal. Contact Carolyn Groff if you can help. Kindly complete the form below and drop in the offering plate or return to the office **by Monday, November 14, 2022** to let us know you are coming.

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| First Presbyterian Church 190th Birthday Brunch | |
| Name: | _____ |
| How Many? | _____ |

ORGAN RECITAL • Sunday, November 20th • 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. There will be a reception following the recital.

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

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.

WOMEN’S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – On **Tuesday, November 15th**, we will be starting a new study entitled “*Our Hope Has Come*” by Lifeway Women. This will be a 5 week study celebrating the promise of Advent. Classes will be held in the morning @ 9:00 or in the evening @ 7:00. All are welcome! For any questions please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

NEW YOUNG ADULTS S'MOLDER GROUP – Meet every Monday night, at a different person's house, from 7 PM – 9 PM. To find out more about this group or where they will be meeting this week, please contact Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.

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



Upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas Programs



THANKSGIVING SERVICE • Sunday, November 20 • Wesley Methodist Church • 6:30 PM

CHURCH DECORATING DAY • Saturday, November 26th • 9 AM

We will be bedecking the halls with lots of holly and other Christmas decorations in preparation for the Advent / Christmas season. All are welcome to lend a helping hand!

NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE • Sunday, November 27th •

Church members are invited to bring their family nativity set for everyone to enjoy. Drop off nativities in Rm 5 on November 26th or before 3pm on the 27th. Complete the information card to include with your nativity. Then, come back & enjoy everyone's nativity displays on **November 27th from 5:30 PM-7 PM**. Nativities can be picked up on November 28th or 29th. A sign-up sheet is located at the welcome desk. For questions, please contact Beth Feiler.

Perfect Harmony Music Concert • December 4 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

Perfect Harmony is a dynamic vocal trio specializing in storytelling through music and based out of Lancaster, PA. A love offering will be taken. For more information: www.leepproductionsllc.com/perfect-harmony

Silver, Ivory and Wood Concert • Sunday, December 11 • 7 PM

Silver, Wood & Ivory: Two women, 19 flutes and recorders, piano, celtic harp, keyboards, and a whole lot of friendship. Recording artists, Tracy Dietrich, flutist, and Cindy Wittenberg pianist, create an amazing soundscape of traditional, eclectic and modern sounds. For more information: www.silverwoodandivory.com

Advent Family Night • Sunday, December 18 • 6 PM • Fellowship Hall

The Christian Education Committee invites the church family for an evening of fellowship that includes ornament making and refreshments such as cookies and hot cocoa. This evening will also include sharing of family nativity displays.

Christmas Eve Schedule

December 24

Children's Christmas Pageant • 4:30 PM

Candlelight Worship Services • 8 PM & 11 PM

December 25 One Worship Service at 10 AM • No youth group or Sunday School

347 Be Still, My Soul

Be still, and know that I am God. Ps. 46:10

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-tening on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vid-
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, mysoul! when

best, thy heav-en-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel; translated by Jane L. Borthwick

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius

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Harvest Home

Sunday, November 20, 2022

**Please place your donations on the table
at the front of the Sanctuary.**

**2022 FOOD DRIVE to benefit:
First Presbyterian Church Food Bank**

101 S. Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579



Canned Vegetables:

Corn, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, green beans
and whole white potatoes

Canned Fruit:

Peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, pineapple

Canned Gravy:

Turkey and Chicken

Pasta

Pasta sauce, Spaghetti O's, etc.

Soups

Creamed soups or vegetable soups

Cereal

Kid's brands, Rice Krispie's, Raisin Bran, etc.

(Please: No Glass Containers or Fresh Foods)

Thank You...

For blessing the FPC Food Bank!

190th Church Birthday Brunch

Sunday, November 20, 2022

- Join us as we celebrate FPC's 190th birthday!
- Time: Following 8:30 am worship
- Place: Fellowship Hall

*Please RSVP to the brunch
no later than November 14th
See bulletin for RSVP form*

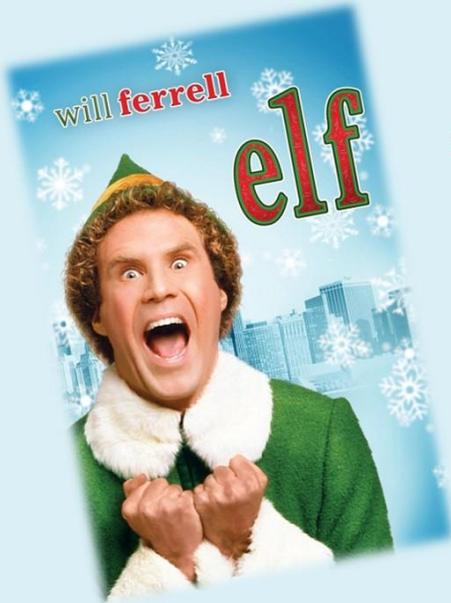
Nursery care provided after the meal



For more information, please refer to the Sunday bulletin
or if you can help out, contact Carolyn Groff



First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



Movie Night!

Saturday December 10 @ 6pm

Wear your PJ's and bring a
pillow and your favorite
blanket or sleeping bag!

Oh, and bring a dozen
cookies to share and your
Christmas cheer!