

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579*

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*www.straspres.org*



**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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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 Carolyn Groff / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

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



Sunday, January 21, 2024

*Welcome!*

8:30AM Service

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SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

SERMON

*"Go Do Something New"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

No. 525

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"In Humble Adoration"*

W. A. Mozart

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

No. 376

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

arr. L. Smith

*\*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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Sunday, January 21, 2024

*Welcome!*

11:00AM Service

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Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of Church Officers

\*Praise & Worship

*Graves Into Gardens*  
*Rest On Us*  
*Holy Forever*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture

Psalm 9:1-2  
Matthew 9:14-17

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"  
*"Go Do Something New"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Closing Song:

*God of Wonders*

\*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 28, 2024**

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1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Psalm 6:1-3, 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew: 9:27-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon Title: *"The Power of Faith"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 21

- 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)  
12:15pm Confirmation Class – Rm 3/4

**Ignited Students** • Combined Youth Group • 6 – 8pm – FH

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

### Tuesday, January 23

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4  
2pm Food Pantry  
7pm Smolder Group – Youth Room  
7pm Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4

### Wednesday, January 24

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

### Thursday, January 25

- 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/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

### Friday, January 26

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

### Saturday, January 27

- 9am Deborah Circle Breakfast – Bird-in-Hand Restaurant

## 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: Sunday School Kids. 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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### 2024 CHURCH OFFICERS

#### **Elders Installed**

Carolyn Groff  
Linda Younger

#### **Deacons Installed**

Ed Bredin  
Linda Bredin  
Barb Groff  
Pam Johnson

#### **Trustees Installed**

Jerry Paparo  
Dillon Sickler  
Steve Szczesniak  
Donna Szczesniak

#### **Elders Ordained and Installed**

Steve Hess  
Linda Lawrence  
Maggie Nadu

#### **Deacons Ordained & Installed**

Margie Beers  
Deb Welk  
Tessa Kondratowski, Junior Deacon

# Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • TODAY** we will have our annual meeting at **12:15pm** 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 two additional Deacons as officers.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>.** 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](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!*

**CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING •** Join us 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 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.**

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY •** Please mark your calendars that we will be starting new Bible Studies on **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 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

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### 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](mailto: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](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.

### *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



*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

**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





**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](mailto: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):

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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 _____  |                                      |