

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 12, 2023

First Presbyterian Church's 191st Birthday

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: 8:30am Lillian Myers / 11am Jeff Marsh

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

*"Fugue on King's Lynn"
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (Hyfrydol)"*

arr. Karl Osterland
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

No. 142

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of power and might, we know that you love us unconditionally. We praise you for how you are able to make the impossible happen in our lives. Even while we doubt your authority, we live in a world that seeks to stray from you. Forgive us for following the world and not seeking after your truth. Lead us always closer to you. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Madelyn Grace Welk
Delilah Rose Welk*

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 11:26-28

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:28-34

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

“When pigs fly”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 210

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Faith of Our Fathers”

arr. Kevin Sadowski

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

No. 262

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Sermon Notes

Next Week • Sunday, November 19, 2023

1st Scripture: II Kings 5:9-11

2nd Scripture: Matthew 9:1-8

Sermon Title: *“The authority of Jesus”*

Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*I Believe
Yes And Amen
Living Hope*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture

Leviticus 11:26-28
Matthew 8:28-34

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
When pigs fly Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song:

Your Great Name

*Benediction

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Memorial Poinsettias

Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please place this form, along with payment, in the offering plate, the Administrative Assistant's mailbox, or drop off in the church office mail slot.

Deadline for orders & payments: December 10, 2023

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 12

- 8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)
9:30am **FPC 191st Birthday Brunch Celebration**
***No Sunday School Classes Today**
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, November 13

- 7pm Mission & Finance Committee Meeting – Rm 5

Tuesday, November 14

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| *No 9am Women's Bible Study | 7pm | Outreach Committee Meeting – FH |
| 9am Presbytery Gathering | 7pm | Smolder Group |
| 2pm Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4 |
| 6:30pm Community Impact Committee Meeting – Rm 5 | | |

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

- 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/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzgg>
6pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting – FH
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

- 9am **IGNITED** Food Drive Sort – FH
2pm Christmas Shoebox Set Up – FH

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

*~~We are pleased to welcome **Donna Burkholder** as our guest organist this Sunday. ~~*

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY, JOIN US TODAY FOR THE CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Hosts for next week: Dave and Deb DiFranco. 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!

CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • TODAY we will be celebrating the **191st birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with a brunch in Fellowship Hall given in honor of our 50 year members. Come and join us as we eat together and reminisce about the church and its people and ministries. During this time we will also be dedicating the space that was recently renovated. Come and join us for 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. There is no Sunday School and nursery care will be provided **after the meal**.

THE WELL HAS REOPENED • Come check out the new furniture and relax or socialize! It is a great place whether you are solo or with a friend.

CHURCH DECORATING DAY • On **Wednesday, November 29th at 6pm**, we will be decking the halls and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the fun and help us to decorate!

SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE: Join us for a journey to the museum in DC on February 15th. We will be leaving from FPC on a charter bus at 7am and returning from DC leaving there at 3pm. There is no cost for the trip since it is sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Group of the Donegal Presbytery. If you are interested in going contact Pastor Bob.

LIBRARY NEWS • There are several new books, in addition to a series of books that have been donated to the library. Check out these new books located on the table in the library, as well as the books featured on the table right outside of the library. Coming soon – Christmas books!

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY • Our **9am** Bible Study will not be meeting on Tuesday, November 14th due to the Presbytery Gathering. Our last meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st. Our **7pm** Bible Study will be meeting for the last time for this session on Tuesday, November 14th. 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.

"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.

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.



IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE is on Sunday, November 19 from 3-4pm at the L-S Practice Field. Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) compete for the FFL trophy and bragging rights. Come on out to play or cheer from the sidelines! Bring a lawn chair and dress warm. We'll provide the hot cocoa, flags, and pigskin. Please RSVP to Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.

PRESBYTERY GATHERING AT FPCS • 9:30am • Tuesday, November 14th We will be hosting the Donegal Presbytery meeting here at FPCS. If you are interested in the inner workings and machinations of the Presbytery, feel free to stop by and witness what 49 churches gathered together are able to do. The meeting begins at 9:30am and lasts until about 3pm.

MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE • 4pm • Sunday, November 19th Join Christians from Strasburg at St. Michael's Lutheran Church as we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a community and give thanks to God for God's provision. This is sponsored by the seven churches of Strasburg in the Ministerium.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 19th will be the last day to bring in your shoebox items. Please drop them off in room 5. Help is needed on Saturday November 18th at 2pm to set up the shoebox items on tables. Please see Beth Feiler if you can help.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS: Below you find several items that we are in need of. Thank you for considering this request.

- Canned pasta (Raviolis, Spaghetti-O's, etc.),
- Peanut butter, jelly, applesauce
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam)



- Canned peaches, fruit cocktail
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Paper items such as toilet tissue and paper towels

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. **Today is the last day to collect these items!** We appreciate your kindness!

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
- Bobbe Ryder – Under Hospice Care at Mount Joy
- Michael Wilson
- Tim Ott
- Karen Cooper




November Deacons of the Month: Donna Stettler and Morgan Murphy

In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

50+ Year Church Members

Church Members

Date Joined the Church



<i>Elinor Rudy</i>	<i>04/14/1940</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>04/21/1946</i>
<i>Clayton Frackman</i>	<i>07/13/1947</i>
<i>Sandy Bernstorf</i>	<i>04/14/1949</i>
<i>Bev Wiker</i>	<i>04/06/1950</i>
<i>Shirley Douts</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Louise Witmer</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>01/11/1953</i>
<i>Don Welk</i>	<i>04/02/1953</i>
<i>George Pontz</i>	<i>04/06/1955</i>
<i>Don Burkhardt</i>	<i>03/28/1956</i>
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>04/17/1957</i>
<i>Mary Gulliver</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>04/03/1958</i>
<i>Charlie & Jo Book</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Lorraine Oliver</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Joyce Welk</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Lori Herr</i>	<i>04/02/1961</i>
<i>Jean Pontz</i>	<i>01/17/1962</i>
<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>06/15/1962</i>
<i>JT Eshleman</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Sally Reinhart</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Nancy McGuigan</i>	<i>07/14/1963</i>
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Harold Welk</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Peter Witmer</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Kay Straley</i>	<i>10/03/1965</i>
<i>LeRoy Welk</i>	<i>03/24/1967</i>
<i>Red & Gwen Bortzfield</i>	<i>12/31/1967</i>
<i>John Esbenshade</i>	<i>04/02/1969</i>
<i>Blaine & Shirley Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Linda Stoots</i>	<i>06/16/1971</i>
<i>Frank & Karen McCardell</i>	<i>04/18/1973</i>
<i>Mark Francis</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>
<i>Dale & Barbara Groff</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>

Thanksgiving

at Our Table

Doors open at 8:45 a.m.
for coffee, pastry,
and the Macy's parade.

Turkey, sides,
and desserts of all kinds
will be served around noon.

Please register:

Online - www.ourtable.church

Phone - 717-687-2888

Email - info@ourtable.church

