

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

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 Mary Lou Butler / 11am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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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

*"Jesus in the Morning"
"Prelude on DIX"*

arr. H. Colvin
L. Smith

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 487

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we come to you today confessing our sins. As a congregation we have sought out that which would build us up instead of building your kingdom. As individuals we have worked to provide for our stability, instead of working so that your glory would be seen through us. Forgive us, give us wisdom as we live and grace as we sin. We praise you because you love us in spite of our sin. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

Kristin Kondratowski

ANTHEM

"Great is the Lord"

M. W. Smith

FIRST SCRIPTURE

II Kings 2:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

"The Transfiguration of Jesus"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* No. 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"* arr. D. Bish

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* No. 276

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Recessional"* G. Blake

**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 18, 2024
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT + BLANKET SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 2nd Scripture: Matthew 26: 9:6-16

GOSPEL SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26
 Sermon Title: *"Jesus' Presence Changes Us"*
 Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Battle Belongs*

Prayer & Peace

Great Beginnings Preschool

Children's Message Kristin Kondratowski

*Praise & Worship *Head To The Heart
It Is Well*

Scripture II Kings 2:1-12
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon *"The Transfiguration of Jesus"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song: *A Mighty Fortress*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- Bobbe Ryder – Under Hospice Care at Home
- Tim Ott – Surgery on February 9th at Sloan Kettering, NYC



Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for the family of Clayton Frackman as they grieve his passing on February 7th.

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 11

- 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 - Super Bowl Party - 6pm - Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, February 12

7pm Mission & Finance Meeting - Rm 5

Tuesday, February 13

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 | 6:30pm | Community Impact Committee - Rm 5 |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Outreach Committee - Fellowship Hall |
| 5:30pm | Personnel Committee - Library | 7pm | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 |
| 7pm | IMPACT - Youth Room | | |

Wednesday, February 14 * Ash Wednesday * Valentine's Day

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| 6am | Ash Wednesday Service | 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 |
| 12pm | Ash Wednesday Service w/Luncheon | 6pm | Ash Wednesday Service |
| 12pm | Ruth Circle - Rm 3/4 | 6:30pm | Trustee Meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |

Thursday, February 15 * Museum Trip to Washington, DC

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

Friday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 17

9am Deborah Circle - Library

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.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Clayton Frackman, who passed into eternal life on February 7, 2024.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall and each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Colvin Family. Hosts for next week: The Fulmer Family. 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 are openings in March and thereafter. 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! 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. Rehearsal will be this upcoming **Wednesday, February 14th**. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS ♥ February is a busy month – Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, and President's Day. Do you like to celebrate these days?

On the library table you will find some appropriate books to read. Particularly for Lent. Enjoy, refresh your memory and spread some love around during February.

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! Although registration has passed, you are still able to join us! Please reference the agenda in this bulletin for details and reach out to Alice Eisenhooth with interest.



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.

WINGS & THINGS • Gather with the men of FPCS at for wings, or another dish of your liking **every first Sunday of the month at 5pm.** Our next gathering will be **March 3 @ 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 called 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.

TOOLS OF HOPE and BLANKET SUNDAY ~February 18 ~ Help us help our neighbors in need through Church World Service. They are able to provide blankets, health kits, school kits, cleaning supplies, baby items, and tools for gardening and digging wells to people here at home and all over the world who have been devastated by earthquakes, fire, floods, hurricanes, etc. Please pray about your contribution to this offering and make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with **“Blanket”** on the memo line of your check or online giving memo.

PSA • Black Rock Retreat • Itinerary

Friday, February 23

- 4 – 6pm Arrive and check in at Maranatha Retreat Center
- 6pm Dinner
- 7pm Worship and Getting to know one another Michael Wilson
- 8pm Sister Act

Saturday, February 24

- 7am Get up and Go! (Walking, running, yoga)
- 8am Breakfast
- 9am Worship and Getting to know one another Michael Wilson
- 10am Prayer Bob Bronkema
- 11:15am Getting to know one another
- 12pm Lunch
- 1pm Scripture Jen Eisenberg
- 2:30pm Action David Bronkema
- 4pm Laser Tag and Free Time
- 5pm Dinner
- 6pm Fire Pit and worship with s'mores
- 9pm Glow in the dark dodge ball
- 10pm Open gym

Sunday, February 25 (*room check out by 10am)

- 7am Get up and Go! (Walking, running, yoga)
- 8am Breakfast
- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Worship with Communion

**All events will take place in the Maranatha Retreat Center except for Sunday worship will take place in the Dogwood meeting room.*

**Even if you are coming for just the day please register so that we can get you a meal ticket.*