

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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 Robin Kendlehart  
11am Isla Marsh

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, March 10, 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

*"Cantabile on "HYFRYDOL"*

A. Jordan

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 35

Leader: Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant.

People: **Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all day long.**

\*HYMN

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

No. 455

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of mercy, you desire to walk alongside of us even while we find ourselves in the valley of the shadow of death. We praise you because you have given us deliverance and salvation. Thank you Lord, and help us to be grateful for our salvation. And yet we refuse to see your presence when we don't get what we want. We desire that which we don't need and we pursue that which takes us away from you. Forgive us and wash us clean 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

Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM

*"Lamb of God"*

M. Barnett

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-46

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

SERMON

*"Jesus in Agony"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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8:30am Service

\*HYMN *"As the Deer"* insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"* P. Manz

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* No. 92

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* 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*

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NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 17, 2024

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 26: 47-56

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

Sermon Title: *"Jesus Is Arrested"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

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11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship                      *Multiplied*  
   *Jesus Paid It All*  
   *Revelation Song*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message                      Tina Dansereau

Ordination of Church Officer      Steve Hess

Scripture                                      Psalm 42:1-6  
   Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon                                      SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26  
   *"Jesus in Agony"*                                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Closing Song                              *Man Of Sorrows*

\*Benediction

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**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 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> 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: Joyce Charles, Margie Beers, and Robin Kendlehart. Next week hosts: The Lainhoff 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 11am, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Consider sponsoring **CHANCEL FLOWERS**, a ministry the Deacons are pleased to provide. Sponsor one or two arrangements of flowers and 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 the form to the church office by Wednesday the week you are providing flowers. Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary!

**CARDS:** One of the outreach ministries of the Deacons is sending cards to members of our church family and friends of FPC. Should you have any cards you would like to donate to this outreach please leave either on top of the church mailboxes or in our Deacon mailbox.

**CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING** • We are taking a break for several weeks. Watch the bulletin for notice of restart!

*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.*



## 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](mailto: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!*

**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 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 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!*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	March 24	8:30am & 11am
Maundy Thursday	March 28	7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae	March 29	7pm
Community Easter Sunrise Service	March 31	6:30am - <i>St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E. Main St.</i>
Easter Sunday	March 31	8:30am & 11am



*\*All worship services will be held in the sanctuary.*

### **Sunday, March 10**

- 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)

**IGNITED • Combined Youth Group • 6 - 8pm - Off Site - Contact Kristin for details**

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

### **Monday, March 11**

7pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

### **Tuesday, March 12**

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

### **Wednesday, March 13**

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

### **Thursday, March 14**

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items  
\*No Bible Study This Evening  
7pm Youth Band Practice - Sanctuary

### **Friday, March 15**

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

**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



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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



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](mailto: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!

**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!

**CLEARANCES:** If you are planning on volunteering to help with any of our children or youth activities then you will need to make sure your clearances are completed. There is a link to the clearances on our church website under "Serve and Connect," or you can see Beth Feiler or Kyle Lainhoff for more information and help on completing the clearances.

**USHERS** are needed for both first and second services. Please contact Andrea Petrokonis [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com) or Wayne Carr [waynec01@comcast.net](mailto: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.



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Presbytery 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.

Ruth is currently serving as Co-Moderator of the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, for which she was elected in 2022.

Ruth currently serves as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, which she began in 2014, making her the first woman and person of color to be installed in their more than 300-year history.

After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, she served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, PA. She then became Executive Presbyter of San Gabriel Presbytery in Southern California.

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace just recently completed her service on two national boards: The Presbyterian Foundation and Princeton Theological Seminary. At Princeton, Ruth was the first woman of color to serve as vice-chair of the board. She is the 2023 recipient of Princeton Theological Seminary's Distinguished Alumnus Award and elected Trustee Emeritus of the seminary.

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## As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A

soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone

Em F#sus F# D A

may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.