

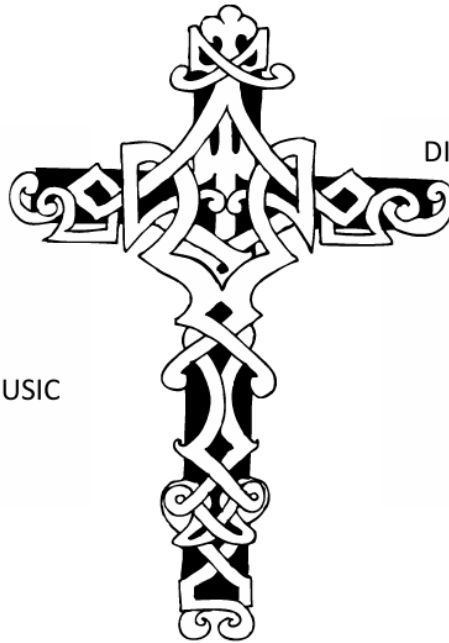
# *First Presbyterian Church*

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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## Sunday, July 28, 2024



### 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 Mary Lou Butler

11am Jeff Marsh

## **WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, July 28, 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                      *"Prelude and Fugue No. VI in G Minor"*                      J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

\*HYMN                      *"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*                      No. 308

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of grace and God of glory, you have proclaimed to us your salvation through your Son Jesus. We thank you and we gladly receive with open arms our redemption. We recognize that we would like to keep this good news to ourselves, yet you command us to share this joy which we have with others. Forgive us for staying silent, forgive us for keeping quiet, and motivate us to share your love with those around us. 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                      Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE                      Isaiah 6:9-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 13:1-9

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON                      *"How Can I Keep from Singing?"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sunday, July 28, 2024

*Welcome!*

### 8:30am Service

\*HYMN

## *“How Can I Keep from Singing?”*

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Stanza 1: Solo by *Bruce Gerlach*

Stanzas 2-4: All are invited to sing along

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

## *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

arr. J. Ness Beck

\*DOXOLOGY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

No. 420

\*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Praise Be to God"*

M. Powers

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

## Sermon Notes

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship                      *Yes And Amen*  
    *Goodness Of God*  
    *Gratitude*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture                                      Isaiah 6:9-13  
    Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon                                      SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
    *"How Can I Keep from Singing"*                                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship                      *How Can I Keep From Singing*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Emily Garber  
Shirley Douts – The Glen



*July Deacons of the Month:* Bette Davis and Cheryle Thomas

*August Deacons of the Month:* Janice Bowers, Tessa Kondratowski & Lynda Margerum

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?* Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 28

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)  
12:30pm Deacon Gathering – Fellowship Hall

**IGNITED ♦** Combined Youth Group – 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall

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### Tuesday, July 30

2pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, July 31

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library  
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4

### Thursday, August 1

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

### Friday, August 2

2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Our Table – FH  
6pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

### NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 4, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Leviticus 19:17-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: The Wheat and the Weeds

*Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 and thanks to Dr. Bruce Gerlach for his years of service here at the church. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a celebration after the 8:30am service.*



**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: Barb, Donna & Steve Szczesniak. 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](mailto: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](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org) or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



**FLAT JESUS:** Send your pictures with Flat Jesus to Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org). If you haven't already taken Jesus with you, stop by room 5 for a kid/family bag filled with activities to do while you're away or pick up a Flat Jesus and pick your own activities. This is a great idea if you're traveling as a couple or with Grandkids.

**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





## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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**IMPACT** ~ We will pick back up on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kristin to hear about special get togethers in July.

**"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!

**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.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC •** Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship on **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Tinney Pavilion**. There will be a corn hole tournament, bingo and kids games! Pulled pork, hotdogs, beverages and paper products provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share!

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### Save the Date!

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

National/Strasburg Night Out  
Bluegrass Festival





## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Rice (white, brown or Rice-A-Roni)
- Canned chicken
- Potatoes (canned or mashed)
- Spam
- Helpers (Hamburger or Tuna)



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. We wouldn't be able to meet these needs if it wasn't for you! We thank you for being a vital part of this ministry with your donations and support.

**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. If interested, please contact Wayne Carr at [waynec01@comcast.net](mailto:waynec01@comcast.net) for first service or Andrea Petrokonis, [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com) for second service.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** For the month of July we will be collecting small plastic new water bottles, bowls, cups, utensils, hair brushes, hair ties, head bands, KIDS toothbrushes, sunglasses, nail clippers, lip balm, emery boards, adhesive bandages, small packs of tissues, flip flops, baseball caps and bandanas. 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, or contact Beth Feiler or Amy Black.

### Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities for our congregation to serve meals at the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster this summer. These events will require around 2.5 hours of your time serving meals to the Mission's residents. Our church has 2 slots reserved for each of the following meals and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you:

Tuesday, August 13	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 14	Breakfast	6:00 am to 8:30 am
Friday, August 23	Lunch	11:00 pm to 1:30 pm



**WATER STREET  
MISSION**

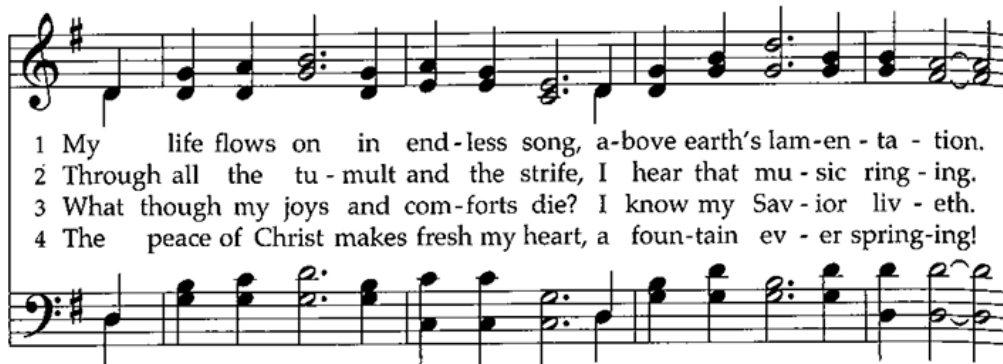
If you are interested in serving or if you would like to learn more about these serving opportunities reach out to Terry Sweigart at 717-606-6907 or by email at [tLsweig@gmail.com](mailto:tLsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



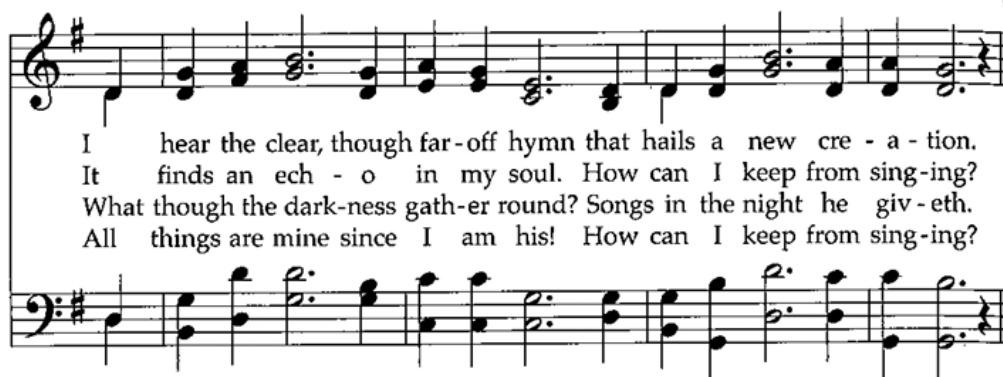
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# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

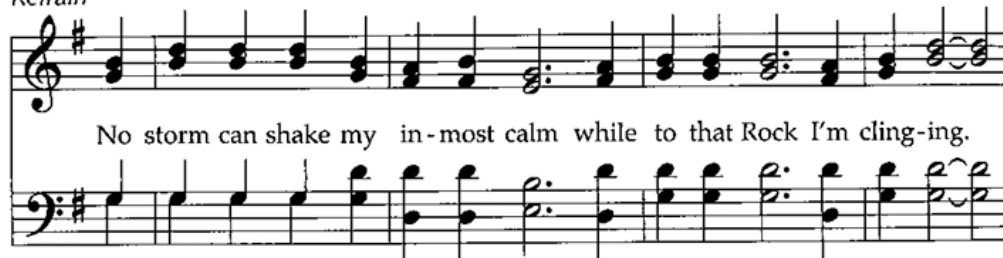


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

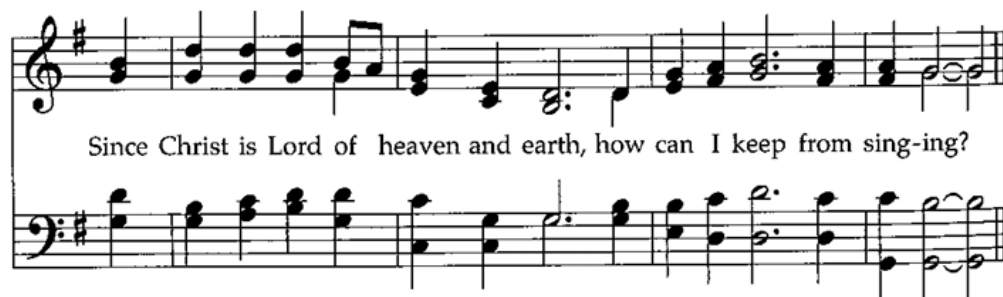


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

### Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited