

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, August 13, 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 Carole Turano

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

SERMON “The Wise Man Built His House Upon A Rock” Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“In Thee is Gladness”
Renaissance melody, setting by Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

No. 379

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Trio”

Gustav Merkel

Sermon Notes

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*You're Worthy of My Praise
No Longer Slaves
Cornerstone*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

Scripture Psalm 118:19-25
Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon "The Wise Man Built His House Upon A Rock" Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song: *Build My Life*

*Benediction

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

Next Week • Sunday, August 20, 2023

1st Scripture: Numbers 5:1-4 • 2nd Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4

Sermon Title: *"The Unclean Among Us"*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 13

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 • Middle School 5-6:30pm; High School 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, August 14

7 pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

Tuesday, August 15

2 pm Food Pantry

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

Wednesday, August 16

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

7 pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, August 17

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/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzqg/streams>

Friday, August 18

2 pm Food Pantry

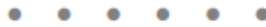
6 pm Our Table - FH

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: Sandy Wenger & June Stum. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact 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!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Tinney Pavilion • Sunday, Aug. 27 • 12:15pm after 2nd service
Food, fellowship, games, including the corn-hole tournament, Bingo, pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks, 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - On Sunday, August 27 at both services we will be blessing the backpacks as kids head off to school. Make sure your child has their backpack with them as they come to church that Sunday.

BIBLE CHALLENGE - Beginning **September 4**, we will once again provide the opportunity to take part in a 9 month read through the Bible Challenge. It is going to be very similar to the one we did in 2022 except that it will begin in September and carry us through to next year.

BEING IN THE PRESENCE - On September 9 at 10am in Fellowship Hall we will have our first new gathering of *Being in the Presence* led by our very own Carole Turano.

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!*

JOIN US ON A CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA: We will be taking part in a mission trip to West Virginia to help build steps and a large outdoor porch for a family in need in West Virginia. The dates of the trip are **September 22-24**. Cost of the trip is \$50. There will be an informational meeting for the trip after church on September 3 at 12:15pm.

COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 24 IN THE STRASBURG PARK - Once again the Strasburg Ministerium is offering a time of worship for the entire Strasburg community. The church will be closed on that Sunday, September 24, and we will all be gathered at 10am to worship together at the Strasburg Park. Come and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of Strasburg.

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
- Louise Witmer - Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please keep the Straley family in your prayers, upon the passing of Doug Straley.

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

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

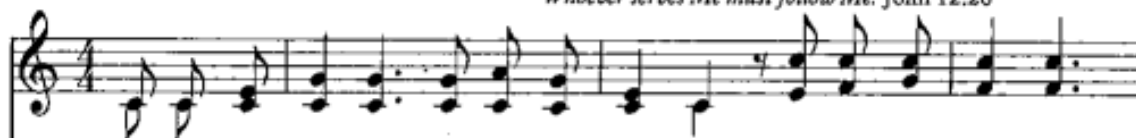
Other: Single box tissues



LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL AIDES -The preschool has grown and we are looking to hire a few aides to help our teachers. If you have one morning a week where you can help out for a few hours we would love to bring you on board, and you'll get paid as well! Let Pastor Bob or Heather Reynolds know if you are at all interested.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 376

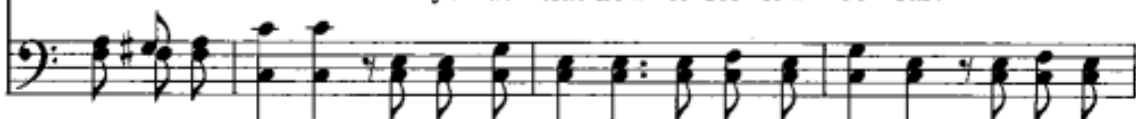
Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing
 I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low,
 to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?



back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.



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Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

When submitting names for consideration, you may include the names of congregation members as well as your own.

Please submit names to be considered for nomination to Carolyn Groff and Linda Younger or to the church office by September 3.

Elder:

Deacon:

Trustee:



SUMMIT HILL
Bluegrass Band

STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Featuring

Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

With Guests Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band

SATURDAY September 2 AT 6:00PM

Strasburg Community Park

151 Precision Ave, Strasburg

Bring your lawn chair and a friend!

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band