

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Alice Eisenhooth

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

SERMON

"Hanging Out With Sinners"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Our Great Savior" (Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Meditation on 'Beneath the Cross'"

J. Southbridge

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace" all five stanzas

No. 280

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

arr. G. Young

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

God So Loved
The Father's House
Reckless Love

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

Scripture

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon

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Offering

*Closing Song:

Simple Gospel

*Benediction

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NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 21, 2024

1st Scripture: Psalm 9:1-2 2nd Scripture: Matthew: 9:14-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon Title: *"Go Do Something New"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14

- 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 - Library
Young at Heart - Rm 3/4
11am **Worship** (Contemporary)
*No Confirmation Class

Ignited Students • No Youth Group • Winter Retreat

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

Monday, January 15

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church office will be closed today.

Tuesday, January 16

- 2pm Food Pantry
7pm Smolder Group - Youth Room

Wednesday, January 17

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm | Session Meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |

Thursday, January 18

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5
6pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzgg>
6pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - FH

Friday, January 19

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| 9am | Toddler Gym - FH | 6pm | Our Table - FH |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Officer/Staff Retreat - Sanctuary |

Saturday, January 20

- 7:30am Officer/Staff Retreat - FH
1:30pm Session Meeting - 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.

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: June Stum and Sandy Wenger. Hosts for next week: Sunday School Kids. 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 began 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 –Rehearsals have moved to Wednesday evenings, 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!

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



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 • Join us again 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.



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.

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 **February 4th @ 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, as well as elect an additional Deacon as an officer.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY • Please mark your calendars that we will be starting new Bible Studies on **Tuesday, January 23rd**. Classes will be held at **9:00am and 7:00pm in Room 3/4**. All are welcome! The morning class will be using a new 7 session study called “Jesus & Women” by Kristi McLelland. The evening class will be using a new 8 week study call the “Sermon on the Mount” by Jen Wilken. For any questions please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Jelly, applesauce
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam)
- Canned peaches, fruit cocktail
- Hamburger or tuna helper

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. 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.



Sally Roberts will be 99 years old on January 17th. She would love hearing from members of First Presbyterian who remember her. Feel free to send her a card to celebrate her birthday. Her address is 14244 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

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
- Clayton Frackman – The Glen at Willow Valley



Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for Holly Miller and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother, Joy Leber.

January Deacons of the Month: Nancy Cummings and Joyce Charles

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

Community Aid turns your donations into funding for our programs here at FPC. Funds received from your donations will benefit the ministries of the following FPC programs: The Food Pantry, Community Impact Committee, Our Table.

A basket for clothing donations will be placed outside of the janitor's closet with a sign indicating donation drop off for Community Aid. We are accepting laundered clothing & shoes only. No other items can be accepted. Volunteers will routinely check the basket and take the donations to Community Aid and provide our referral code so the items can be credited to our account.

You are welcome to take your donations to Community Aid, 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. When you arrive be sure to provide our referral code (50055) to ensure, we receive credit to our account.

Future plans include holding two annual clothing drives! Look for information starting in Spring 2024. Any questions, please see Kristin Kondratowski, Alicia Eltman or Donna Stettler.



Consider sponsoring **Chancel Flowers**, a ministry the Deacons are pleased to provide. Sponsor one or two arrangements of flowers. Following Sunday worship services, you may choose to take the flowers home with you, or have the Deacons of the Month deliver the flowers to members that may be homebound, hospitalized or grieving.

Sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice on the "Chancel Flower Sheet," located on the table in the foyer. Complete the Chancel Flower form, located beside the sign-up sheet and return this form to the church office by Wednesday the week you are providing flowers.

1. Sign-up for the date(s) you would like to sponsor the flowers.
2. Complete the Chancel Flower form and turn in to the church office.
3. Obtain the flowers, either from a florist of your choice (request delivery the Saturday before the Sunday you are sponsoring) or from your garden.
4. The sponsor will be listed in the bulletin, along with the name of the person(s) and event, such as a birthday or anniversary they wish to honor or memorialize.

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary!



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:**



Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Number of attendees in group: _____

Registering as a (check category below):

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| <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 _____ | |