

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Action

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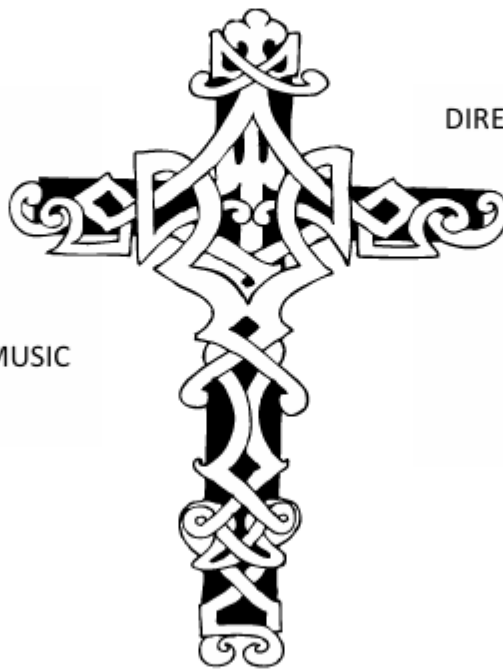
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Lillian Myers

11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

*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

*"He Leadeth Me"
"Amazing Grace"*

arr. L. Smith
arr. D. Hustad

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

*HYMN

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

No. 392

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of provision, we praise you for giving us what we need. Your Scripture promises that we will not lack, and all that we have is a result of your grace and your generosity. Forgive us for thinking that what we have is a result of our work or our deservedness, and not your gift. Forgive us for holding on so tightly to our possessions that we are blind to the needs around us. We continue to trust in your provision. 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 Danserearu

ANTHEM

*"Alleluia, What a Happy Day"
Soloist: Ethan Goss*

R. Schram

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:6-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:1-15

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"As You Have Received, So Give"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"As the Deer"* arr. J. Carter

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* No. 376

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Morning Trumpeting"* F. Ritter

**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
- Bill Hosker – Recovering at home
- Tim Ott
- Jerry Paparo – Heart surgery May 15th

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



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *This Is How I Fight My Battles
Called Me Higher
God With Us*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

Ordination of Church Officer Steve Hess

Scripture Malachi 3:6-12
Matthew 10:1-15

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: THE GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"As You Have Received, So Give"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise and Worship *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

*Benediction

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NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:12-18

2nd Scripture: Colossians 2:6-10

Sermon Title: *"Money Myths"*
Rev. Doug Friant, Guest Preacher

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 21

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
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** (Modern)
12:15pm Day of Action Lunch and ACTION

IGNITED - No Youth Group

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

Tuesday, April 23 *Election Day

- 9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
2pm Food Pantry
7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4
7pm IMPACT - Youth Room

Wednesday, April 24

- 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 25

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
*No Bible Study Tonight

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

- 9am Deborah Circle - Library

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 each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. Next week hosts: Terry & Jo Ann Sweigart. 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 May 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.

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 prkendalehart@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

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

DAY OF ACTION • Join us **TODAY** 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. If you forgot to sign up, it's not too late to join in the ACTION!



TODDLER GYM • Fridays • 9am – 10am (Sept. – May) • Weekly playtime for ages 1 – kindergartener with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. The last day of toddler gym for the school year will be Friday, May 31st. 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.

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

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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



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 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 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!



They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words & Music by
PETER SCHOLTES

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come,

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly Son,

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re stored;
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one;

And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know — we are Christ - ians by our love. —