

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 23, 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 Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Gavin Elias-Lizardo

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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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:

"In Christ There is No East or West"
African/American tune, setting by Charles Callahan
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Cyril Taylor, setting by Michael Burkhardt

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 10

Leader: Oh Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart,
you will incline your ear.

**People: You do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth
may strike terror no more.**

*HYMN

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

No. 430

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, you have chosen us as your children and we seek to obey you. We confess
that at times our lives lead us to decisions that lead to unrighteousness. We pursue that
which is the easiest for us, while sacrificing the ethic of righteousness. Remind us of the
words of Jesus which encourage us to live lives worthy of our calling. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 24:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:7-11

SERMON "The Ethic of Righteousness" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" No. 333

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"When Love is Found"

English folk melody, setting by Sylvia Berg Oines

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 379

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord" German hymn, setting by Joyce Jones

**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

*Beautiful One
Cornerstone
We Fall Down*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture

1 Samuel 24:1-7
Matthew 7:7-11

Sermon

"The Ethic of Righteousness"

Offering

*Closing Song:

Jesus Messiah

*Benediction

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 23

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)

Ignited Students • Combined MS and HS from 6-8pm for Christmas in July at 125 Sides Mill Rd

Sunday, July 30 - No youth group

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

Tuesday, July 25

2 pm Food Pantry

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

Wednesday, July 26

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

7 pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, July 27

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Now meeting in the church library.

Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

6 pm Bible Study <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/streams>

6 pm Food Bank Committee - Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 28

2 pm Food Pantry

6 pm Our Table - FH

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 are pleased to welcome **Donna Burkholder** as our guest organist this Sunday.



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: Ed & Linda Bredin. Hosts for next week: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. 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.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP, Princeton, NJ • **July 30 – Aug. 4**

Please refer to the insert in this Sunday's bulletin for a list of food donation items needed.

STRASBURG NIGHT OUT • **Tuesday, Aug. 1**

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

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • **Tinney Pavilion** • **Sunday, Aug. 27**

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM • Come join us for a journey to the African American Museum in Philadelphia on **August 31** via chartered bus. The cost of transportation and museum visit have been fully funded by the Presbytery of Donegal. There will also be a supplement to help offset the meal. This is brought to you by the Racial Task Force, Donegal Presbytery. Bus departs the FPC parking lot at 1 PM with a second pick up in Malvern at 2 PM. Following the museum trip, we will have dinner to debrief our time together. We will then head home. To register, contact Bob Bronkema at: bbronkema@straspres.org or 717-799-0777

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL • **Strasburg Community Park** • **Saturday, Sept. 2** • Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. This is a free event.

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 30, 2023

1st Scripture: Leviticus 19:18 • 2nd Scripture: Matthew 7:12

Sermon Title: *"The Golden Rule"*
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

Canned items: Pears, Pineapple, Oranges, Canned Chicken

Pasta/Grains: Dry/Boxed Pasta

Other: Single box tissues



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!



IGNITED
MISSION TRIP 2023



Consider donating...

**Romaine Lettuce
Grape Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Baby Carrots
Apples or Applesauce
Clementines
Juice Boxes
Cereal Boxes
Water Bottles
Bread
Deli Ham
Deli Turkey**

or Paper Products

sign up outside the youth room