

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 17, 2023

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Mary Lou Butler / 11am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome

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 *"I Love to Tell the Story"* A. Jordan

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 18

Leader: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in
whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

*HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* No. 263

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of compassion, lover of our souls, we come before you this morning in prayer thankful that you have claimed us each as your children. We adore you and praise you for giving us an opportunity to live with you now and eternally. We confess that we have been quick to act in our best interests, while ignoring the needs of those around us. We confess that we have pursued wealth over righteousness. Forgive us and lead us back to your path of righteousness which is followed by righteous acts. 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

ANTHEM *"O Sing Unto the Lord"* M. Bedford

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Welcome!

8:30AM Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:27-30

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

“Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (1)”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Draw Me Close to You”

arr. M. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

“Rise Up, O Church of God”

Insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. R. Boud

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Head to the Heart
I Will Follow
Called Me Higher*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

David Griffith

Scripture

Proverbs 3:27-30
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (1)

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Offering

*Closing Song:

Here I am to Worship

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, September 24, 2023

Community-Wide Worship in the Park

The Church will be closed on this Sunday and we will be gathered at 10am to worship together in Strasburg Park.

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: Al & Sandy Bernstorf, Janice Bowers & Jane Weese. No Coffee Hour on September 24th due to the community-wide worship in Strasburg Park. 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!

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 7pm. 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 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!*

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 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.

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.

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

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

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 17

- 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) - Fellowship Hall Young Adults - Choir Rm
Wired Word - Rm 6 • Young at Heart - Rm 3/4
11am **Worship** (Contemporary)
12pm **New Member Luncheon**
Ignited Students • Middle School 5 - 6:30pm; High School 6:30 - 8pm Fellowship Hall
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Nursery Time: Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays • 9am - 1pm

Tuesday, September 19

- 2pm Food Pantry
7pm Smolder Group

Wednesday, September 20

- 9:30am Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4
1pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4
7pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, September 21

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Now meeting in the church library.
Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
6pm Bible Study <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg/streams>
6pm Food Pantry Committee - FH
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, September 22

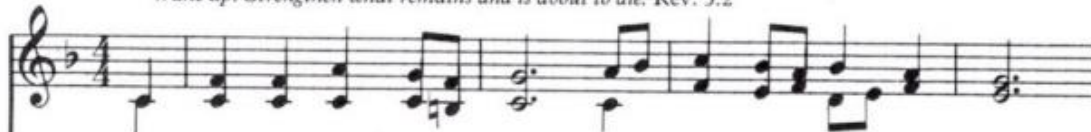
- 9am Toddler Gym - FH
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table - FH

Saturday, September 23

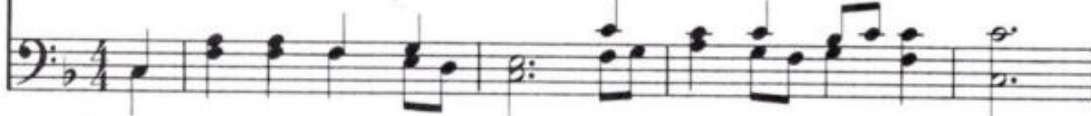
- 9am Deborah Circle - Rm 6

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Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die. Rev. 3:2



- 1. Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with less - er things;
- 2 Rise up, O Church of God! His king-dom tar - ries long;
- 3. Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,
- 4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;



Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of broth-er - hood And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task, Rise up, and make her great!
As fol - l'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!



429 They'll Know We Are Christians

By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

Unison

Fm Eb²/F Eb Fm Cm⁷ Fm Eb²/F Eb Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

Fm Bbm Ab²/Bb Ab Bbm Bbm⁷ Bbm⁶ Eb⁷/Bb Fm Eb²/F Eb Fm

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

Fm Bbm Ab²/Bb Ab Bbm Bbm⁷ Bbm⁶ Eb⁷/Bb Fm Eb²/F Eb Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain N.C. D^b A^b D^b Fm C Cm Fm Bbm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Bbm⁷ Fm A^b Bbm Bbm⁷ C sus Cm Fm

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

TEXT: Peter Scholtes; based on John 13:35
 MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S
 Irregular meter