

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579*

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**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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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 Linda Lawrence / 11am Alicia Eltman

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, October 8, 2023

*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

*"Ave Verum"*

W.A. Mozart

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 20

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**People: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

\*HYMN

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

No. 387

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, you provide us with the way that leads to eternal life. We praise you because you set us on a course for growth and joy. Thank you for being our Shepherd who leads us and who makes the path clear for us. But we choose paths that have us walk alone. We turn our backs to you and think we know the better way. Forgive us for our stubbornness and deliver us from empty promises. 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

ANTHEM

*"The Lord Will Be My Shepherd"*

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

*Welcome!*

8:30AM Service

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FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 - NKJV

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:18-22

SERMON

"Where you go, I'll go"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

No. 343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Peace Like a River"*

arr. Colvin

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"*

No. 371

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in D. Minor"*

J. S. Bach

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

*Sermon Notes*

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*From The Inside Out  
Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me  
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture

Psalm 23 – NKJV  
Matthew 8:1-22

Sermon

Where you go, I'll go

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

\*Closing Song:

*I Will Follow*

\*Benediction

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***Next Week • Sunday, October 15, 2023***

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Jeremiah 33:19-26

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27

Sermon: *"The Calm and the Storm"*

Guest Preacher: Michael Wilson

**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



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 8

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

### Tuesday, October 10

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

2pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Personnel Committee - Library

6pm Community Impact Committee - Youth Room

7pm Outreach Committee - FH

7pm Smolder Group

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

### Wednesday, October 11

12pm Ruth Circle - Rm 3/4

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

6:30pm Trustee Meeting - Rm 3/4

### Thursday, October 12

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

9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Friday, October 13

9am Toddler Gym - FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

### Saturday, September 14

9:30am Martha Circle Meeting - Rm 5

## *Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!*

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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** • **Restarting Thursday, October 12** and 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**WELCOME!** We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

**CHURCH PARKING LOT CLOSED Monday, October 9** • The Trustees have scheduled the repainting of parking space lines and traffic flow lines/symbols for Monday, October 9, starting at 7 am, weather permitting. There will be NO parking in the lot until the work is finished that day. Please use Decatur Street parking during that time for church access. Thank you.

**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: Seth and Alyssa Gregory. Hosts for next week: Wayne and Fran Carr. 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](mailto: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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** • Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by Linda Lawrence in memory of her son, Jason Lawrence on his passing, October 10, 2002.



**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](mailto: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.

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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### 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS:

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

**Pasta/Grains:** Tuna or Beef Helpers

**Other:** Cereal



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](mailto: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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** 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 15<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your kindness!

**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY • October 29 •** Please refer to the list in the ad in this bulletin as a guide for purchasing and delivering food. The PW committee appreciates your donations. Thank you!

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

- Louise Witmer – Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley
- Ann Paparo – Hip replacement



*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**

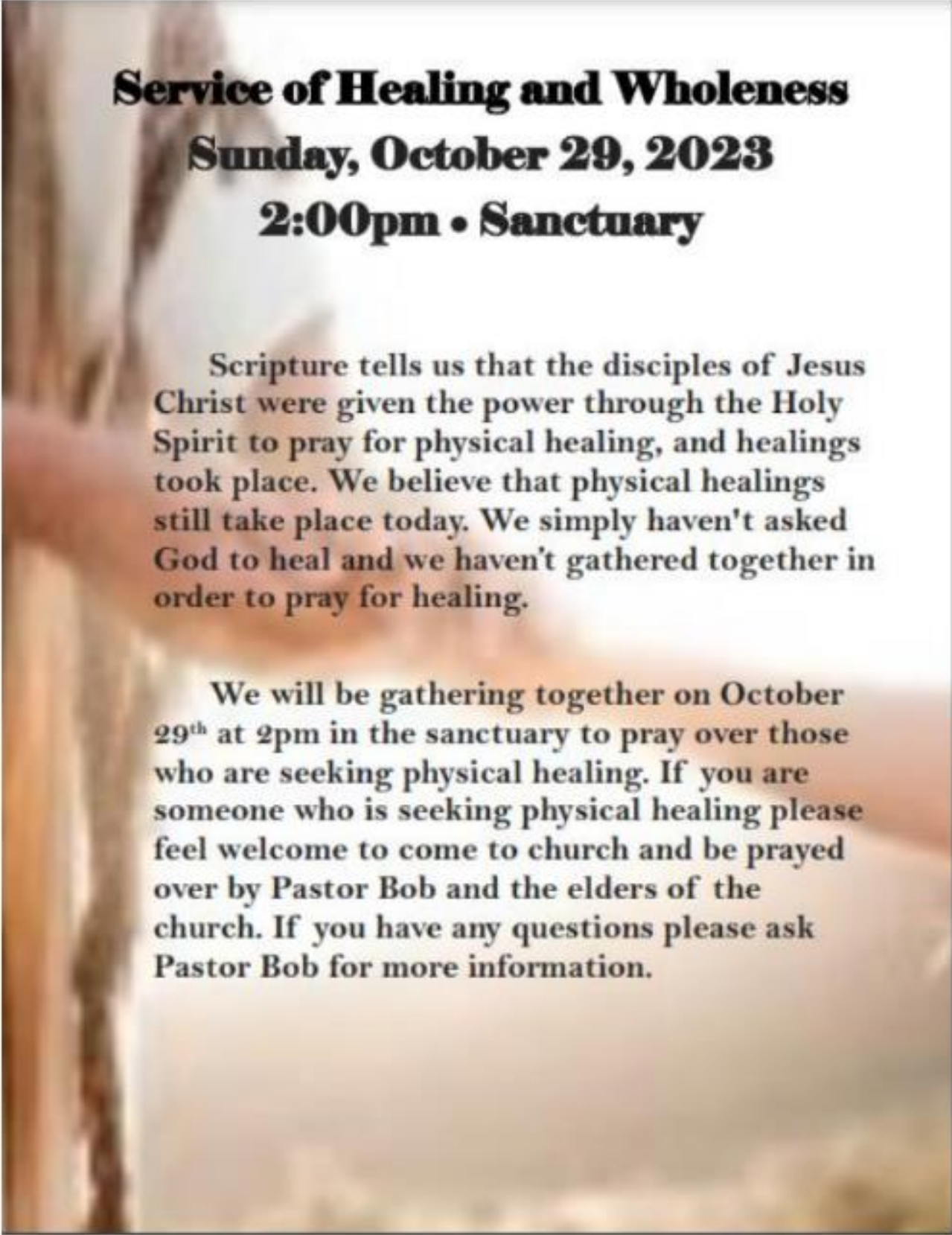
Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.