



First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

Celebration of the Birth of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ

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: Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 10:00 am

Emmanuel, God is With Us

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Welcome!

10:00 AM Service

*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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. J. Innes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A child has been born to us,

People: A son given to us

Leader: Authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named;

People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*HYMN *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* No. 41
"What Child Is This?" No. 53

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God most high, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become your children; your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE I Samuel 16:6-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

SERMON "Wow, Christmas!" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"* No. 31
"Angels, We Have Heard On High" No. 23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*HYMN *"Joy to the World"* No. 40

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Tocatta on 'In Dulci Jubilo'"* G. Young

You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk.*

A Joyful and Peace-filled Christmas to All!

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Cheryl Faltin's father, George Stewart – Hospice care at home
- Blaine Danner – Lancaster General Hospital
- Vesta Herr – Lancaster General Hospital
- Kay Straley – Recovering at home
- 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

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

Prayer Requests



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 25

10 am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30 am **Coffee Hour**

No Sunday School today

No Ignited Student Ministry today and January 1, 2023

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

Monday, December 26

In observance of Christmas, the church office will be closed today, Dec. 26.

No Smolder gathering today

Tuesday, December 27

9 am Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2 pm Food Bank

7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, December 28

No sewing groups are meeting today

8 pm Ignited Student Ministry All-Nighter

Thursday, December 29

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 30

9 am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

2 pm Food Bank Closed Today

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

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.

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!

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




NEXT WEEK • Sunday, January 1
Covenant Renewal Service

Scripture: 1 Peter 1
 Sermon: "Covenant Renewal"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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: 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. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Friday, December 30 - Dinner begins at 6 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!



We
 feed
 hungry
 people.

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2023/ 2024 school year begins on **January 3, 2022** for First Presbyterian church members and current preschool families. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at hreynolds@straspres.org or 717-617-9501 or stop by the church office for an application.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS begins on **Sunday, January 8, 2023** - 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. Sign up today at fpu.com/1154920!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Beginning **Jan. 22nd 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





Sermon Notes
