

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 5, 2023

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Clayton Frackman / 11am Ali Elias-Lizardo

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 5, 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

*"O Lord, Most Holy"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

Frank, arr. Broughton
arr. Ness Beck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tricia Wilson - PSA

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the king of glory may come in.

*HYMN

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

No. 411

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God you have provided us with all that we need to live our lives as you would require. We praise you for your provision and your constant presence. Forgive us for being slow to act and quick to judge. Forgive us for not wanting to risk for the sake of others while we are very comfortable in our daily lives. Help us to obey your Word which requires that we act according to righteousness and that we act without delay. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:12-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE

I John 3:18-24

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Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SERMON "Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (2) Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "Take My Life" No. 391

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Good Samaritan" J. Horman

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Short Voluntary" J. Worgan (1724-1790)

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

Sermon Notes

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



Sunday, November 5, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Tricia Wilson – PSA

*Praise & Worship

*At Your Name
Build Your Kingdom Here
Take My Life*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Tina Dansereau

Scripture Esther 4:12-14
 I John 3:18-24

Sermon Prayer, Scripture, ACTION (2) Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Offering

*Closing Song: *You Say*

*Benediction

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Next Week • Sunday, November 12, 2023

1st Scripture: Leviticus 11:26-28

2nd Scripture: Matthew 8:28-34

Sermon Title: *“When pigs fly”*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 5

- 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
12:15pm Prayer Partner Luncheon - FH

Ignited Students • 6 - 8pm • Off Site - Contact Kristin Kondratowski for information

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

Tuesday, November 7

- 9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Christian Education Committee Meeting - Rm 5
7pm Smolder Group
7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
7pm Worship Committee Meeting - Library

Wednesday, November 8

- 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4
6:30pm Trustees Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, November 9

- 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>
*No Choir Rehearsal This Evening

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

- 9:30am Martha Circle - Rm 5

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: Don & Pam Johnson. Join us next week for our Church Birthday Brunch! 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 • Sunday, November 12th 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.

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: _____

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.

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.

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.

FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE • Get off the practice team and join the roster on **Sunday, November 19th at 3pm**. Adults and students will face off at the **LS Practice Field**. Share this with your friends and be sure to bring your starting lineup! Contact Kristin Kondratowski to RSVP.

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

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, 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:

During the month of October our Pantry has been extremely busy. We have provided three times the normal amount of food items to our neighbors. Our resources are at a very low point. Below you find several items that we are in need of. Thank you for helping us reach out to the community and help our neighbors face food insecurity. Thank you for considering this request. And a BIG thank you to all the pantry volunteers that oversee the desk during our operating hours.



- Canned pasta (Raviolis, Spaghetti-O's, etc.),
- Peanut butter, jelly, applesauce
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Paper items such as toilet tissue and paper towels.
- Canned peaches, fruit cocktail
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam)

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 12th. We appreciate your kindness!

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please keep the following in your prayers

- Louise Witmer – Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley

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.

