First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 15, 2023 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Sandy Wenger / 11:00 Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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 Rest in the Lord" -- fr. Elijah

F. Mendelssohn

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 137

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and there we wept when we

remembered Zion.

People: How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

*HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

No. 394

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you created each person with a purpose which edifies your kingdom. Forgive us for considering some people as less valuable. Forgive us for when we choose to help those who are more like us and disregard, or even hurt, those who are different from us. We praise you that you do not treat us as we treat others. Give us the insight to see when we hurt others and to remedy our sins. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*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

"Come and Worship"

P. Drenna

^{*}ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:21-28

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON "Chosen by God from Birth" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" No. 563

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Disconsolate" S. Webbe

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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*HYMN "Just As I Am" No. 370

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" -- fr. Water Music G. Handel

Please keep the following in your prayers

- . Blaine & Shirley Danner Recovering at home
- · Vesta Herr Recovering at home
- Lynn Rohrer Lancaster Rehab Hospital
- . Jane Ott Recovering at home
- · Don Emig The Gardens at Stevens
- · 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 January - Tina Dansereau & Heidi Zook-Payne



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

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship Called Me Higher

Came to My Rescue

Amazed

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

First Scripture 1 Samuel 1:21-28

Second Scripture Matthew 1:1-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon "Chosen by God from Birth" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Offering / Closing Song: Resurrecting

*Benediction

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NEXT WEEK January 22, 2023

Rev. Doug Friant

Sermon Notes		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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)

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

Monday, January 16

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church office will be closed today.

6 pm PW Meeting - Rm 3/4

7 pm Smolder group

Tuesday, January 17

2 pm Food Bank

Wednesday, January 18

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, January 19

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 No Bible study this evening

6 pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, January 20

9 am Toddler Gym - FH

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm "Our Table" Dinner and Prayer Gathering – 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.

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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: Robin Kendlehart & Margie Beers. Hosts for next week: Ignited Youth. Friendly reminder: No peanuts in any treats please. 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.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS began on Sunday, January 8, 2023 and continues through March 5th - 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:

www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/classes/1154920

CHOIR REHEARSAL - NOW would be a good time to join choir. Our new rehearsal semester began Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm. We are always finished by 8:15 or before! Make a joyful noise. Sing to the LORD a NEW song. Please come. You will be glad you did!



We feed hungry people.

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Friday, January 20 - 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!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – Beginning Sunday, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

OFFICERS / STAFF RETREAT DAY • January 27-28 • Fellowship Hall

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Sunday, January 29

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect two Congregation-At-Large Members for the 2023 Church Officer Nominating Committee, and to review and receive the 2022 Annual Report.'

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • February 7 • Calling "all" women. Please mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on Tuesday, February 7th^{th.} Classes will be held in the morning @ 9:00 or in the evening @ 7:00. All are welcome! We will share information on the new study material in the near future. For any questions please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING • Sunday, February 12 • Once again, our church will be participating in The Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. This campaign utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in our communities. Our children's ministry participates in this program. The children will collect money and canned goods at the doors to the sanctuary after both services on February 12th. All donations will be used to support our food bank.

PRAYER - Would you like to pray for IGNITED students in 2023? We'd love to give you a short list and some details about each student so you can pray daily for God to move in their lives! We'll provide you with addresses if you'd like to send cards or small gifts, and at the end of 2023, we'll host a meal so we can celebrate together what God has done through prayer. Contact Kristin@straspres.org to sign up.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

GIVING ENVELOPES – Giving envelopes for 2023 have been distributed to members' mailboxes. If you did not receive envelopes but would like to receive them or if you are receiving envelopes but do not want them, please contact Angie McVey at amcvey@straspres.org.

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

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY: Single rolls of paper towels, single roll or 4-pack of toilet tissue, box of tissues

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!