



First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 8, 2023 Baptism of Our Lord

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 David Griffith / 11:00 Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, January 8, 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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

arr. W. Winans

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Alicia Eltman – FPC Social Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 356

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Powerful and creative and creating God, we give you thanks for your constant presence in our lives. We adore you for the glory that you manifest to us in our every day lives. We praise you for the myriad of ways that you reveal your love for us. We confess that we have been slow to trust and quick to anger. We confess that we have not obeyed your commandments while wanting all of the benefits of being your children. Don't tire in your steadfast love and continue to provide us with a path forward leading to your kingdom. 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

David Griffith

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 29

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 "The Gospel of Righteousness"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

No. 492

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"How Beautiful Are the Feet"
Aria from Messiah

G. F. Handel

*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

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 376

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God"

Beethoven

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

- 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



Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Alicia Eltman – FPC Social Ministry

*Praise & Worship The River Holy Spirit River of Love

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message David Griffith

First Scripture Psalm 29

Second Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS “The Gospel of Righteousness” Rev. Robert Bronkema

*Offering / Closing Song: Cornerstone

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
January 15, 2023 • MLK Weekend
First Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:21-28
Second Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17
SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
Sermon: Chosen by God from Birth
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 8, 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)
4:30 pm **Confirmation Class**
5:30 pm **Ignited Student Ministry** dinner • 6 pm gathering in Fellowship Hall
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Recurring Daily – Nursery Time • Monday – Friday • 9 am – 1 pm

Monday, January 9

- 7 pm Smolder Group

Tuesday, January 10

- 2 pm Food Bank
5:30 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, January 11

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm ¾
6:30 pm Trustees's Meeting – Rm 3/4

Thursday, January 12

- 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>
6 pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7 pm Outreach & Evangelism Meeting – Rm 6
7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

- 9:30 am Martha Circle – Rm 3/4



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS – Please feel free to take a poinsettia home at this time or give them to someone whom you think might enjoy them.

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

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: Fran & Wayne Carr. Hosts for next week: Robin Kendlehart & Margie Beers. 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 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!

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Friday, January 13 - 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 is now open 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.

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.

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.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

AN INVITATION – Start the New Year right and make a resolution to join a Sunday school class. God has given you credit for one service. Let's make it two! If you have not received an invitation, please accept one from *Young at Heart* Sunday school class. No age limit required. There's still some chairs left. Proverbs 4:23 states, "Guard your heart for every-thing you do flows from it." Our *Young at Heart* class has a lot of God's words flowing!

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL - NOW would be a good time to **join choir**. We start our new semester of rehearsals on 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!

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.



Sermon Notes
