



First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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

8:30am Jean Pontz

11am Terry Sweigart

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 *"Rhosymedre (Lovely)"* R. Vaughan Williams

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 39

Leader: Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is.

People: You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight. Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.

*HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* No. 138

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Holy Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Dansereau

ANTHEM *"At the Name of Jesus"* C. Berry

FIRST SCRIPTURE Joel 2:28-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:16-23

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"The Spirit of God Speaks for Us"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"* No. 129

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"* D. Hegarty

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"Let Every Christian Pray"* No. 130

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Trumpet Voluntary in D"* J. Clarke

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

Sermon Notes

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *When You Walk Into The Room*
Rest On Us
Holy Spirit

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

Scripture Joel 2:28-29
Matthew 10:16-23

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Offering

*Praise & Worship *Spirit Of The Living God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Gwen Bortzfield
Tim Ott
Jerry Paparo – Hershey Medical Center
Janice Kane – The Glen at Willow Valley
The mother of Jen Eisenberg



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 19 • Pentecost

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

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

Tuesday, May 21

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 22

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 23

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

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

Friday, May 24

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's Church is available for kids K-5th grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are provided to the glory of God in celebration of Bob and Stacy's 30th anniversary of ordination.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Mateo Manuel Marenta, great-grandson of Bette Davis, born on May 3, 2024 to Paige and Leo Marenta.



The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Isaac Robert Welk, great-grandson of Don and Joyce Welk, born on May 14, 2024 to Justin and Abbie Welk.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Coffee hour today is provided by Session in appreciation of Bob and Stacy. Hosts for next week: The Elias Family. 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!

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.

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 26, 2024
TRINITY SUNDAY**

1st Scripture: Psalm 29

2nd Scripture: Matthew 10:32-39

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
Sermon Title: *“God Turns Everything Upside Down”*
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli)
- Canned fruit (mixed, pineapple, peaches)
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Dry Pasta



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.

