



First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg PA 17579

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www.straspres.org

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Youth Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

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: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

*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*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Addy Black

RINGING OF THE BELL Connor Allison

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147 Jackson Allison

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God,
 for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
 his understanding is beyond measure.**

*HYMN *"Jesus, We Love You"*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Lucas Ely

Loving and caring God, you remind us constantly in Scripture that you will not leave us or forsake us. You tell us that you have great things planned for our lives. When we go to school or throughout our day we forget those promises. It is hard for us to focus on anything but what is happening in our lives. Teach us again that you rose from the dead so that we can focus on what you did in our life. Forgive us for not seeing your presence with us every single day of our lives. Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Maria Kondratowski

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE Garrett Thomas
[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Glori Fulmer, Mia Milowicki, Lola Nadu

CONFIRMATION

Promises

Creed

Bible

Confirmands: *Connor Allison, Lucas Ely, Garrett Thomas*

FIRST SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 34:11-15 Lucas Ely

SECOND SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:11-13 Connor Allison

SERMON *"The Plans God Has for You"* Gavin Elias

*HYMN *"See a Victory"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Connor Allison

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Connor Allison

APOSTLES CREED Garrett Thomas

*HYMN *"Head to the Heart"*

BENEDICTION Gavin Elias

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

Ushering: Jackson Allison, Rex Giberson, Trent Thomas

Greeters: Antonio Delgado, Nelson Delgado, Glori Fulmer, Lola Nadu

Band: Teresa Kondratowski, Sophia Kondratowski, Isla Marsh, Cameron Straley,
Kason Fasnacht

Audio: Evan Sauder

Media: Landon Giberson

Camera: Caden Thomas

Sermon Notes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14

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

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** (Modern)

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

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

Tuesday, April 16

9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

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

Wednesday, April 17

9:30am Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 3/4

7pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18

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

*No Bible Study Tonight

6 pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - FH

Friday, April 19

9am Toddler Gym - FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

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 are encouraged to remain in church today as there is no Children's Church so that we can enjoy Youth Sunday together.



Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by Robin Kendlehart in honor of our children and youth.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Ken & Marcia Andersen. Next week hosts: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. 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.

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.

PENTECOST • Join us in worship on **May 19th** and wear red to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Jerry Paparo – Recovering at home
Kay Straley – Recovering at home
Bill Hosker – Recovering at The Glenn

April Deacons of the Month: Ed & Linda Bredin
In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



DAY OF ACTION • Join us on **Sunday, April 21st** after the 11am service, as we gather together as a congregation for lunch and an afternoon of ACTION within the community and church. We are in need of volunteers to mulch, clean up the park, decorate bags and write letters. Sign up on the yellow sign-up sheets on the table in the welcome area.

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!*

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 **May 5th @ 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.



MULCH DAY • Join us on **Saturday, May 4th** beginning at 12 PM, for our Annual Mulch Day. Help is greatly needed to freshen the mulch on all the flower beds, both here at the church and surrounding properties. All are welcome! Bring any supplies you may have such as a wheel barrow, rake, shovel, gloves, etc.

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • DAY OF ACTION

1st Scripture: Malachi 3:6-12

2nd Scripture: Matthew 10:1-15

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: “As You Have Received, So Give”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

NURSERY NEEDS: The nursery is in need of goldfish crackers, baby wipes and Clorox wipes. Thank you for considering this request!

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 water color paint, chalk, crayons, colored pencils, small coloring books, markers, glue sticks, sticker books, playdough, small craft kits and stickers. The collection box is outside room #5.

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!



MILITARY PERSONNEL: The Deacons are gathering a list of active and retired military personnel for our records. If you or a family member is currently serving in any branch of the military, please place a note in the church mailbox of either the Deacons or Robin Kendlehart. You can also email Robin at prkendlehart@gmail.com.

If you are retired from any branch of the service, please include the following information using the contact information above.

- Name & Branch of Service
- Years of service
- Current address

Thank you for your help in recognizing these brave dedicated men and women.

The Board of Deacons
Caring Committee

Confirmation Creed 2024

Know God, know yourself, love God, love yourself.

We believe that God is our parent. God shapes and molds us into who we are today (Isaiah 64:8).

The Father, our Creator in heaven provides us with faith. The Father and the Holy Spirit create a path for us. The father sent the Son to us (John 3:16).

We believe that the son is 100% God and 100% human. Jesus left us some big shoes to fill and created a path for us to walk in and follow. Jesus created a connection with God. He died on the cross for our sins. Jesus is: teacher, healer, helper, protector, Savior, and giver.

We believe that God the Father, Holy Spirit, and the Son are one.

The Holy Spirit guides us. You can feel His presence. The Holy Spirit was there from the beginning and will be at the end. The Holy Spirit was present when Jesus was baptized. We believe the Holy Spirit is present when sacraments take place.

We believe that sacraments are a visible sign of God's invisible grace. They are holy actions which Jesus commanded us to do.

In baptism, we use water and the trinitarian formula. In baptism you are welcomed into the family of God. God chooses you before you choose God. Baptism symbolizes the washing away of sins.

In communion, there is a real spiritual presence of Jesus. We believe the bread represents the body, the wine and the juice represent the blood.

The church is where family and friends gather to worship God. With these believers, our faith seeks understanding (Acts 2:42)

We believe that the Bible is a gathering of writings by people affected by God and inspired by God. It is a guide to understand God and God's ways.

We believe we are confirming the promises our parents made when we were baptized.