

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579*

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**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

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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 Angie McVey

Sunday, August 20, 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:

*"Prelude & Fugue in G Major"*  
~ J.S. Bach/Berceuse - Louis Vierne ~

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 14

Leader: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

**People: When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.**

\*HYMN

*"Lord You Give the Great Commission"*

No. 429

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, you call us to be witnesses in your name. You have given us opportunities in our daily lives to be a living testimony to your grace and your forgiveness. Yet we choose to turn away and keep silent. We are more afraid of what people will say about us than we are excited to share your unconditional love to others. Forgive us for our sin of hesitancy and motivate us to share your Gospel. 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

David Griffith

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:28-35  
Matthew 25:37-40



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Sunday, August 20, 2023

*Welcome!*

11:00 AM Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Hungry  
Jesus, We Love You  
Healer*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message     David Griffith

Scripture                 Luke 24:28-35  
                                   Matthew 25:37-40

Junior High Mission Trip Sharing

Offering

\*Closing Song:         *Do It Again*

\*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 27, 2023***

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Numbers 5:1-4     •     2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, August 20**

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

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

### **Tuesday, August 22**

2 pm Food Pantry

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

### **Wednesday, August 23**

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

### **Thursday, August 24**

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 25**

2 pm Food Pantry

6 pm Our Table - FH

### **Saturday, August 26**

9 am Deborah Circle - Rm 6

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**WELCOME!** We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

*We are pleased to welcome **Jonathan Jones** 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: Pat Hess, Lillian Myers & Joy Corey. Hosts for next week: The Colvin Family. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.



*Flowers are provided this Sunday to the glory of God provided by Lynda Cornelia in loving memory of her husband, David.*

**MISSION TRIP SHARING:** At both services **today**, our middle school students will share about their recent mission trip experiences. In Trenton, NJ, they worked with Arm in Arm Ministries to pack and distribute food to 3 different neighborhoods. They also served at the Princeton Theological Seminary's Farminary where they learned to provide sustainable produce for people impacted by food insecurity.

### *Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!*

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**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Tinney Pavilion • Sunday, Aug. 27 • 12:15pm after 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**NEW MEMBER'S CLASSES -** Interested in finding out more about First Presbyterian or joining the church? Come and join us for new member's classes starting on **August 27 at 3pm** in the library. Pastor Bob will lead you on a journey to answer your questions and give you insight into the church.

## 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!*

**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. Bible Challenge brochures are available on the information table in the glass foyer.

**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.

**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 - The Legend of Lancaster
- Bob Hartman - Recovering at home
- 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

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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### **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:**

#### **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.



# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

## **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:



**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**

