

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Lynda Cornelia / 11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Welcome!

8:30AM Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:19-26

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:23-27

SERMON

"The Calm and the Storm"

Michael Wilson

*HYMN

"Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind"

No. 345

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Pass it On"

arr. Colvin

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Wedlock'"

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, October 15, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

MINUTE FOR MISSION Heather Reynolds – Great Beginnings Preschool

*Praise & Worship

*You Came (Lazarus)
Jesus
No Longer Slaves*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Celebrating Sunday School Teachers

Scripture Jeremiah 33:19-26
Matthew 8:23-27

Sermon The Calm and the Storm Michael Wilson

Offering

*Closing Song: *It Is Well*

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, October 22, 2023

1st Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14

2nd Scripture: Romans 8:24-27

Sermon Title: *"PRAYER (2), Scripture, Action"*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

From Psalm 46
Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Trans. by Jane Laurie Boethwick, 1855

FINLANDIA: 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for *The Hymnal*, 1933

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence, let noth-ing shake;
ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: thy
All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when

best, thy heav-en-ly Friend Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last. A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE

Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his Word, what a
2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a -
toil he doth rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a
all on the al - tar we lay; for the fav - or he shows, and the
walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he

bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
joy he be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
sends we will go; nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be

hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 15

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

Monday, October 16

7pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

Tuesday, October 17

9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Smolder Group

7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, October 18

9:30am Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

Thursday, October 19

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

9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5

6pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - FH

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, October 20

9am Toddler Gym - FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm 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. Host for today: Wayne and Fran Carr. Hosts for next week: IGNITED. 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.

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.

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



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY • Join us at **9am** or **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.

PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON • Have you been praying for an IGNITED student in 2023? You and your family are invited to the Prayer Partner Luncheon on **November 5 at 12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate God's faithfulness through your prayers, IGNITED students and their prayer partners will break bread together for the first time. **RSVP by October 22** to Kristin at 908-581-5050 or kristin@straspres.org

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**. Sign up 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 • 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.

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, picture books, 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 before November 12th.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS:

Please refer to the Harvest Home insert which listed our most requested items. 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.

The Women's Circles 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!

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please keep the following in your prayers

- Louise Witmer – Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley
- Ann Paparo – Hip replacement
- The family of Don Burkhardt as they grieve his death this past Sunday.



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

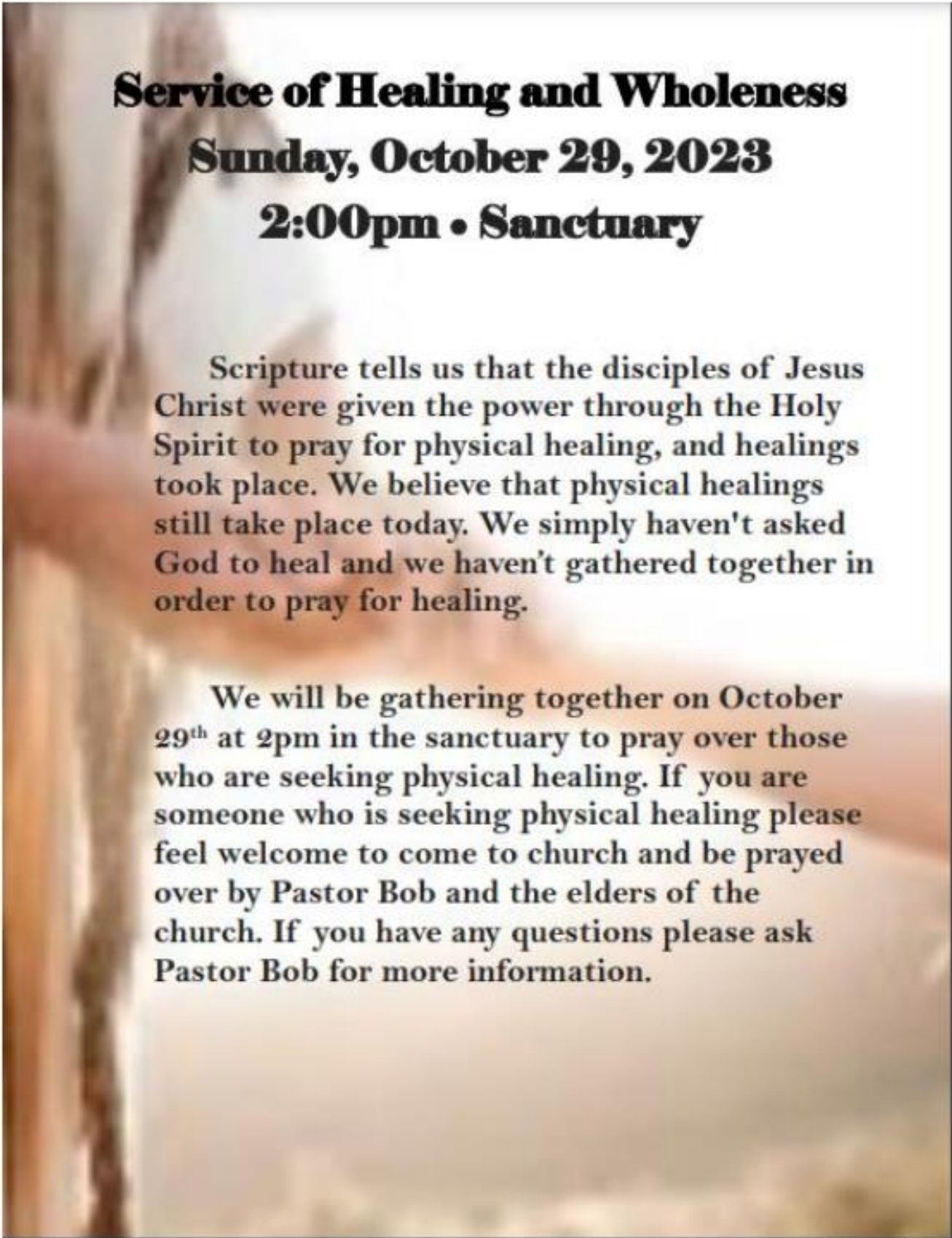
Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 29th or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.



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*



Service of Healing and Wholeness
Sunday, October 29, 2023
2:00pm • Sanctuary

Scripture tells us that the disciples of Jesus Christ were given the power through the Holy Spirit to pray for physical healing, and healings took place. We believe that physical healings still take place today. We simply haven't asked God to heal and we haven't gathered together in order to pray for healing.

We will be gathering together on October 29th at 2pm in the sanctuary to pray over those who are seeking physical healing. If you are someone who is seeking physical healing please feel welcome to come to church and be prayed over by Pastor Bob and the elders of the church. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Bob for more information.