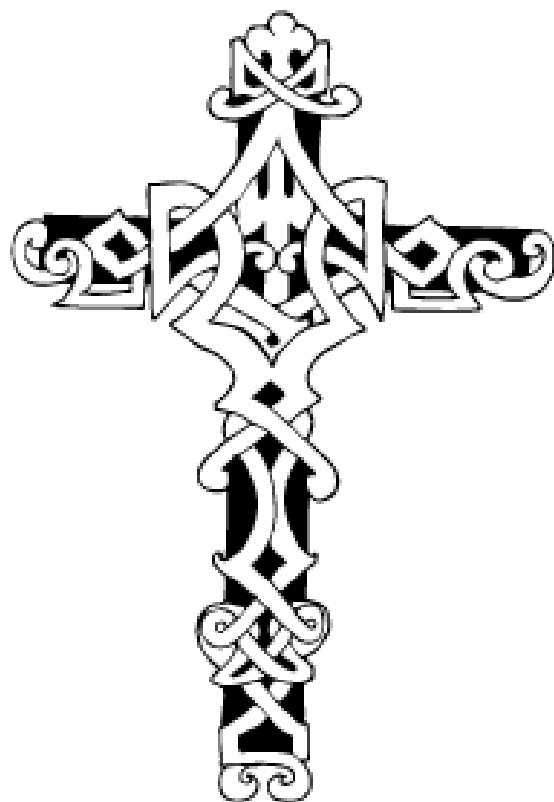


First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

(717) 687-6030

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Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth 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 Fran Carr / 11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

SERMON

"The Power of Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"In Faith I Quiet Wait"

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

No. 383

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"The Solid Rock"

arr. D. Hustad

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

Sermon Notes

NEXT WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 4, 2024

1st Scripture: Numbers 27:16-20

2nd Scripture: Matthew: 9:35-38

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon Title: *"Jesus the Good Shepherd"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Call Upon The Lord
Jesus
Spirit Of The Living God*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture

Psalm 6:1-3, 9
Matthew 9:27-31

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

"The Power of Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song:

Do It Again

*Benediction

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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



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
- John Kirchner – Recovering from surgery



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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 28

- 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** - **Mission Trip Interest Meeting (parent and student)** • 5pm – FH
- **Combined Youth Group (dinner provided)** • 6 – 8pm – FH
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Nursery Time: Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays • 9am – 1pm

Tuesday, January 30

- 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 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- 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, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

- 10am Communion Training/Refresher for Officers – Fellowship Hall Kitchen

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: IGNITED. Hosts for next week: David & Jim Witmer and Donna Burkholder. 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 is open for church members and current preschool families, and will be open to the public on February 1st. 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.

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS will be held this summer from July 14th through the 19th. I am looking for many volunteers to make this another great year! If you are interested in volunteering in any way during this event or being on a planning or decorating committee please attend the meeting on **February 18th at 12pm in Fellowship Hall**. Lunch will be provided and kids are welcome. Please see Beth Feiler for any questions or concerns.

HELP US WITH COMMUNION PREP - If you are a current or past Deacon or a ruling elder and would like to take part in this ministry of the church, we will have a "refresher" session on **Saturday, February 3rd @ 10 am in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall**. Not much has changed, but we would like to offer this as a review and a time for any questions. Please contact Donna Stettler with any questions or concerns.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY • **Sunday, February 11** - Our church will be participating in **The Souper Bowl of Caring** campaign, which utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in our communities. Our children's ministry will be collecting canned goods and/or monetary donations before and after both services on February 11th. All donations will go to our own food bank. Let's see if we can get everyone who is going to watch the Big Game to make a donation.

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 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**.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY • Join us on Tuesday’s for Bible Study at **9:00am or 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALK/RUN GROUP • Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) we will meet at the Church parking lot at 5:25am and take off at 5:30am sharp. We will embark on 3, one mile loops through town, each loop ending at the church before starting the next. All are welcome! You can walk, run, or both. You can do 1, 2, or all 3 miles and then some! Questions, or to be added to the text message update group please contact Dillon Sickler at 484-467-1587.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-Jelly, applesauce -Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam) -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 or Wayne Carr waynec01@comcast.net if interested.

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 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 new wall racks by the welcome desk. Complete the yellow Chancel Flower form, and return this form to the church office by Wednesday the week you are providing flowers.

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary!

LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

Lent is almost upon us! Join us for weekly services here at First Presbyterian Church offered by the Strasburg Ministerium.



Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

◆ 6am with ashes

◆ 12pm - Strasburg Mennonite Church

◆ 6pm with ashes

12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule with lunch

February 21 Wesley United Methodist Church

March 6

Acts Covenant Fellowship

February 28 High View Church of God,

March 13

St. Michael's Lutheran

March 20

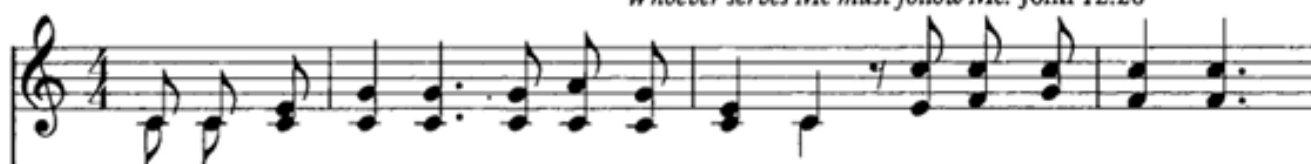
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**All services will be held in the sanctuary here at First Presbyterian Church.*

**The noon services will be followed by a luncheon. Join us!*

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 376

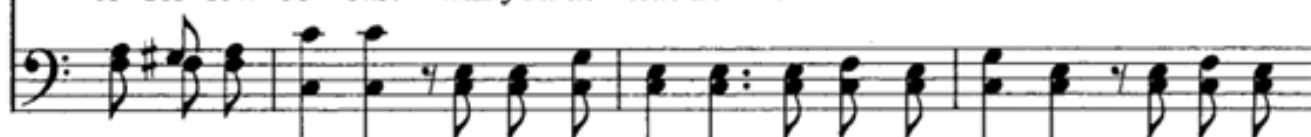
Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing
I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low,
to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?



back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.



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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):

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

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 _____