# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 16, 2023

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 Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Robin Kendlehart / 11 am 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:

Hymn and Chorale Prelude on

"Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice"

Johann Pachelbel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 9

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

\*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

No. 263

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of all the earth, you have made people from every walk of life and you have redeemed them with your saving blood. We give you thanks that you have created us in your image so we can live according to your purposes. Forgive us for trying to make people into our own images. Forgive us for limiting your grace so that it only includes our circles. We ask for your grace even as we enjoy the grace that we have received. 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

**SCRIPTURE** John 10:7-18 Psalm 23 Matthew 25:31-46 MISSION TRIP SHARING "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" \*HYMN No. 220 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD "Coming Home" OFFERTORY Joseph M. Martin \*DOXOLOGY PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Page 14 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" \*HYMN No. 288 \*BENEDICTION "Toccata in E Minor" \*POSTLUDE Johann Pachelbel \*You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk. Sermon Notes

### **Greeting and Announcements**

\*Praise & Worship

My Hands Are Open

All the Poor and Powerless

God of Wonders

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture John 10:7-18

Psalm 23

Matthew 25:31-46

Mission Trip Sharing

Offering

\*Closing Song: Way Maker

\*Benediction

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#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, July 16

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 Sunday School (Grades 6-12) - Fellowship Hall Young Adults - Choir Rm

Wired Word - Rm 6 • Young at Heart - Rm 3/4

11 am Worship (Contemporary)

VBS Week • July 16 – 21 from 6 pm – 8:15 pm

Ignited Students • VBS After Party • July 16 - 21 8:30 pm - 10 pm

Nursery Time Summer Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9 am - 12 pm

#### Tuesday, July 18

2 pm Food Pantry

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

#### Wednesday, July 19

1 pm Knifty Knitters – Rm 6 3 pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4

#### Thursday, July 20

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast – Now meeting in the church library. Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

#### Friday, July 21

2 pm Food Pantry 6 pm Our Table – FH

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**WELCOME!** We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: <a href="https://www.straspres.org">www.straspres.org</a> 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: Donna Burkholder, Peter Witmer, Dave & Jim Witmer. Hosts for next week: Ed & Linda Bredin. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email <a href="mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com">rineertheresa@yahoo.com</a>. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.



**VBS** (Vacation Bible School) starts tonight at 6pm and runs all week. Please feel free to stop by and see what's going on!

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Every Friday Night Beginning 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!

**HOLY LAND TRIP** - We will be meeting on **August 6 at 3pm** in Fellowship Hall to learn about a trip to the Holy Land. If you are interested please let Pastor Bob know. The spots are filling up quickly.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Dates

July 30 - Aug. 4 Middle School Trip - Princeton, NJ

Tuesday, Aug. 1 National Strasburg Night Out

Sunday, Aug. 27 Annual Church Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 2 Bluegrass Festival at Strasburg Community Park

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

# 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



### Please keep the following in your prayers

- Vesta Herr
- · Gwen Bortzfield Recovering at home
- · Howard Rineer
- Jane Ott
- · Louise Witmer Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley

July Deacons of the Month: David Griffith and Heidi Zook Payne
In Need of the Prayer Chain? Call Sandy Bernstorf 687-7276 or Janice Bowers 687-5676

## Next Week • Sunday, July 23, 2023

1st Scripture: 1 Samuel 24:1-7 2nd Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Sermon: "The Ethics of Righteousness" Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

#### ASSISTANCE CORNER

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** • Shoebox Items Needed: Beanie Babies, Small Stuffed Animals and Small dolls...Donations may be left in the box outside room 5.

**UPDATED FOOD BANK PRIORITIES:** This past month we welcomed 8 new families to FPC by way of the food pantry. We would not be able to meet their needs if it was not for your support. We are grateful to each of you for being a vital part of this ministry. We thank you for your continued support.

Donna Stettler & the Food Pantry Volunteers and Committee Members.

#### MONTH OF JULY ~ FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS

- Boxed or canned potatoes
- White or Brown Rice
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Chicken
- Canned peaches, pears, oranges, Pineapple



**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 <a href="https://hreynolds@straspres.org">hreynolds@straspres.org</a> or 717-617-9501. Thank you!