

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth 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 Angie McVey / 11am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

*HYMN *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* No. 298

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* arr. J. Carter

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* 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 11, 2024
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD • PRESCHOOL SUNDAY • SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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

Sermon Title: *"The Transfiguration of Jesus"*
 Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Same God
God I Look To You
Good To Me*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture

Numbers 27:16-20
Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: "MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

"Jesus the Good Shepherd"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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
- Clayton Frackman – The Glen at Willow Valley
- Ed Rankin, Father of Justine Colvin – Surgery this week

Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for the family of Karen Cooper as they grieve her passing on January 28th.

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 4

- 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
5pm Wings n' Things - Bespoke Brewing

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

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

Tuesday, February 6

- 9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Christian Education Meeting - Rm 5
7pm Smolder Group - Youth Room
7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
7pm Worship Committee - Library

Wednesday, February 7

- 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4
6pm Kids Clubhouse
7pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, February 8

- 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>
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, February 9

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

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. Hosts for today: David, Jim & Peter Witmer and Donna Burkholder. Hosts for next week: The Colvin 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! There will be an open house on Tuesday, February 6, from 5:30-6:30pm. 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 **Thursday, February 8th**. 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! **Registration and payment is due by TODAY, 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.

WINGS & THINGS • Gather with the men of FPCS at Bespoke Brewing for wings, or another dish of your liking **every first Sunday of the month at 5pm.** Our next gathering will be **TODAY @ 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 ~ Save the date and stay tuned on how to 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.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY • Sunday, February 11 - Our church will be participating in **The Souper Bowl of Caring** campaign. to help fight hunger and poverty in our communities. We hope that you will take part in this along with our children's ministry, who will be collecting canned goods and/or monetary donations at both doors to the sanctuary 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.

***Please consider donating some of our most requested items:**

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Hamburger Helpers or Tuna Helpers
- Canned tomato sauce
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pineapple, oranges, mixed)

*We currently have a surplus of green beans and corn so other vegetables are always welcomed. (canned peas, potatoes, carrots or mixed vegetables)

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. 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 will start to collect items for this year's shoeboxes. In February we will collect winter hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and baseball caps. The collection bin will be outside of room 5.

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

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!*

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):

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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: _____ | |

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 _____

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	Carole Turano
11:15am	Getting to know one another	
12pm	Lunch	
1pm	Scripture	TBD
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	TBD
10am	Worship	

**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.*