

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent



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WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Dale Groff

11am Isla Marsh

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

*"Adagio"
"Jesus, Lover of my Soul"*

Cesar Franck
Charles Wesley & Joseph Parry
arr. Alec Wyton

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

No. 78

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you pour out your love upon us even while we do not deserve it. Thank you for your continual presence while we walk upon this earth. Thank you for the promise of eternal life which has been sealed in the blood of Jesus. Forgive us for doubting the covenant that you have made with us. Forgive us for seeking out proof of your presence in ways that betray you. We come before you now humble on this first Sunday of Lent wanting to be in complete relationship with you. 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

Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:6-16

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Welcome!

8:30AM Service

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

SERMON

"Jesus' Presence Changes Us"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 101

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
African-American Spiritual

arr. Robert A. Hobby

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

No. 451

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Ithamar Conkey
arr. Wilbur Held

**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 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT • CHURCH WIDE RETREAT AT BLACK ROCK

1ST Scripture: Psalm 117

2ND Scripture: Matthew 26: 26-30

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

Sermon Title: *"Jesus Is Among Us"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 18 * Blanket Sunday

- 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
12:15pm VBS Meeting and Lunch - Fellowship Hall

IGNITED - Middle School: 5 - 6:30pm; High School: 6:30 - 8pm Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, February 20

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 | 5:30pm | Personnel Committee - Library |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 |

Wednesday, February 21

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| 9:30am | Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4 | 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 |
| 12pm | Ash Wednesday Service w/Luncheon | 7pm | Session meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |

Thursday, February 22

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5
6 pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

Friday, February 23

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

Friday, February 23 - Sunday, February 25

Church wide Retreat at Black Rock Retreat

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 Wells Ransom Gregory, born on Friday, February 9, 2024 to Seth and Alyssa Gregory.

Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by the Lainhoff Family in honor of the baptism of Charlotte Diane Lainhoff.

We are pleased to welcome Donna Burkholder as our guest organist this Sunday.

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 Fulmer Family. Next week we will be at Black Rock Retreat for our church wide retreat. 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 21st**. 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. We are 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 **TODAY, 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.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

TOOLS OF HOPE and BLANKET SUNDAY ~TODAY, FEBRUARY 18TH ~ 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.



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.**

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

-Hamburger Helpers or Tuna Helpers
-Canned Fruit (peaches, pineapple, oranges, mixed)

-Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
-Canned vegetables (peas, potatoes, carrots or mixed vegetables)

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 as well as during Sunday School. If able to lend a helping hand, please contact Amy Black at ablack@straspres.org or 717-224-3036. The sign-up sheet is located on the new wall racks by the welcome desk. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you, and consider volunteering monthly! Your help is appreciated!

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. 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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We have started to collect items for this year's shoeboxes. For the month of February we are collecting winter hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and baseball caps. The collection bin will be outside of room 5.

LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

Join us for weekly services here at First Presbyterian Church offered by the Strasburg Ministerium.



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	Waypoint

**All services will be held in the sanctuary here at First Presbyterian Church. The noon services will be followed by a luncheon. Join us!*

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.*

IF: 2024

GLOBAL EVENT FOR WOMEN

**MARCH
22 & 23**

**6-9P FRI
9A-4P SAT**

FIRST PRES. STRASBURG

\$20 REGISTRATION

CONTACT KRISTIN@STRASPRES.ORG FOR DETAILS

I can attend the entire event.

I can attend Friday only.

I can attend Saturday only.

Full Name _____

Phone Number _____

*Place this card in Kristin Kondratowski's mailbox
or turn in to Kristin along with registration fee.*