

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 6, 2022 Communion Sunday

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 Debbie DiFranco / 11:00 Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, November 6, 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

"Thaxted"

G. Holst

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Water Street Rescue Mission

Terry Sweigart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

No. 281

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God you restore all things to perfection. We know how broken and how sinful we are in this world, and yet you promise us a time when we will never be separated from you. Forgive us for not looking forward to being with you but rather look back to defend our present with fear. Our faith is too small to believe that heaven is a place that you have prepared for us. Loving God, forgive us as we give you thanks for your faithfulness.

We pray this in Jesus', 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 "How Beautiful" - Chancel Choir T. Paris, arr. B. Greep

FIRST SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-4, 21-25

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 14:1-4

SERMON "Heaven Identified" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 316

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory" L. Smith

Prayer Requests
Please keep the following in your prayers
• Kay Straley - Mennonite Home
• David Witmer - Lakeside at Willow Valley
• Lynn Rohrer - Hershey Medical Center
• Jane Ott - Recovering at home
• Don Emig - Recovering at home
• 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



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

Minute for Mission

Water Street Rescue Mission

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*Praise & Worship

*This Is Amazing Grace
I See Heaven
What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Beth Feiler

First Scripture Revelation 21:1-4, 21-25

Second Scripture John 14:1-4

Sermon: "Heaven Identified"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Closing Song *Spirit of the Living God*

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
November 13, 2022
First Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4
Second Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21
Sermon: Heaven Clarified
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ASSISTANCE CORNER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – We will be sorting all of the donated items for Operation Christmas Child on Saturday, November 12th from 9am – 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Help is needed to set up tables and toys for the packing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. 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

FOOD BANK NEW LISTING OF NEEDS:

- Canned vegetables: carrots, peas, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables
- 4-pack puddings
- Canned peaches, mandarin oranges, pineapple chunks
- Cereal
- Canned whole white potatoes
- Stuffing and chicken/turkey gravy
- Creamed soups
- Pasta sauce

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 6

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 Student Ministry** is meeting this Sunday, 11/6, from 5:30-7:30pm at Joel Rodriguez' home 66 Smithville Rd, New Providence, PA 17560

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

Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day

2 pm Food Bank

5:30 pm Personnel Committee – Rm 6

Wednesday, November 9

1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Rm 3/4

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

9 am Toddler Gym – FH

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm “Our Table” Dinner and Prayer Gathering – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 12

9 am Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Set-up & Sort – 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.

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: Terry & Joann Sweigart. Host for next week: 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.

“OUR TABLE” COMMUNITY DINNER & PRAYER GATHERING • Friday, November 4 - 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!

FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE – Ignited Student Ministry is hosting Family Football League on **Sunday, November 13th**. Game begins at 4 PM – Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) at the Lampeter / Strasburg practice field. Please RSVP to Kristin if you plan to be there or not. 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.

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 November 14, 2022** to let us know you are coming.

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

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

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.

NATIVITY DISPLAY NIGHT • **Sunday, November 27th** • Church members are invited to bring their family nativity set for everyone to enjoy. Nativities can be dropped off in room 5 on November 26th or before 3pm on the 27th. Complete the information card to include with your nativity. Then, come back and enjoy everyone's nativity displays on **November 27th from 7pm – 8pm!** 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.

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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS – To all of you Wanda Brunstetter fans, we have some new books in our library you will enjoy reading. We also have some new inspirational books by Dr. David Jeremiah, Tony Evans and others. They are on a shelf behind the welcome desk.

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: _____	