

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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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 Carolyn Groff / 11:00 Danielle Marsh

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

Sunday, January 29, 2023

*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

*"My Jesus I Love You"  
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

arr. Winans

arr. Bish

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

\*HYMN

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

No. 288

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, You set our path before us and you provide us with opportunities to serve your kingdom wherever we may find ourselves. Forgive us for thinking that we are too small to impact your kingdom. Forgive us for getting lost in thinking that our lives are not able to make a difference. Reveal to us how your power and your might can be reflected in our simple lives. Encourage us as we walk the road that you have put before us. 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

Beth Feiler

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ANTHEM

*"Lord, Here Am I"*

J. Althouse

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11:1

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-15

SERMON "From Out of Strasburg I Have Called You" Rev. Bob Bronkema

\*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" No. 525

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Winans

\*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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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\*HYMN "Take My Life" No. 391

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Songs of Praise" Saint-Saens

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

*Please keep the following in your prayers*

- Fred Douts - The Glen of Willow Valley
- Lynn Rohrer - Recovering at home
- 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

Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of Church Officers

\*Praise & Worship                    *Here's My Heart*  
    *Give Us Clean Hands*  
    *Do It Again*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message                    Beth Feiler

First Scripture                         Hosea 11:1

Second Scripture                      Matthew 2:13-15

Sermon                                    "From Out of Strasburg I have Called You" Rev. Bob Bronkema

\*Offering / Closing Song:            *Take My Life*

\*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK • February 5, 2023**  
First Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Second Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11  
**SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
Sermon Title: *When We Are Led into Temptation*  
*Rev. Robert Bronkema*

Sermon Notes

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, January 29, 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)  
12:15 pm **Congregational Meeting**  
**Meeting for Summer Mission Trips with Youth & Parents** – Fellowship Hall  
4:30 pm **Confirmation Class**  
5:30 pm **Ignited Student Ministry** dinner • 6 pm gathering in Fellowship Hall

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

### **Tuesday, January 31**

- 2 pm Food Bank  
7 pm Smolder group

### **Wednesday, February 1**

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6  
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4  
6 pm Kids Clubhouse  
7 pm Deacons Meeting – Rm 3/4

### **Thursday, February 2**

- 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, February 3**

- 9 am Toddler Gym – FH  
2 pm Food Bank  
6 pm "Our Table" Dinner and Prayer Gathering – Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, February 4**

- 9 am Communion training for new deacons & current ones who want a refresher



## 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.



### **THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Today! Sunday, January 29**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for today 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.

**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: Tina Dansereau. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – Anyone who might be interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining the church family is welcome to attend **today at 3 PM**.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** - NOW would be a good time to **join choir**. Our new rehearsal semester has begun & meets Thursdays 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!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • February 7 •** Please mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held in the morning @ 9:00 or in the evening @ 7:00. All are welcome! We will be using a new study called "The Surpassing Value of Knowing CHRIST" by Beth Moore & Melissa Moore – A study of Philippians. For any questions please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.



We  
feed  
hungry  
people.

### **"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

Every Friday Night - 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!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Con't)

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING • Sunday, February 12 •** Once again, our church will be participating in **The Souper Bowl of Caring** campaign which 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 support our food bank.

**BLANKET SUNDAY • February 19 -** The proceeds of this offering go to Church World Service. They provide blankets, health kits, school kits, cleaning supplies and baby items to people here at home and all over the world who have been devastated by earthquakes, fire, floods, hurricanes, etc.

**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](mailto:amcvey@straspres.org).

**FROM THE LIBRARY –** All of your generous book donations to the church library have been appreciated. But, with all of the renovations taking place in the next few months, we have a request. Please hold off on any further book donations for now. The library area is being moved and, with all the changes, it would be difficult to manage further inventory. Again, thanks for your support!

**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](mailto: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 interested in applying for this assistance, please contact Alicia Eltman at [aeltman@straspres.org](mailto:aeltman@straspres.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

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](mailto:astauffer@straspres.org)

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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**HELP WANTED** – The preschool is growing and we need your help! We are looking to compile a list of church members willing to help out as a preschool aide in an emergency situation. If you are able to be added to our list, please contact Heather at [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org) or 717-617-9501. Thank you!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – Our church family will continue to collect items for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child program. In January & February we will collect kids clothing: Knit hats, mittens, gloves, socks, tee-shirts, ball caps, beach hats, bandanas, small tote bags. These items can be put in the OCC box in the Welcome area.

**JANUARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** 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](mailto: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 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)  
Thank you!



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## A GLOBAL LIVESTREAM WOMEN'S EVENT

### MARCH

3-4 6:30-10:30P FRI  
10A-5P SAT

FIRST PRES. STRASBURG 101 S DECATUR ST.  
\$10 REGISTRATION DUE 2/19  
EMAIL [KRISTIN@STRASPRES.ORG](mailto:KRISTIN@STRASPRES.ORG)

I can attend the entire event

I can attend Friday only

I can attend Saturday only

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Place this card in Kristin Kondratowski's mailbox or email her for the link to register online)*