

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 3, 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 Carolyn Groff / 11 am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, September 3, 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: *"Peace Like a River"* arr. H. Colvin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.

**People: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*HYMN *"How Firm a Foundation"* No. 361

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you provide us with your Word that shows us the way. We confess that we don't spend enough time reading your Word and so we are confused by what we are to do. We confess that in our ignorance we sin by not knowing you well enough. Forgive us for thinking we have all we need in our own power. Teach us again what it means to love you and serve you as Lord and Savior. 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 Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 8:5-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Welcome!

8:30 AM Service

SERMON "Prayer, SCRIPTURE (1), Action" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "Standing on the Promises" Insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY "Improvisation on SLANE" G. Young

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Lord, To Thee I Call in Prayer" J. Pachelbel

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Welcome!

11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*I Believe
At Your Name
Send Your Rain*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:5-9
1 Timothy 4:11-16

Sermon

Prayer, SCRIPTURE (1), Action

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Closing Song:

Same God

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, September 10, 2023

1st Scripture: II Chronicles 7:12-18 • 2nd Scripture: James 5:13-18

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 3

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 • No meeting this Sunday

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

Monday, September 4

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on this day.

Tuesday, September 5

2 pm Food Pantry

6 pm Christian Education - Fellowship Hall

7 pm Worship Committee - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, September 6

1 pm Knifty Knitters - Rm 6

3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

6 pm Kids Clubhouse

7 pm Deacons Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, September 7

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>

7 pm Nominating Committee Meeting - Library

Friday, September 8

2 pm Food Pantry

6 pm Our Table - FH

Saturday, September 9

10 am *Being in the Presence* Retreat - Fellowship Hall

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: Ken & Marcia Andersen. Host for next week: Terry & Joann Sweigart. 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!

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 **at 3pm** in the library. Pastor Bob will lead you on a journey to answer your questions and give you insight into the church.

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR- Chancel Choir (Traditional Service) Rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 7** 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!*

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**. There will be an informational meeting for the trip after church today, September 3 at 12:15pm in the library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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 and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of Strasburg.

MOVIE NIGHT - A movie night is set for **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. Everyone from our church family is invited to bring a friend.

PRAYER CHAIN - Would you be willing to help us in a vital ministry of the church? We need people who are willing to pray for those who might have an emergent need. The FPC prayer chain is tasked with praying for those who come to their attention that are in need of prayer. We need more people to be on the prayer chain. If you are interested in this ministry contact Pastor Bob.

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

- Lois Mellinger
- Colleen Emig
- Jackie Coble
- Vesta Herr - The Legend of Lancaster
- Bob Hartman - Recovering at home
- 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

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CLUBHOUSE VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to shepherd the Clubhouse children to their different activities. Clubhouse is like a mini VBS program that runs the first Wednesday night of each month from 6pm-7:30pm. Activities include singing, Bible stories, crafts and games. Please contact Beth Feiler or Amanda Allison.

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:

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.



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.

Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

ASSURANCE

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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: