



# First Presbyterian Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

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 Brianna Davis / 11:00 Jeffrey Marsh

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

Sunday, December 18, 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

*"The First Noel"*

arr. J. Innes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Alicia Eltman – FPC Social Worker

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Colvin Family

Family: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.

May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

People: **(Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*HYMN

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

No. 38

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord of all creation, you have met us through all the ages right where we are. Forgive us for when we make you something that has no bearing on our life. Forgive us for thinking that if we are just good enough in some areas of our life then that is all we need. Transform our lives completely so that you would be the Lord of our lives and rule in all things. Through Jesus Christ we pray, 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 Ali Elias

ANTHEM "Candlelight Carol" - Chancel Choir J. Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

SERMON SERMON SERIES: THE W's OF CHRISTMAS "When Christmas?" Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 44

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\*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 41

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. N. Johnson

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The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given to the glory of God from the Stettler/Murphy family in honor of our church family. May the true spirit of Christmas continue to shine in our hearts and light our paths.

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Cheryl Faltin's father, George Stewart - Hospice care at home
• Blaine Danner - In Lancaster General Hospital
• Gwen Bortzfield - Lancaster Rehab Hospital
• Lynn Rohrer - Harrisburg Rehab Hospital
• Jane Ott - Recovering at home
• Don Emig - Recovering at home
• Louise Witmer - Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley

Prayer Requests



In Need of the Prayer Chain?

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

Deacons for the Month of December - Donna Stettler & Heidi Zook-Payne

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Alicia Eltman - FPC Social Worker

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Sickler Family

Family: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*Praise & Worship

Head to the Heart  
Desert Song  
Give Me Jesus

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

First Scripture Micah 5:2-5a

Second Scripture Luke 2:1-7

SERMON SERIES: THE W's OF CHRISTMAS

Sermon: "When Christmas?"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*Closing Song Oceans

\*Benediction

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## 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](mailto:astauffer@straspres.org) and 717-224-3036

**PRESCHOOL DONATION NEEDS:** 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.

**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)



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 18

- 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)  
4:30 pm Confirmation Class  
5:30 pm **Ignited Student Ministry**  
6:00 pm **Advent Family Night** • 6 PM • Fellowship Hall
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**Recurring Daily** – Nursery Time • Monday – Friday • 9 am – 1 pm

### Monday, December 19

- 6 pm PW Meetings – Rm 3/4  
7 pm Young Adults S'Molder Group

### Tuesday, December 20

- 9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4  
2 pm Food Bank  
7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

### Wednesday, December 21

- 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 – Room 3/4

### Thursday, December 22

- 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/streams>  
7 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, December 23

- In Observance of Christmas, the Church office will be closed from 12 PM today until Tues., Dec. 27  
9 am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall  
2 pm Food Bank Closed Today  
6 pm "Our Table" New Worshipping Community – Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 24

Deborah Circle will not be meeting on 12/24/22. They will meet at Bird in Hand Restaurant on Sat., Jan. 7, 2023 at 9 AM.

No sewing groups will meet on Wed., Dec. 28

Sermon Notes

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME!** 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.

**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: Ignited Student Ministry. Hosts for next week: The Marsh Family. 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 a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

**ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT • Today, 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.

**"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Friday, December 23** - 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 MEMBERS CLASS** – Beginning Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 PM, anyone who might be interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining the church family is welcome to attend.

**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



**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](mailto:kristin@straspres.org) or 908-581-5050.

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

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** - This culture is *designed* to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans . . . they'll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there's one way out of the mess of debt, and it starts right here with *you*. You can change your future today by joining my Financial Peace University class at **First Presbyterian Church**. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Class starts on **Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023**, so sign up today at [fpu.com/1154920](http://fpu.com/1154920)!

### NEXT WEEKEND

#### **Christmas Eve • Saturday, December 24, 2022**

Children's Christmas Pageant • 4:30 PM / Candlelight Worship Services • 8 PM & 11 PM

**SERMON SERIES: THE W's OF CHRISTMAS**

First Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 • Second Scripture: John 1:1-14

Sermon: *"Jesus, The Only Light of the World"* • Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

#### **Christmas Day • Sunday, December 25, 2022 • One Service at 10 AM**

Coffee Hour 9:30 AM • No Sunday School

**SERMON SERIES: THE W's OF CHRISTMAS**

First Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:6-13 • Second Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *"Wow, Christmas!"* • Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

## *Thank You to the Following Members Who Provided Poinsettias*

<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Mel Butler &amp; Parents</i>
<i>Wayne &amp; Fran Carr</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Harriet A. Carr</i>
<i>Lynda Cornelia</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of husband, David Cornelia</i>
<i>Joy Corey</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Ken Corey, husband and father Abby Giberson</i>
<i>Clayton &amp; Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Lisa Frackman Fisher</i>
<i>Gary &amp; Marvis Hambleton</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Robert &amp; Madeline Butts and Forrest &amp; Mary Hambleton</i>
<i>John &amp; Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Anne &amp; Glenn Esbenshade and Tyler Zook</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of LeRoy &amp; Ruth Welk, Parents, and Jason Lawrence, Son</i>
<i>Shawn M. Murphy, Jr.</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Shawn M. Murphy, Sr.</i>
<i>Heidi Zook-Payne</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Tyler Zook &amp; Tyreese Smith</i>
<i>Sue Schenke</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Reynold Schenke</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Betty B. Sheaffer and In Honor of Reid H. Sheaffer</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Nancy Smith Family</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Jim's parents, Martin &amp; Hazel Smith; Nancy's parents, Carl &amp; Virginia Mosebach and In Honor of Deacons Donna Stettler &amp; Morgan Murphy</i>
<i>Reuben &amp; Barbara Stoltzfus</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Son, Jeffrey, and Our Parents</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Husband, Bob</i>
<i>LeRoy &amp; Debra Welk</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Ira &amp; Dorothy Welk; Lloyd &amp; Barb Welk; James &amp; Fran Ashby</i>
<i>Hope Wixon</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Larry Paul Wixon, Husband</i>

