

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 10, 2023

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Sandy Hershey Lowe / 11 am Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, September 10, 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

*"Nearer My God to Thee"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

arr. D. Bish
arr. J. Ness Beck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 17

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me,
hear my words.

**People: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

*HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

No. 333

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Faithful, forgiving God, we praise you for your presence in our lives. You promise us that if we call upon your name you will answer. Forgive us for not calling upon your name until our lives spiral in crisis and confusion. Teach us to understand prayer as your deep-seated desire with us. You want to be in relationship with us, you want to hear our petitions and our joys. Call us close to you so that we would want to be with you in prayer constantly. 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

Ali Elias

ANTHEM

"Speak O Lord"

K. Getty

FIRST SCRIPTURE II Chronicles 7:12-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE James 5:13-18

SERMON "PRAYER (1), Scripture, Action" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Prelude in F"* J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

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*HYMN *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* No. 403

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH"* G. Young

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Welcome!

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Enough
Here Again
Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

Scripture

II Chronicles 7:12-18
James 5:13-18

Sermon

PRAYER (1), Scripture, Action

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song:

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, September 17, 2023

1st Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-30 • 2nd Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Title: *"Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (1) "*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 10

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 New Members Class - Library

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

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

Monday, September 11

7 pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

Tuesday, September 12

2 pm Food Pantry

5:30 pm Personnel Meeting - Library

6 pm Community Impact Committee - Youth Rm

7 pm Outreach Committee - Fellowship Hall|

7 pm Smolder Group

Wednesday, September 13

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, September 14

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>

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 15

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.

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: Terry & Joann Sweigart. Host for next week: Al & Sandy Bernstorf, Janice Bowers & Jane Weese. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact 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!

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 volunteer for three hours at the church welcome desk. We need someone on Mondays from 1-4 and one or two 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.

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

"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!*

COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 24 • 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 & join your fellow brothers & sisters in Christ!

MOVIE NIGHT - September 30th beginning at 6pm. Ice Cream will be served. Bring your lawn chairs, comfy blankets or sleeping bags and join us in Fellowship Hall. The movie will be Disney's *Encanto*, a 2021 animated family comedy. Bring a friend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS - *Please keep the following in your prayers*

- Lois Mellinger
- Colleen Emig
- Jackie Coble
- Lux Stoltzfus – Liver Transplant
- Louise Witmer - Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley

Comfort in Time of Loss: Please keep Kristin Kondratowski & her family in your prayers upon the death of her father.

September Deacons of the Month: Bette Davis and Robin Kendlehart

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

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. These items can be found at the dollar store. 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.

FOOD PANTRY:

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS:

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

Pasta/Grains: Dry/Boxed Pasta or Rice; Tuna or Beef Helpers

Other: Single box tissues



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.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.