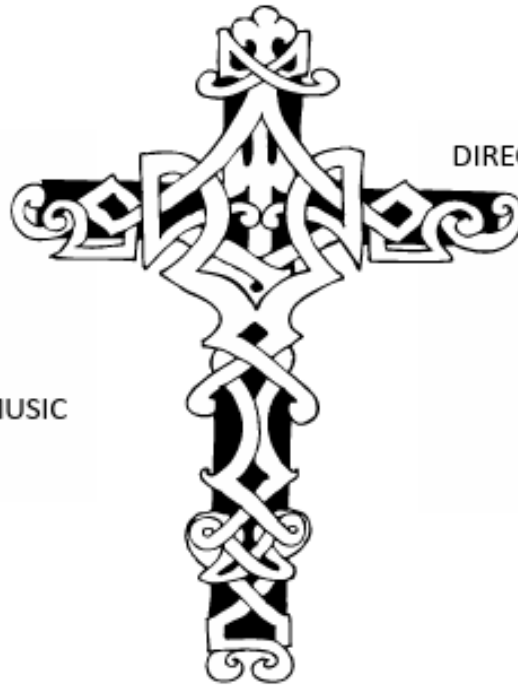


Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent



PASTOR

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Pam Johnson

11am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 3, 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 *"Voluntary on 'Olivet'"* G. Young

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION IF Gathering Kristin Kondratowski

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

*HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* No. 420

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Jesus, you acted out of mercy and compassion when you healed the sick. You gave time to those who had no one to lean on. Jesus, your grace overwhelmed those who received both physical and spiritual food from you. Forgive us for our actions that are self-serving. When we reach out our hand it is to receive because we demand rather than to give because we love. Lead us back to your way of doing things. 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 Ali Elias

ANTHEM *"And No Bird Sang"* D. Wagner

FIRST SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

SERMON *"Jesus Acting Among Us"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Welcome!

8:30am Service

*HYMN *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Chorale Prelude on 'O Sacred Head'"* F. Peeters

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Carrilon Toccata"* D. Wagner

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

Sermon Notes

NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 10, 2024

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Scripture: Psalm 42:1-6

2nd Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-46

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

Sermon Title: *"Jesus In Agony"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

IF Gathering

Danielle Marsh

*Praise & Worship

*Rest On Us
Always Good
King Of Heaven*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias

Scripture

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

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

"Jesus Acting Among Us"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Closing Song

Jesus We Love You

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Tim Ott – Recovering at home

Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for the family of Bruce Gerlach as they grieve the passing of his father.

March Deacons of the Month: Robin Kendlehart and Margie Beers

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 3

- 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)
5pm Wings n' Things - "The Tavern" at Springhouse

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

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

Tuesday, March 5

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Worship Committee - Library |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4 |
| 6pm | CE Meeting - Rm 5 | | |

Wednesday, March 6

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| 12pm | Lenten Service w/Luncheon | 6pm | Kid's Clubhouse |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm | Deacons Meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 | | |

Thursday, March 7

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
6pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZgg>
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, March 8

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

Friday, March 8 - Saturday March 9

Confirmation Retreat

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



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: Wayne & Fran Carr. Next week hosts: Joyce Charles, Margie Beers, and Robin Kendlehart. 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 **Thursday, March 7th**. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE in 78 hours. Sign up to read through the bible for an hour (or more) here at FPCS. From 6am, Tuesday, March 26th – 11am, Friday, March 29th we need volunteers to read for one hour in the Sanctuary here at church. Please sign up on the green sign-up sheets located on the welcome desk.

Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flowers to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one. You may take your flowers if you wish, after the 11am service on Easter. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox or drop off in the church office mail slot. Deadline for orders & payments is **Wednesday, March 13th**. Flowers are all 6" pots and include foil.

Name: _____

No. of Easter Lilies @ \$12: _____

No. of Tulips @ \$8: _____

No. of Hyacinths @ \$8: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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 • We are taking a break for several weeks. Watch the bulletin for notice of restart!

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

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.

This year we will be celebrating **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** on **Palm Sunday, March 24th**. It is a yearly special offering that helps the Presbyterian Church (USA) reach out to millions of people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Stuffing Easter Eggs: We will be stuffing Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, March 24th** right after the second service in **Fellowship Hall**. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet under the TV by the welcome area. We need lots of hands to help and lunch will be provided. Also, you will find a sign-up sheet under the TV in the welcome area for items needed to fill the eggs. Please have all donations back to the welcome area by Friday, March 22nd. All items should be individually wrapped and nut free.

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

March 6	Acts Covenant Fellowship
March 13	St. Michael’s Lutheran
March 20	First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



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

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned pasta (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli)
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Hamburger/Tuna Helpers
- Canned tomato sauce
- Canned vegetables (peas, potatoes, carrots or mixed vegetables)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pineapple, oranges, mixed)



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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will be collecting small toys such as balls, Slinkys, dolls, puzzles, tops, yoyo's, jump ropes, card games, crafts, cars, trucks, Legos, playdough, harmonicas. The collection box is outside room #5.

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 is placed outside of the janitor's closet with a sign indicating donation drop off for CommunityAid. We are accepting **laundered clothing & shoes only. No other items can be accepted.** Volunteers 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 Roherstown Road, Lancaster. When you arrive be sure to provide our referral code (**50055**) to ensure, we receive credit to our account.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help on Sunday mornings in the Nursery, Children's Church and Sunday School. Please consider and pray about assisting in these rooms and getting to know the awesome children of our church family. There are sign-up sheets located on the new wall racks by the welcome desk.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: There will be a sign-up sheet outside room #5 for anyone wishing to volunteer to help with VBS. Lots of spots available!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30 • 10 AM



Hippity, hoppity!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
and a chance to meet the

Easter Bunny!

Open to children ages 2 years
through the 5th grade.

Egg hunts are by age level.

*Crafts *Food *Games *Prizes

There is a sign-up sheet under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or to donate snack supplies.

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.*

Sunday, April 7, 2024
First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg
10am Worship Service

*Following the service, there will be a luncheon
for all the churches of Donegal to attend. You are invited too!*

**Join us for a visit of the Co-Moderator of the PCUSA,
Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace**



Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace was a classmate of Pastor Bob and Stacy at Princeton Theological Seminary. Following seminary they worked together with the Waldensian Church in Italy. She then served as an Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, PA. She then became Executive Presbyter of San Gabriel Presbytery in Southern California.

Ruth began serving as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in February 2014, making her the first woman and person of color to be installed in their more than 300-year history. She was elected as Co-moderator by the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA in 2022.

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace also serves on the board of The Presbyterian Foundation and recently completed her term serving on the board of Princeton Theological Seminary.