

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 26, 2023

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 Marcia Anderson

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 26, 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

"THAXTED"

G. Holst

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story-- those God redeemed from the hand of the enemy

Leader: Some wandered in empty places, finding no place to settle.

People: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them

Leader: Let them give thanks to the Lord for God's unfailing love and wonderful deeds

People: for the Lord satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

*HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

No. 551

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Good and glorious Lord God, you are the Mighty One but are slow to anger and abide in steadfast love. You are the Holy One but are full of compassion and mercy. We give thanks to you for the many blessings in our lives. We are grateful for all that we have as individuals, as a community and as a country. Forgive us for times when we have been unsatisfied with our abundance but desired more. Despite all that we have, we can imagine more. Lord have mercy. By your Spirit, teach us to be content with plenty or want that our hearts might be full of gratitude and our lives might spill over with love. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-15

SERMON

“And be Thankful”

Rev. Doug Friant

*HYMN

“We Gather Together”

No. 559

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

arr. L. Smith

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

No. 145

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Great is the Lord”

D. Moore

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Head To The Heart
Your Glory
Thank You*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-15

Sermon

"And be Thankful"

Rev. Doug Friant

Offering

*Closing Song:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The 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: _____



ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Individual rolls of paper towels and 4 pack toilet tissue



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.

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

COOKIE BAKERS are needed for our Family Advent night on **December 6th**. Willing bakers are needed to bake a dozen or more Christmas cookies and drop them off in room #5 by December 6th. They will be served with hot chocolate during our Advent activities. See Beth Feiler with any questions.

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 – Recovering at home
- Tim Ott
- Karen Cooper
- Joyce Hollinger – Recovering at home
- Jerry Paparo – Recovering at home
- Carla Plomchok – Recovering at hom

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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26

- 8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
10am **Sunday School Classes** 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

Ignited Students • No Youth Group

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

Tuesday, November 28

- 2pm Food Pantry
7pm Smolder Group

Wednesday, November 29

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4
6pm Church Decorating

Thursday, November 30

- 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>
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, December 1

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table – 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 Rev. Doug Friant as our guest Preacher this Sunday. ~

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT • The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Myles Oliver Hohman, born to Brian Hohman and wife Laura Ryder on October 7. He is the grandson of Bruce and Bobbe Ryder.



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: IGNITED. Hosts for next week: Sue Schenke. 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!

THE WELL IS OPEN • 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 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!

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! Please reference the information and registration form included in this bulletin for 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.

“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 3rd.** 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.



FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT • Join us during Clubhouse time! ALL of you, young and not so young, are invited to come out and join the fun on **December 6th from 6 – 7:30pm!** Christmas stories, songs, and crafts along with cookies and hot chocolate will be on hand for you to enjoy. Hope to see you there!



2023 SANTA'S HELPERS

This year FPS will again participate in the Santa's Helpers Program by having interested members of the congregation purchase a specific gift for a child in need. The Santa's Helpers program began over 30 years ago when the founders discovered a family that could not afford to buy Christmas gifts nor a Christmas meal for their family. The program has grown into a non-profit organization which partners with the L-5 School District to provide Christmas for over 100 needy families. Our congregation joined this effort in 2011 and has purchased over 800 toys for children of needy families in our area since our participation began. To play a part in this valuable program all you need to do is:

- ❏ Sign-up to purchase a gift at the giving tree located next to the receptionist desk on either **Sunday, December 3** or **Sunday, December 10**.
- ❏ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
- ❏ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table.
- ❏ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
- ❏ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa's Helpers organization.

Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 17th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann or Terry Sweigart at 717-672-1427 or 717-606-6907.

PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, ACTION • CHURCH WIDE RETREAT

February 23-25, 2024

Black Rock Retreat
1345 Kirkwood Pike
Quarryville, PA 17566



Join the church congregation at Black Rock Retreat starting with dinner on Friday evening and ending with worship on Sunday morning at Black Rock. This is for everyone! Singles, couples, families with little kids and families with big kids! We will be offering activities and events that are focused on Prayer, Scripture and Action, as well as have plenty of opportunity for fellowship and fun!

	<u>Church Cost</u>	<u>Subsidized Cost</u>
Individual w/double occupancy	\$200	\$125
Couple – Single occupancy	\$400	\$250 (per couple)
Couple – Double occupancy	\$275	\$125 (per couple)
Family of 3	\$475	\$250
Family of 4	\$550	\$250
Family of 5	\$625	\$250
Family of 6	\$700	\$250

*Includes 2 nights and 5 meals. *More funding is available if needed.

**Please contact Pastor Bob or Alice Eisenhooth at (717) 725-2675, or ameisenhooth@gmail.com with any questions.



*Registration and payment due by Sunday, January 7th. Please turn in the form below along with payment to Nicole Keays, Office Administrator.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Number of attendees in group: _____

Registering as a (check category below):

Individual—double occupancy room

Sharing a room with: _____

Couple—single occupancy room

Couple—double occupancy room

Sharing a room with: _____

Family of 3

Family of 4

Family of 5

Family of 6