

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 30, 2023

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Ali Elias-Lizardo / 11 am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, July 30, 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: *"Joyful, Joyful"* arr. Gordon Young

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 11

Leader: In the Lord I take refuge.

**People: For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold his face.**

*HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful"* No. 464

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Jesus, you command us to love our neighbor. You make it very clear who our neighbor is, those who are different from us, those who are outside of our social circles, those who act, look, and think differently from us. Forgive us for normalizing our hate of others. Forgive us when we listen to the voice of culture that tells us to attack first and never regret putting others down. That is not your way. Lead us back to your way which commands us to love our neighbor. 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 Kristin Kondratowski

COMMISSIONING OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TO MERCER COUNTY, NJ

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Welcome!

8:30 AM Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:18

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:12

SERMON

"The Golden Rule"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"We Are One"

Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" – "The Rejoicing"

arr. Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 473

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Welcome!

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*The Glory Is Yours
Make Us One
Give Us Clean Hands*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Kristin Kondratowski

Commissioning of our Middle School Youth to Mercer County, NJ

Scripture Leviticus 19:18
Matthew 7:12

Sermon "The Golden Rule" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song: *Goodness of God*

*Benediction

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 30

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 • No youth group today

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

Tuesday, August 1

2 pm Food Pantry

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

7 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

Thursday, August 3

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>

Friday, August 4

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 **Jan Stauffer** 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: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. Hosts for next week: Stacy Bronkema & Alice Eisenhooth. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email rinertheresa@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!

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

Food, fellowship, games, including the corn-hole tournament, Bingo, pulled pork sandwiches, drink and place settings are provided. Please bring a dish to share! It is a great opportunity to invite a neighbor, family, and friends to experience the life of First Presbyterian.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

"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!*

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

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



August Deacons of the Month: Marcia Andersen & Joyce Charles

In Need of the Prayer Chain? Call Sandy Bernstorf 687-7276 or Janice Bowers 687-5676

Next Week • Sunday, August 6, 2023

1st Scripture: Psalm 5 • 2nd Scripture: Matthew 7:13-23

Sermon Title: *"The Narrow Gate"*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

ASSISTANCE CORNER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD • We are still collecting items for our shoeboxes. Needed are the following: school supplies, toys, small books, games, stuffed animals, socks, hats, caps, sunglasses, mittens, and water bottles. Please drop these items in the box outside of room 5.

FOOD PANTRY:

The last six months our Food Pantry @ FPC has been able to distribute 45-50 bags of food per month to our neighbors. Which we were able to do due to your generous support of this ministry.

During the last two months we have welcomed and served a dozen new families that find themselves in need of our services. That being said, we have distributed 80-85 bags of food in June & July. We couldn't meet the needs without you!

A list of our most needed items can be found below as well as in the newsletter. Donations of items can be left in the bin outside of the Pantry room across from the church secretary's office. There are also envelopes in the pews marked "Food" if you would like to make a monetary donation. Thank you again for considering our request and for your faithful support of and members of our community.

Donna Stettler & the Food Pantry Volunteers and Committee Members.

MONTH OF AUGUST ~ 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!

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored;
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride;
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.