



# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579*

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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

*Palm Sunday*

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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: 8:30 Brianna Davis / 11:00 Linda Younger

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

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

*Welcome*

8:30 AM 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 *"Processional on 'Lauda Anima'"* D. Hustad

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

\*HYMN *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* No. 88

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving Jesus, you are our life, and by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death. Teach us to obey God's will in all things, and enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory. Forgive us for when we are not humble. You are our strength and yet you were despised, humiliated as a condemned criminal. Help us to love one another just as you loved us on the cross. 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

ANTHEM *"Fear Not, Ye People of Zion"* J. Paige

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON *"The Highs and Lows of Being a Follower"* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* No. 89

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Festival March"* R. Hughes

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 482

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *"Coro" from Water Music* G. F. Handel

*\*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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***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                    *Shout Hosanna*  
     *Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble*  
     *The Father's House*

## Prayer &amp; Peace

Children's Message                    Beth Feiler

Scripture                                 Isaiah 42:1-9  
     Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon                                 *"The Highs and Lows of Being a Follower"*     Rev. Robert Bronkema

## Offering

\*Closing Song:                         *Holy Forever*

## \*Benediction

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

*Palm Sunday	March 24	8:30am & 11am
*Maundy Thursday	March 28	7pm
*Good Friday Tenebrae	March 29	7pm
<i>At 6 PM, join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall before the Tenebrae service sponsored by "Our Table." The Good Friday service will begin at 7pm.</i>		
*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



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Palm Sunday, March 24 \*One Great Hour of Sharing**

8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30 am **Coffee Hour**

10 am **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

11 am **Worship** (Contemporary)

12pm **Easter Egg Stuffing**

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

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

### **Tuesday, March 26**

2 pm **Food Bank**

7 pm **IMPACT** - Youth Room

### **Wednesday, March 27**

1 pm **Knifty Knitters** - Library

3 pm **Stitchin' Sisters** - Room 3/4

7pm **Praise Team** - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday**

6:30am **Men's Fellowship & Devotions** - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

6 pm **Bible Study** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

6:30pm **Choir Rehearsal** - Choir Room

7 pm **Maundy Thursday Service**

### **Friday, March 29 - Good Friday †**

\*The Food Pantry is closed today.

6pm **Our Table** - *Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall before the Tenebrae service*

7pm **Good Friday Tenebrae**

### **Saturday, March 30**

10 am **Easter Egg Hunt**



**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](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: IGNITED. Next week hosts: Leo & Andrea Petrokonis. 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 April and thereafter. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

**STUFFING EASTER EGGS:** We will be stuffing Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt **TODAY** right after the second service in **Fellowship Hall**. We need lots of hands to help and lunch will be provided.

**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 **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. 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.

### NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 31, 2024 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

*Sermon Title: The Feast of Easter*

*First Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9*

*Second Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10*

*Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching*



## 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 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 table underneath the TV in the welcome area. If we are not able to fill the current openings and have less than 10 open spots, we will not be able to do this. Please sign up!



**TODAY** we will be celebrating **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!** 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.

**"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.

**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.**

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30 • 10 AM



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.

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned pasta (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli)
- Canned meats (chicken, spam)
- Canned Fruit (oranges, pineapple, fruit cocktail)



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.



**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.