

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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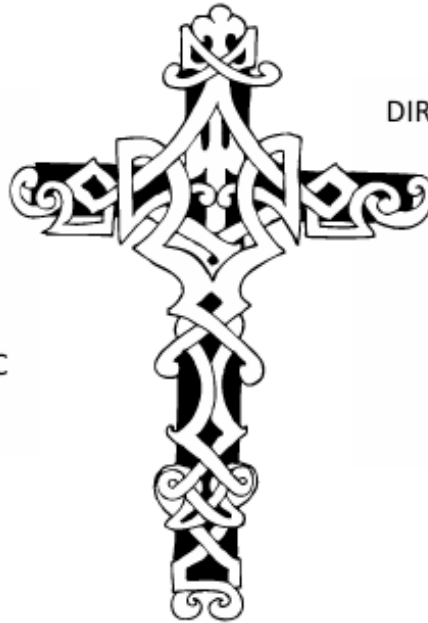
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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Carolyn Groff

11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

*"Consolation"
"I Am His and He is Mine"*

F. Mendelssohn
arr. H. Colvin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 38

Leader: But it is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

People: Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

*HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we are grateful that you desire to gather us as a mother hen gathers her flock. Forgive us for wandering away from you and scattering toward temptations that break your heart. We think that being in your safe presence might lead us away from the attractions of the world. And yet time after time you prove to us that under your wings you provide blessings that are new each morning. Call us back to your side and instill within us a peace that only you can provide. 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

Kristin Kondratowski

CHILD DEDICATION

Wells Ransom Gregory

ANTHEM

*"For Such a Time as This"
Tricia Wilson: accompanist*

J. Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:25-31

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Welcome!

8:30am Service

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"Carrying the Yoke the Lord Gives Us"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"It is Well with My Soul"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Prayer" from Hansel and Gretel

E. Humperdinck

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

No. 298

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Kyrie"

F. Couperin

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

Sermon Notes

Happy Mother's Day!



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Getting Ready*
 Mountain High
 God Of Our Mothers And Fathers

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Proverbs 31:25-31
 Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"Carrying the Yoke the Lord Gives Us"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Your Glory*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Gwen Bortzfield
Tim Ott
Jerry Paparo – Heart surgery May 15th
Janice Kane – The Glen at Willow Valley
The mother of Jen Eisenberg – In the hospital
Andrea Petrokonis – Recovering from surgery



May Deacons of the Month: Joyce Charles, Heidi Zook-Payne, Tessa Kondratowski
In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

WEEK AT A GLANCE



Sunday, May 12 • Mother's Day

- 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)

IGNITED - No Youth Group

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

Monday, May 13

7pm Mission & Finance - Rm 5

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

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| 9:30am | Sarah Circle - Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Session Meeting - Rm 3/4 |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Praise Team - Sanctuary |
| 5pm | Personnel Committee - Library | | |

Thursday, May 16

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
6 pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - FH

Friday, May 17

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

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.

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: Pat Hess and Theresa Rineer. Hosts for next week: Alice Eisenhooth. Volunteers are needed. There are openings in June and thereafter. 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 is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

LAST CHOIR FOR THE SEASON – MASS CHOIR! – You are all invited to learn the anthem at one choir practice, **Thursday, May 16th at 7pm; singing Sunday, May 19th**. Come! Join with us in joyful song. All ages and voice parts welcome!

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 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

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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. 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 **June 2nd @ 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.

Vacation Bible School: July 14-19: The registration form can be found on the church website under Learn-Children's Ministry-VBS. Paper copies can be found on the VBS table outside of room #5.



Memorial Day • Join First Presbyterian Church on our float in the Memorial Day Parade, May 27th. Walk along with us and represent the church. Free hot dogs will follow the parade and service.

NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST

1st Scripture: Joel 2:28-29

2nd Scripture: Matthew 10:16-23

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
Sermon Title: *“The Spirit of God Speaks for Us”*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli)
- Canned fruit (mixed, pineapple, peaches)
- Canned meats (chicken, spam)
- Dry Pasta

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese



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!

IGNITED PROGRESSIVE DINNER ~ It's Progressive Dinner Time for IGNITED Youth Ministry! Every year, we ask congregants if they want to open their homes (typically their yard) for a portion of a 6 course meal to kick-off our summer programming. The event will be held on **June 9th from 5-9pm**. Each home is responsible for 30 minutes of hosting. Interested? Contact Kristin @ 908-581-5050 or Kristin@straspres.org.

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: For the month of May we will be collecting personal care items; hairbrushes, head bands, combs, hair ties, barrettes, toothbrushes, tissue packs, band aides, nail clippers, emery boards, and lip balm. 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: If you wish to donate items for VBS this year, you can find a "wish list" board on the information table under the TV in the welcome area. Take a fish off the board with a certain item, write your name on the clipboard on the table and bring in your item by May 26th. Please place your items in room #5. There are also still spots available to help if you wish to volunteer. Sign up on the sheet outside room #5.



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.