

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

COVENANT RENEWAL AND THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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 Lynda Cornelia/ 11am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Gustav Holst,
arr. Allen Orton Gibbs

"Fantasia on 'We Three Kings'"

John Henry Hopkins,
arr. John S. Dixon

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The newborn Christ is with us

People: **Praise the Lord.**

*HYMN

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 210

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, our Covenant Friend, You have given us life and reason. You have given us light, but we continue to long for darkness. You promise to be by our side but we flee from You. Your patience is never-ending but we get restless when things don't go our way. You are a rock of strength but we decide to build our lives on the sand. Forgive us and remind us that through Your birth You have given us life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

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Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SERMON

"Covenant Renewal"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 455

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Brightest and Best (Morning Star)"

James Proctor Harding,
arr. Robert A. Hobby

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn"

John Wainwright,
arr. Flor Peeters

**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

*Yes And Amen
I Believe
Center*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"Covenant Renewal"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Closing Song:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Benediction

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**NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 14, 2024
MLK WEEKEND AND CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

1st Scripture: Hosea 5:15-6:6

2nd Scripture: Matthew: 9:9-13

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon Title: *"Hanging Out With Sinners"*

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, January 7

- 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
6pm Wings n' Things - The Tavern at Springhouse

Ignited Students • Combined Youth Group • 6 - 8pm - FH

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

Monday, January 8

- 7pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

Tuesday, January 9

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| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Outreach Committee - FH |
| 5:30pm | Personnel Committee - Library | 7pm | Smolder Group - Youth Room |
| 6:30pm | Community Impact Committee - Rm 5 | | |

Wednesday, January 10

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 6:30pm | Trustees Meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |

Thursday, January 11

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5
*No Bible Study This Evening

Friday, January 12

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| 9am | Toddler Gym - FH | 6pm | Our Table - FH |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | Ignited Winter Retreat * January 12 - 14 |

Saturday, January 13

- 9am Martha Circle Gathering - Rm 5
10am Being in the Presence - Rm 3/4

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 Donna Burkholder as our guest organist this Sunday. ~~



The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Charlotte Diane Lainhoff, born on Saturday, December 30, 2023 to Chris and Kyle Lainhoff.

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: Tina Dansereau. Hosts for next week: June Stum and Sandy Wenger. 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 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!

BEING IN THE PRESENCE • Join us on **Saturday, January 13th @ 10am**, as we gather to pray together as a congregation in Room 3/4. Carole Turano will lead us in a time of guided prayer as we continue our pursuit of Christ as faithful disciples.

CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING • Join us as we resume on **January 11th at 9:30am in Room 5**. 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.

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 **TONIGHT @ 6pm**.

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

- Jelly, applesauce
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam)
- Canned peaches, fruit cocktail
- 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. 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



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

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:**



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Number of attendees in group: _____

Registering as a (check category below):

- Individual—double occupancy room Family of 3
- Sharing a room with: _____ Family of 4
- Couple—single occupancy room Family of 5
- Couple—double occupancy room Family of 6
- Sharing a room with: _____
- 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 _____