

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 29, 2023
Reformation 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 Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Wayne Carr / 11am Alicia Eltman

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

*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 *"Adagio in A minor"* J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION Tricia Wilson – PSA

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of transformation and grace, on this Reformation Sunday we come before you today grateful for your claim on us as your children. We confess that we have sought out our own desires as we try to follow you. We have failed to see your Holy Spirit in our midst even as we seek out our whims. We ask for forgiveness and pray that you will never tire of rejoicing in your creation. 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 Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM *"Offertory"* J. Ness Beck

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Welcome!

8:30AM Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE

II Kings 22:11-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 3:14-17

SERMON

"Prayer, SCRIPTURE (2), Action

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Have Thine Our Way, Lord"

D. Hustad

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude on SLANE"

K. Norris

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Tricia Wilson – PSA

*Praise & Worship

*Head to the Heart
I Will Not Forget You
Center*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

Scripture II Kings 22:11-13
 II Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon Prayer, SCRIPTURE (2), Action Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song: *Build My Life*

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, November 5, 2023

1st Scripture: Esther 4:12-14

2nd Scripture: I John 3:18-24

Sermon Title: *"Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (2)"*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday

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 – Choir Room • Wired Word – Rm 6 • Young at Heart – Rm 3/4

11am **Worship** (Contemporary)

No Confirmation Class

2pm **Service of Healing and Wholeness**

5pm Trunk or Treat

Ignited Students • Trunk or Treat: 4:30 – 7

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

Tuesday, October 31

9am Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Smolder Group

7pm Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4

Wednesday, November 1

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4

6pm Kids Clubhouse

7pm Deacons Meeting

7 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, November 2

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

9:30am Creating Landmarks – Rm 5

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

Friday, November 3

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 "Events" 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: Barb, Donna & Steve Szczesniak. Hosts for next week: Don & Pam Johnson. Volunteers are needed. All volunteers will be reimbursed for their purchases. 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!

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER • Support the preschool, which has paired with Fun Pasta Fundraising and purchase fun pasta! Scan the QR code, take a look at the brochure in Heather Reynold's mailbox, order through a preschooler, or go to the website:



https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/great-beginnings-preschool_1694188521159

CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • Sunday, November 12th we will be celebrating the **191st birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with a brunch in Fellowship Hall after our first worship service (no Sunday School that day). We will share a delicious brunch prepared and served by our Outreach Committee and celebrate the faithfulness of Almighty God in our midst throughout all the years. A gluten-free/vegetarian option will be available. Nursery care will be provided **after the meal**.

THE WELL HAS REOPENED • Come to relax or socialize! It is a great place whether you are solo or with a friend.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT • TODAY • Join us with your children between 5-6:30pm! There's still time to have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. 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" 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 • Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7pm in the choir room**. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING • Every Thursday @ **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.

WINGS & THINGS • Gather at "The Tavern" Springhouse for wings, or another dish of your liking on **Sunday, November 5th @ 5pm**.

CHURCH WIDE RETREAT • PSA • February 23-25 at Black Rock Retreat Spend the weekend as a congregation as we pray, read scripture, act and have fellowship! Save the date and stay tuned for more details.

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 lists 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



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.