

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday

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: 8:30am Wayne Carr / 11am Alicia Eltman

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome
World Communion Sunday

8:30AM 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 *"Voluntary on Olivet"* G. Young
(My Faith Looks up to Thee)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19
Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple.
**People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the
Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

*HYMN *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* No. 303

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
**God of healing and giver of all good and perfect gifts. We come before you today praising
you for how you continue to work in the world. We see your hand heal those who are sick
and lift up those who are downtrodden. Forgive us for doubting that you continue to touch
our lives directly and significantly. Forgive us for thinking that your power is limited to a
past time. Give us continual signs of your presence and open our eyes to your working in
our midst. 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM *"Come, Share the Lord"* B. J. Leech

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FIRST SCRIPTURE		Isaiah 53:4-6
SECOND SCRIPTURE		Matthew 8:14-17
SERMON	"The status of the miracle of healing"	Rev. Robert Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"There Is a Balm in Gilead"</i>	No. 394
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"My Jesus I Love Thee"</i>	arr. J. Goode
*DOXOLOGY		
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Welcome		
Distribution		
*ALLELUIA		
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Adagio in F"</i>	J. Anding

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

Sermon Notes

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11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Reception of New Members

*Praise & Worship

Graves into Gardens
Goodness of God
Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message David Griffith

Scripture Isaiah 53:4-6
 Matthew 8:14-17

Sermon The status of the miracle of healing Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Closing Song: *Healer*

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, October 8, 2023

1st Scripture: Psalm 23

2nd Scripture Matthew 8:18-22

Sermon Title: "Where you go, I'll go"
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WELCOME NEW FPCS MEMBERS

Ben and Jenna Creighton (children John and Caroline)

400 Susan Ave, Strasburg PA 17579

Ben – Hobbies & Interests: setup/teardown, yard work, reading

bjcreight@gmail.com

Jenna – Hobbies & Interests: reading, thrifting, hosting

ldellorfano5531@gmail.com

David and Melissa Edwards (children Addison and Colin)

543 Longfellow Dr, Lancaster, PA 17602

David – Hobbies & Interests: football, baseball

DavidKedwards83@gmail.com

Melissa – Hobbies & Interests: softball coach, crafts, music, singing

MelissaAedwards85@gmail.com

Seth and Alyssa Gregory (children Quinn and Sage)

308 Heritage Ave, Strasburg, PA 17579

Seth – Hobbies & Interests: cello, hiking, reading, exercise, pickle ball

gregorysethr@gmail.com

Alyssa – Hobbies & Interests: traveling, hosting, early childhood, minimalism, hiking, camping

alyssadriedger@gmail.com

Bill and Peg Hosker

950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr, Apt Spring Run – J304, Willow Street, PA 17584

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Hobbies & Interests: music, small group fellowship

Barb Szczesniak

335 Old Post Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

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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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1

8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am **Sunday School Class** for all ages
Children's Sunday School (Grades K - 5) - Rm 12
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12) - Youth Room
Young Adults - Fellowship Hall
Wired Word - Rm 6 • Young at Heart - Rm 3/4

11am **Worship** (Contemporary)

12:15pm Confirmation Class - Rm 3/4

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

Nursery Time: Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays • 9am - 1pm

Tuesday, October 3

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Christian Education Meeting - Fellowship Hall

7pm Smolder Group

7pm Worship Committee - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, October 4

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

6pm Kids Clubhouse

7pm Deacons Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, October 5

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Library
Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, October 6

9am Toddler Gym - FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

Saturday, September 23

10am Being in the Presence - 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.

CHURCH PARKING LOT CLOSED Monday, October 9 • The Trustees have scheduled the repainting of parking space lines and traffic flow lines/symbols for Monday, October 9, starting at 7 am, weather permitting. There will be NO parking in the lot until the work is finished that day. Please use Decatur Street parking during that time for church access. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Theresea Rineer. Hosts for next week: Seth and Alyssa Gregory. 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!

OFFICE HELP NEEDED • During this time of transition in the office we would love to find two or more people who might be willing to jump in when one of our regulars might be out. Let Pastor Bob know if you are willing to help.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS • Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by Kay Straley in loving memory of her husband Ron, grandson Jordan Kiser, son-in-law Steve Harnish, in remembrance of their birthdays, and in memory of her son Douglas and brother Jim Filling.



COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND UPDATE • Did you know that September marked the one year anniversary of the Community Impact Fund? Over the past year, we have been able to assist **40** families with their rent, utility, and emergency needs through this fund. If you find yourself in need of assistance or would like to contribute to this work, please contact us at 717-400-1837 or aeltman@straspres.org.

LIBRARY NEWS • These news books by well-known authors will be displayed on the table beneath the quilt: *The Jesus You May Not Know* & *The God You May Not Know* by David Jeremiah; *Dreamland* by Nicholas Sparks, *Glory Days* by Max Lucado and *Heaven Rules* by Wolgemuth. Try *When God Make Lemonade* for true stories that amaze and encourage. *Faith Still Moves Mountains*, by Faulkner, tells of the healing power of prayer. There are some fiction books on the table also.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL RESOURCE DAY • Join the women of the Presbytery of Donegal at Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church on **October 14th** for workshops including "An Immersion in the Civil Rights Movement" and a discussion on homelessness. Register by October 4th by emailing Lorraine Holton at raineybeth34@gmail.com. Payment is made at the door.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, OCT. 3rd – The morning class begins **@ 9am** & evening class will start **@ 7pm**. This fall we will be working on a newly released study entitled "*When You Pray*." This 7-week session looks at 6 prayers in the Bible presented by some authors/speakers we know and – for us – some new ones. Both classes will be held in rooms 3-4. All are welcome. For any questions, please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

TODDLER GYM • Fridays • 9am – 10am (Sept. – May) • Weekly playtime for ages 1 – kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or ablack@straspres.org.

DEACONS' FRIENDSHIP TEA • October 23 at 1PM Everyone is welcome and wanted for the annual Deacon Tea! This year's theme is Chocolate and Friendship (with a side of Prayer, Scripture, and Action). Come for the BINGO, sandwiches, scones, tea, coffee, or chocolate...just COME! Laughter starts at **1pm in Fellowship Hall**. ALL are WELCOME!

TRUNK OR TREAT • October 29 • Sign up at the welcome desk and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items should sign-up at the welcome desk. For more information contact Beth Feiler at bfeiler@straspres.org or 717-572-9683.

"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Every Friday Night Beginning at 6PM
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!*

CHANCEL CHOIR – Chancel Choir (Traditional Service) Rehearsals have begun and are **Thursday evenings at 7pm**. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING • Restarting Thursday, October 12 and meets every Thursday **at 9:30am** in Room 5. No art experience or talent necessary and supplies will be available. Contact Joan Coste at 717-201-7926 with any questions.

BEING IN THE PRESENCE • October 7 at 10am in Fellowship Hall we will have our gathering of *Being in the Presence* led by our very own Carole Turano.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There are a lot of items still needed for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Plastic reusable bowls, cups, utensils and water bottles. Flip flops, slippers, socks, knit hats, mittens, gloves, baseball caps, bandanas, hair brushes and hair accessories, tooth brushes, chapstick, tissues, small notebooks, stickers, coloring books, picture books, markers, crayons, pencils, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, beanie babies and small stuffed animals and toys for ages 2 years through 12 years (examples include Legos, dolls, yo-yo's, balls, jump ropes, hand held games, trucks, puzzles, card games). All items must be small enough to fit in a shoebox. Drop off your items outside of room 5.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS:

Canned items: Pineapple, Fruit Cocktail, Oranges, Progresso Soups, Sliced or Diced Potatoes. Diced or Stewed Tomatoes

Pasta/Grains: Tuna or Beef Helpers

Other: Cereal



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 for your support of this ministry.

THE NURSERY is in need of volunteers for the first and second Sunday services. If able to lend a helping hand, please contact Amy Black at ablack@straspres.org or 717-224-3036. There is a sign-up sheet in the nursery, and there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are collecting cards and calendars for Lancaster Rehab. New items (especially birthday cards) can be placed in the basket in Fellowship Hall. The project will last until November 15th. We appreciate your kindness!

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY • October 29 • Please refer to the list in the ad in this bulletin as a guide for purchasing and delivering food. The PW committee appreciates your donations. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please keep the following in your prayers

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



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please keep the Kondratowski Family in your prayers as they grieve the passing of their newborn son and brother.

October Deacons of the Month: Lynda Cornelia and Marcia Andersen

In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

Harvest Home

Sunday October 29th

Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 29th or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.



A list of most needed items

- Peanut butter, Jelly (grape or strawberry)
- Cereal (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Shredded Wheat, or Chex)
- Pancake mix or syrup
- Canned fruit (peaches, oranges, pineapples, mixed)
- Applesauce
- Potatoes (box instant or canned sliced/diced)
- Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)
- Beans (dry or canned ~ chickpeas, or black beans)
- White Rice
- Canned gravy
- Helpers (hamburger or tuna)
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)
- Canned soups
- Pasta (dry or canned)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Monetary donations are also accepted.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors, we are **GRATEFUL** for your **GENEROUS** donations. *The FPC Food Pantry Committee*