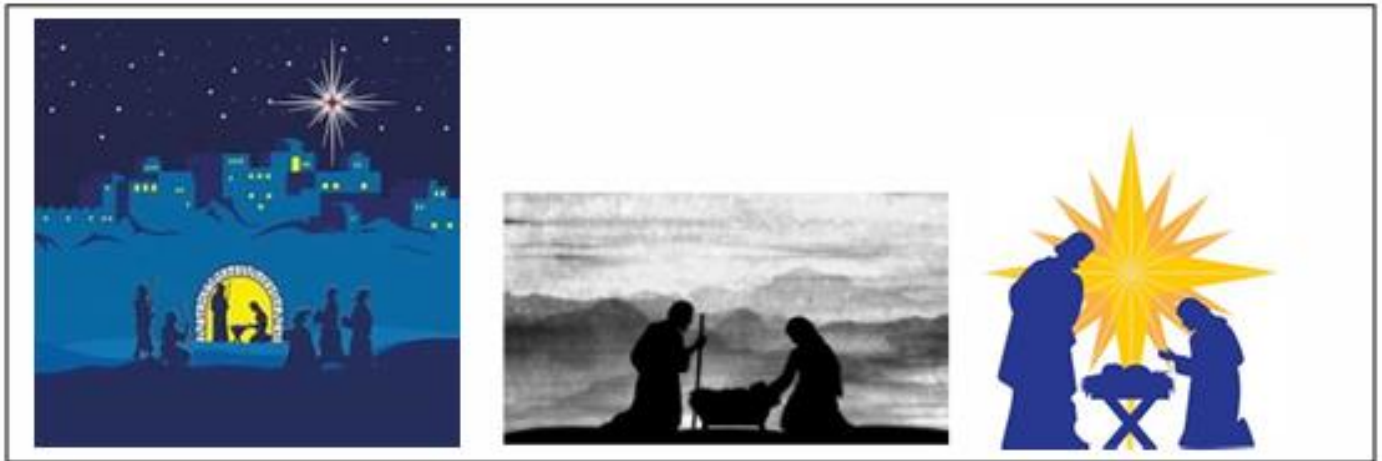


First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, December 31, 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 Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Ken Andersen / 11am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

SERMON *"A Father's Love"* Marcia Andersen

*HYMN *"Joy to the World"* No. 40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Greensleeves (What Child is This)"* Richard Purvis

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"As with Gladness Men of Old?"* No. 63

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"He is Born, the Divine Christ Child"* Michael Joseph

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

Sermon Notes

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*God So Loved
King of My Heart
Future/Past*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture

Isaiah 26:3-4
II Corinthians 4:8-9

Sermon

"A Father's Love"

Marcia Andersen

Offering

*Closing Song:

Getting Ready

*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 7, 2023
COVENANT RENEWAL AND THE BAPTISM OF JESUS**

1st Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 2nd Scripture: Matthew: 25:31-46

Sermon Title: *"Covenant Renewal"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Please contribute your tithes and offerings using one of the following methods:

- Place your contribution in the collection plate
- 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, December 31

- 8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages
Children's Sunday School (Grades K - 5) - R 12
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6 - 12) - Youth Room
Young Adults - Choir Room
Wired Word - Library
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

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

The church office is closed in observance of New Years



Tuesday, January 2

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Christian Education - Rm 5
*No Worship Committee Meetin
*No Smolder Group This Evening

Wednesday, January 3

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| 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library | 6pm Kids Clubhouse |
| 3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 | 7pm Deacons Meeting - Rm 3/4 |

Thursday, January 4

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
*No Creating Landmarks
*No Bible Study This Evening
*No Choir Rehearsal This Evening

Friday, January 5

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

Saturday, January 6

- 9am Deborah Circle Gathering - Bird-in-Hand Restaurant

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 Marcia Andersen as our guest preacher and Donna Burkholder as our guest organist this Sunday. ~~

About your Guest Preacher and fellow FPCS Member, Marcia Andersen: Marcia's Pastor until she was 30 was also her dad; he says she preached sermons to the seashells on the beach at age 2. This is her first non-seashell sermon (though she's spoken a couple of times to women's groups). She has loved Jesus all her life. She has been married 47 years to the world's sweetest man whom she met at her dad's church, and they have four kids and five grandkids. Being her dad's daughter also means that she has had the chance to meet Corrie ten Boom, Joni Eareckson, and Elvis Presley among others. She has been a Registered Nurse, an antique dealer, and most recently owned a 9 room inn in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. She and Ken have been at First Presbyterian for five years and they love it! They have been through a lot and God has been more than faithful through it all.

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: Mary Lou Butler and Lynda Cornelia. Hosts for next week: Tina Dansereau. 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!

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2024-2025 school year begins on **January 2, 2024** for First Presbyterian church members and current preschool families. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at hreynolds@straspres.org or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.

GIVING ENVELOPES – Giving envelopes for 2024 have been distributed to members' mailboxes. If you did not receive envelopes but would like to receive them or if you are receiving envelopes but do not want them, please contact Angie McVey at amcvey@straspres.org.

CHANCEL CHOIR – Chancel Choir (Traditional Service) rehearsals will be moving to Wednesday evenings starting **Wednesday, January 10th**; with the exception of the first Wednesday of the month, which will still be held on Thursdays. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

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! Registration and payment is due by February 4th. Please reference the information and registration form included in this bulletin for details. You may also register with the following link: [PSA Retreat Registration](#).

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!

CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING • We will be taking a short winter break and will **resume on January 11th** at 9:30am, in the New Year.

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.



UNDECORATING THE CHURCH • Friday, January 5th, we will be undecorating the church together to bring down the Advent and Christmas decorations. Come join in the fun at 6pm and grab some pizza while you’re here!

POINSETTIAS • Feel free to pick up your poinsettias and take them home or give them to someone who may enjoy them!



WINGS & THINGS • Gather with the men of FPCS at “The Tavern” Springhouse for wings, or another dish of your liking **every first Sunday of the month at 5pm**. Our next gathering will be **Sunday, January 7th @ 5pm**.

OFFICER/STAFF RETREAT • Friday, January 19th in the Sanctuary and Saturday, January 20th in Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Sunday, January 21st the church will have our annual meeting to elect two Members-At-Large to serve on the 2024 Church Officer Nominating Committee and review and receive the FPCS 2023 Annual Report.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned peaches, fruit cocktail
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam)
- Jelly, applesauce
- Single rolls of toilet tissue and paper towels

Monetary donations are gladly accepted. Kindly use the envelopes marked FOOD found in the pews. This allows the volunteers to purchase most needed items when our stock is depleted. Thank you for considering this request.



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.



Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- Bobbe Ryder – Under Hospice Care at Home
- Tim Ott
- Karen Cooper – Recovering from surgery at LGH
- Joyce Hollinger – Recovering at home
- Clayton Frackman – The Glenn at Willow Valley
- Fisher Family in the death of Steve Fisher Sr.



*The celebration of life for Louise Witmer will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11am, with a luncheon following.

December Deacons of the Month: Tina Dansereau and Heidi Zook-Payne

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, February 4th. Please turn in the form below along with payment to Nicole Keays, Office Administrator. If attending only for the day, please complete the form below and contact Alice Eisenhooth for meal cost and payment. If paying by credit card, please use the following QR code:**



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Number of attendees in group: _____

Registering as a (check category below):

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—double occupancy room	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of 3
Sharing a room with: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple—single occupancy room	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple—double occupancy room	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of 6
Sharing a room with: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attending for the day only (please check what meals you will be present for each day you are attending).	
Friday: Dinner _____	
Saturday: Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner _____	
Sunday: Breakfast _____	