



First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

First Presbyterian Church's 190th Birthday

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 Alice Eisenhooth / 11:00 Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, November 20, 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

"Priere"

L. Boellmann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 135

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; give praise, O servants of the Lord.

People: **You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

*HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 442

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we have much for which to be thankful. We are thankful for the generations of men and women in this church who paved a path of service and devotion. We are thankful for you being our King and promising a security that we can only find in you. We are thankful for your provision that never leaves us wanting. But we think the life of the church depends on our work, we try to force security through violence, we think we own the ability to provide. Forgive us and remind us of who you are and who we are. We pray this in Jesus' 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

ANTHEM

"Festival Doxology" - Chancel Choir

Arr. D. Hustad

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:7-8

SERMON

"Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

No. 526

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 447

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G"

J.S. Bach

Please keep the following in your prayers

- David Gulliver – Recovering at home
- Charlie Lefever – Recovering at home
- Kay Straley – Recovering at 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 Bernstorff 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676

Deacons for the Month of November Donna Stettler & Morgan Murphy

Prayer Requests



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*I Believe
Yes and Amen
Amazed*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Kristin Kondratowski

First Scripture Psalm 100

Second Scripture Hebrews 13:7-8

Sermon: "Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday,
Today & Forever"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Closing Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

*Benediction





NEXT WEEK • November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

SERMON SERIES: THE W's OF CHRISTMAS
First Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Scripture: John 1:1-2, 14
Sermon: "What Christmas?"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ASSISTANCE CORNER

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 20 190th Church Birthday

8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30 am **FPC 190th Birthday Brunch Celebration**

No Sunday School Classes Today

11 am **Worship** (Contemporary)

3 pm **Organ Recital** • Sanctuary

5:30 pm **Ignited Student Ministry** Dinner • 6 pm Gathering in FH

6:30 PM **Thanksgiving Service** • 6:30 PM • Wesley Methodist Church

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

No Nursery Time on Friday, November 25th

Monday, November 21

7 pm Young Adults S'Molder Group

Tuesday, November 22

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Thursday, November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving



Friday, November 25

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6 pm “Our Table” New Worshipping Community – Fellowship Hall

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.



NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY - Join us next week in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for next week: Ignited Student Ministry. 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.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God by Heidi Zook-Payne in memory of Tyler Zook's 18th birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

190th CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • Sunday, November 20th • We are celebrating with a delicious brunch today in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 am worship service. It is prepared and served by our Outreach Committee to 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. There is no Sunday School today.

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.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY -- A new study entitled "*Our Hope Has Come*" by Lifeway Women has begun. This 5 week study celebrates the promise of Advent. Classes are 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.

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Friday, November 25 - 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!

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.

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



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

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers, approve the 2023 Pastor Terms of Call, and to review and receive the 2023 Ministry Budget.

The 2023 Slate of Officers are as follows (Three-Year Terms, unless otherwise noted)

Ruling Elders: Alice Eisenhooth; Dale Groff; Andrea Petrokonis; Sandy Wenger; Phil Geiger (2 years); Wayne Carr (2 years); Walter Kondratowski (2 years)

Deacons: Lynda Cornelia; Janice Bowers; David Griffith; Bette Davis (2 years); Robin Kendlehart (2 Years); Joyce Charles (2 years); Gavin Elias (Junior Deacon – 1 year)

Trustees: Ron Lowe; Mark Feiler; Leroy Welk; Bill Potter

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT – The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Ford Oliver Handzo, born to Kelly and Colin Handzo on Thursday, November 17, 2022. He is the grandson of Don and Pam Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

LIBRARY NEWS – The reference library has been moved out into the hall past the welcome desk. Our church library has many Christmas books. They can be found across from the Welcome Desk on the 4th and 5th shelves. No. 45 is the Christmas section. Many children’s Christmas books are on the shelves across from the mailboxes. Enjoy! We also have 2 shelves of free books. We have atlases, bibles and others so take a look

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: _____

A Happy and
Blessed Thanksgiving to All!





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!



Upcoming Advent & Christmas Programs



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 & CAROLING •

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**. Caroling begins at 5:30 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 • Coffee hour at 9:30 AM

50+ Year Church Members

<i>Church Members</i>	<i>Date Joined the Church</i>
<i>Elinor Rudy</i>	<i>04/14/1940</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>04/21/1946</i>
<i>Clayton Frackman</i>	<i>07/13/1947</i>
<i>Sandy Bernstorff</i>	<i>04/14/1949</i>
<i>Bev Wiker</i>	<i>04/06/1950</i>
<i>Shirley Douts</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Louise Witmer</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>01/11/1953</i>
<i>Don Welk</i>	<i>04/02/1953</i>
<i>George Pontz</i>	<i>04/06/1955</i>
<i>Don Burkhardt</i>	<i>03/28/1956</i>
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>04/17/1957</i>
<i>Mary Gulliver</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>04/03/1958</i>
<i>Charlie & Jo Book</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Lorraine Oliver</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Joyce Welk</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Lori Herr</i>	<i>04/02/1961</i>
<i>Jean Pontz</i>	<i>01/17/1962</i>
<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>06/15/1962</i>
<i>JT Eshleman</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Sally Reinhart</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Nancy McGuigan</i>	<i>07/14/1963</i>
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Harold Welk</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Peter Witmer</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Kay Straley</i>	<i>10/03/1965</i>
<i>LeRoy Welk</i>	<i>03/24/1967</i>
<i>Red & Gwen Bortzfield</i>	<i>12/31/1967</i>
<i>John John Esbenshade</i>	<i>04/02/1969</i>
<i>Blaine & Shirley Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Linda Stoots</i>	<i>06/16/1971</i>

