

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 6, 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 Bette Davis / 11 am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, August 6, 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: *"Salvation Now Is Come to Earth"* J. S. Bach
"Aria" Flor Peeters

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION PSA Tricia Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 12

Leader: The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure,
silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

People: You, O Lord, will protect us; you will guard us from this generation forever.

*HYMN *"Hear the Good News of Salvation"* No. 355

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus, you say that you are the way, the truth and the life, and that all who believe in you will have eternal life. But we often look for different ways to arrive at results. We ignore your commands which are based upon loving those with whom we come into contact. Forgive us for not following your way, forgive us for going through the gate that leads to ruin. Lead us back on the right path as individuals and as a church. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 5

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-23

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Welcome!

8:30 AM Service

SERMON

"The Narrow Gate"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Shepherd Like a Savior Lead Us"

No. 387

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Hebrew melody, setting by Sylvia Berg Oines

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Fugue in B flat major (from Little Prelude and Fugues)" J. S. Bach

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Welcome!

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission PSA Tricia Wilson

*Praise & Worship

*The Stand
Who You Say I Am
Come to the Table*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

Scripture Psalm 5
 Matthew 7:13-23

Sermon "The Narrow Gate" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Closing Song: *Gratitude*

*Benediction

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 6

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)

3 pm **Israel Information Meeting**

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

Tuesday, August 8

2 pm Food Pantry

5:30 pm Personnel Meeting - Library

6 pm Christian Education Meeting - Rm 3/4

6 pm Community Impact Committee Meeting - Youth Rm

7 pm Outreach / Evang. Meeting - Fellowship Hall

7 pm Smolder Young Adult Group

Wednesday, August 9

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

1 pm 3rd Annual Blood Drive in Memory of Ryan Smith (until 6 PM) -- FH

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, August 10

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 11

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: Stacy Bronkema & Alice Eisenhooth. Hosts for next week: 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!

HOLY LAND TRIP - We will be meeting **today, Sunday, 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 • 12:15pm after 2nd service
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.

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.

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.

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!*

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

- Kay Straley – Mennonite Home
- 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 13, 2023

1st Scripture: Psalm 118:19-25 • 2nd Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Title: *"The Wise Man Built His House Upon a Rock"*

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



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.



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

