

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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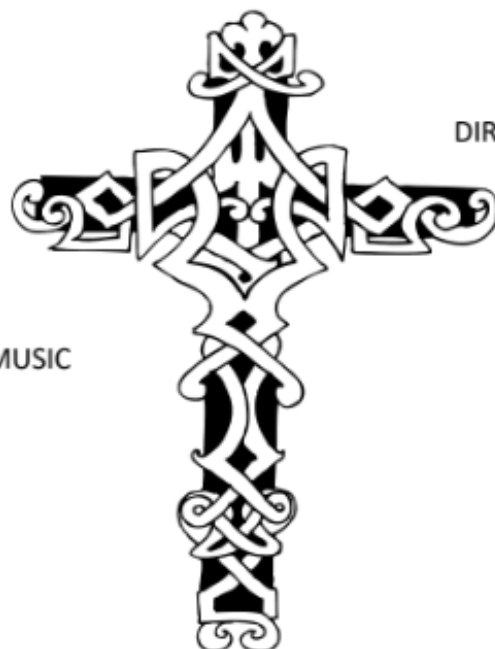
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WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Ali Elias-Lizardo

11am Andrea Petrokonis

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 *"My Song in the Night"* G. Martin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep.

*HYMN *"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"* insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Redeeming God, this season of Lent we are reminded that your love for us never diminishes. We often find ourselves conflicted because we love you and yet we are wary of the sacrifices that we think are required of us. Forgive us for only considering our costs and not being aware of how our actions impact those around us. We praise you for your steadfast love. 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-Lizardo

ANTHEM *"We Are One at Calvary"* P. Liebergen

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 50:4-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:47-56

SERMON SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26

"Jesus is Arrested" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

*HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (stanzas 1-3)

No. 97

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"He Shall Speak Peace" (fr. Messiah)

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

No. 78

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A minor"

J.S. Bach

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

Sermon Notes

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- Gwen Bortzfield

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.



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *I Believe*
 Build My Life
 Thank You

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Isaiah 50:4-9
 Matthew 26:47-56

Sermon SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MATTHEW 26
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Offering

*Closing Song *Wood And Nails*

*Benediction

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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 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,</i> <i>40 E. Main St.</i>
Easter Sunday	March 31	8:30am & 11am



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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 17

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

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

Tuesday, March 19

- 2pm Food Pantry
7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
6pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
6pm Food Pantry Committee - FH

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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| 9am Deborah Circle - Library | 9am IF Gathering |
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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.



Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by the Lainhoff Family in honor of the birthday of Maggie Lainhoff on March 19th.

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 Lainhoff Family. Next week hosts: IGNITED. 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 April 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, March 20th**. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

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.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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.

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!

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.

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 **April 7 @ 5pm at "The Tavern" at Springhouse**.

NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY + ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

1st Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

2nd Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon Title: *"The Highs and Lows of Being a Follower"*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

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

6-9P FRI

22 & 23

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 225th 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.