

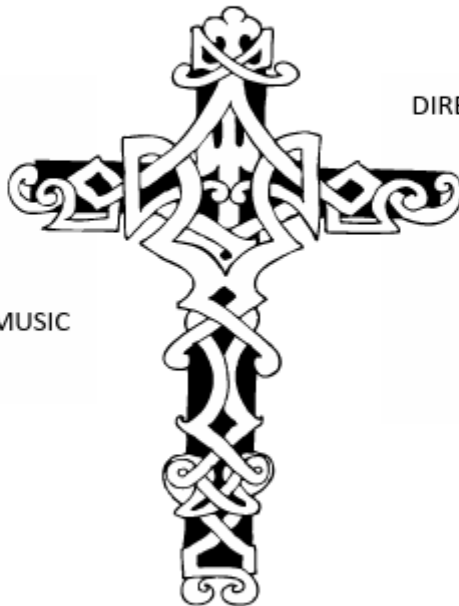
**This Sunday There Will Only Be
One Worship Service at 10am
No Sunday School**

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second 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 LEADER/READER
10am Marcia Andersen

WORSHIP: 10:00am

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Welcome

10:00am Service

*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

*"Thine Is the Glory"
"Morning Has Broken"*

arr. R. Hughes
arr. J. Southbridge

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

INTRODUCTION OF THE MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-5

Leader: Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!

People: Sing to God with joyful songs;
Tell of God's wonderful deeds!

*HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 420

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
RESPONSE

"The Goodness of God"

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

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 276

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristin Kondratowski

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Welcome!

10:00am Service

ANTHEM

"And Can It Be?"

arr. J. Martin

SCRIPTURE

John 20:11-18

SERMON

"Holding on While Letting Go"

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 525

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

arr. W. Winans

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving *(see insert)*

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Rondeau"

J. Mouret

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

Sermon Notes

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Leader: ...all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
forever and ever.

People: Amen

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 7

- 10am **Worship**
11:30am Luncheon Following Worship
5pm Wings n' Things – “The Tavern” at Springhouse

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

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

Monday, April 8

- 7pm Mission & Finance – Rm 5

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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| 12pm | Ruth Circle – Rm 3/4 | 6:30pm | Trustees – Rm 3/4 |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Praise Team – Sanctuary |

Thursday, April 11

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library – Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Youth Band Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

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| 9:30am | Martha Circle – Rm 5 | 4pm | Youth Band Practice – Sanctuary |
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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.

We are pleased to welcome the Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, as our guest preacher today.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. There is no coffee hour today due to having one service at 10am with a visit from the co-moderator of the PCUSA, with a luncheon following. Next week hosts: Ken & Marcia Andersen. 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.

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!



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 Well.

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 **TODAY @ 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.

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 14, 2024
YOUTH SUNDAY ~ CONFIRMATION

1st Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13 2nd Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-15

Sermon: *“The Plans God Has for You”*
Gavin Elias-Lizardo, Guest Preacher

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Jerry Paparo – Penn State Hospital
Kay Straley – Penn State Hospital
Joy Corey

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



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.

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

*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.

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!

