

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sixth 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 Lillian Myers / 11:00 Michael Wilson

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON "The Cost of Discipleship" Rev. Bob Bronkema

*HYMN "He Leadeth Me" Insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" (New Britain) Setting by John David Peterson

*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 Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" No. 392

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune and March" Jeremiah Clarke

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

Sermon Notes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 12

- 8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional)
9:30 am **Coffee Hour**
10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages
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)
6 pm **Super Bowl Party** - Fellowship Hall • All Invited!
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Recurring Daily - Nursery Time • Monday - Friday • 9 am - 1 pm

Monday, February 13

- 12 pm Ruth Circle - The Well
7 pm Mission & Finance Committee - Rm 5

Tuesday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

- 9 am New Ladies Bible Study - Rm 3/4
2 pm Food Bank
5:30 pm Personnel Committee - Rm 6
7 pm Smolder group
7 pm New Ladies Bible Study - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, February 15

- 9:30 am Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4
1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6
3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4
6:30 pm Session, Deacon, Trustee Dessert Social - Fellowship Hall
7 pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, February 16

- 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>
6 pm Food Pantry Committee - Room 5 or The Well
7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, February 17

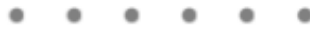
- 9 am Toddler Gym - FH
2 pm Food Bank
6 pm "Our Table" Dinner and Prayer Gathering - Fellowship Hall

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.

We also welcome Donna Burkholder, Guest Organist, who will be playing for us at the 8:30 AM worship service today.



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: The Colvin Family. Hosts for next week: June Stum & Sandy Wenger. Friendly reminder: 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.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY • Sunday, February 12 • Once again, our church is 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 today. All donations support our food bank.

PW "TOOLS OF HOPE & BLANKET SUNDAY • February 19 - Tools of Hope & Blanket Sunday help us help our neighbors in need through Church World Service. Won't you help continue that work for the unfortunate in our world? Blankets, health kits, school kits, cleaning supplies and baby items are provided to people here at home and all over the world who have been devastated by earthquakes, fire, floods, etc. We recently mailed out a letter to church members explaining more. Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church** with "**Blanket Fund**" on the memo line.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Classes are held on Tuesdays in the morning @ 9:00 or in the evening @ 7:00. All are welcome! We are 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



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!

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!

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.

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 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.

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

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





Super Bowl Party Today!

Come one, come all! Nothing beats watching the big game with friends. That's why you're invited to watch the Eagles trounce the Chiefs in Arizona ...or vice versa, it really doesn't matter to us. Bring a dish to share if you are able, and we'll see you tonight at 6 pm in FPCS' Fellowship Hall!

ASSISTANCE CORNER

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN HELPING US WORSHIP? We have openings for people who might want to be lay readers for worship at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. Please see Lynda Cornelia or Andrea Petrokonis if you are interested, or let the church office know.

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY - We are grateful for your continued support of this ministry that serves our community and surrounding areas. Each month we will highlight two-three items that we are in short supply of. But please feel free to donate any items from our supply list which can be found on the church website. Again, thank you for being an important part of this outreach! **Current Food Pantry Needs for the Month of February:** 1) Peanut Butter 2) Jelly

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 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.

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 - 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!

LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

Lent is almost upon us: Join us for weekly services here at First Presbyterian Church offered by the Strasburg Ministerium.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Services at 6am, 12noon, and 6pm.

The noon service will be led by the Strasburg Mennonite Church.

12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule:

March 1	Wesley United Methodist Church
March 8	High View Church of God,
March 15	Acts Covenant Fellowship
March 22	St. Michael's Lutheran Church
March 29	First Presbyterian Church



*All services will be held in the sanctuary here at First Presbyterian Church.
The noon services will be followed by a luncheon. Join us!*

IF:2023

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

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)

He Leadeth Me 461

In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. Ex. 15:13

- 1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n - ly comfort fraught!
 2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,
 3. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic - t'ry's won,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me!
 Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me!
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thru Jor - dan lead - eth me!

Refrain

He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me:

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

TEXT: Joseph Gilmore
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

HE LEADETH ME
 L.M. with Refrain

*Optional transition to
 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*