

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579*

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**Sunday, November 19, 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 Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Deb DiFranco / 11am Isla Marsh

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



Sunday, November 19, 2023

*Welcome!*

8:30AM Service

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SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:1-8

**SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

SERMON

“The authority of Jesus”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

“Victory in Jesus”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Mercies Numberless” from *Saul*

Handel

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

insert

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“With Horns and Trumpets” from *Water Music*

Handel

*\*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

Minute for Mission                      Kristin Kondratowski – Our Table

\*Praise & Worship

*The Glory Is Yours  
Do It Again  
Your Glory*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message                      Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture                                      II Kings 5:9-11  
   Matthew 9:1-8

Sermon                                        **SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
   The authority of Jesus                                      Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

\*Closing Song:                              *Great Are You Lord*

\*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 19**

8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am **Sunday School Classes**

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packaging – FH

11am **Worship** (Contemporary)

12:15pm Confirmation Class – Rm 3/4

4pm Ministerium Thanksgiving Service – St. Michael's Lutheran Church

**Ignited Students** • 3-4pm Family Football League – LS Practice Field

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

### **Tuesday, November 21**

9am Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Smolder Group

### **Wednesday, November 22**

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4



### **Thursday, November 23 – Happy Thanksgiving!**

Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving

12pm "Our Table" Thanksgiving Meal – FH (Doors Open at 8:45am)

### **Friday, November 24**

Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving

6pm Our Table – FH

### **Saturday, November 25**

9am Deborah Circle - Library

*Have a Happy and  
Blessed Thanksgiving!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us today in Fellowship Hall and each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Dave and Deb DiFranco. Hosts for next week: IGNITED. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

**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** • **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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!

*Next Week • Sunday, November 26, 2023*

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-15

Sermon Title: *"And be Thankful"*

Rev. Doug Friant, Guest Preacher

## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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**IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE is TODAY, 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](mailto:kristin@straspres.org) or 908-581-5050.

**MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE • 4pm TODAY •** 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.

**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.



**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).

**“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.

The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at **12:15pm on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The purpose of this meeting is to review and act on the proposed 2024 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect New Officers for the terms starting in 2024, and to review and receive the 2024 Ministry Budget.

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD • TODAY**, we will be packing shoeboxes at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

**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](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.

**USHERS** are needed for both first and second services. Please contact Andrea Petrokonis, [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com), Wayne Carr [waynec01@comcast.net](mailto:waynec01@comcast.net), or Linda Younger [LindaY@sunshinecorners.org](mailto:LindaY@sunshinecorners.org) if interested.

**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
- Tricia Wilson – Surgery on Monday
- Joyce Hollinger – Recovering from knee surgery
- 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.





# You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

## The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

\*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.

## Victory in Jesus

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came  
 2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing power  
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me

from glo - ry, how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry  
 re - veal - ing, how he made the lame to walk a - gain  
 in glo - ry, and I heard a - bout the streets of gold

to save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout his  
 and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear  
 be - yond the crys - tal sea; a - bout the an - gels

groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,  
 Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"  
 sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the  
 and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the  
 and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of

*Refrain*

vic - to - ry.  
 vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my  
 vic - to - ry.

Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me

with his re - deem - ing blood; he loved me ere I

knew him, and all my love is due him; he

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

# 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](http://www.ourtable.church)

Phone - 717-687-2888

Email - [info@ourtable.church](mailto:info@ourtable.church)

