

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 4, 2024



PASTOR

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am June Stum

11am Andrea Petrokonis

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

*"Now Thank We"
Variations on "Simple Gifts" (Shaker Hymn tune)*

Dietrich Buxtehude
arr. James Pethel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of joy and celebration we gather today grateful for your faithfulness. We praise you for creating us to enjoy the life that you give us. We give you glory and honor for how you have made us and remain faithful to us. We confess that we often focus on the negative and speak ill of things that we do not know. Forgive us and remind us of the joy that you bring. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:17-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"The Wheat and the Weeds"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"We Gather Together"* No. 559

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* (Gaelic melody) arr. Keith Kolander

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Courante"* Michael Praetorius

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

Sermon Notes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 4

- 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 • Combined Youth Group - 6 - 8pm - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 6

- 2pm Food Pantry
4pm Christian Education Meeting - Room 5
6pm Strasburg National Night Out - Jaycee Park
7pm Worship Committee - Library

Wednesday, August 7

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

Thursday, August 8

- 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 9

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table - FH

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 11, 2024

1st Scripture: Joshua 1:5-9

2nd Scripture: 2Timothy 1:7

Mission Trip Debrief with IGNITED Youth Ministry

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 Donna Burkholder as our guest organist this Sunday.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Rosalee Grace Jackson, granddaughter of Amy Black, born on July 25, 2024 to Brenna Koch and Aaron Jackson.



Dear FPC Strasburg friends, I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity expressed to me this past Sunday. I will never forget it. You continue to exude a depth of love and kindness and you show it in tangible ways. It was such a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to share my talents, and to worship our amazing God with you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ~Bruce



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: Ken & Marcia Andersen. Next week hosts: Mark & Beth Feiler. 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 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.



FLAT JESUS: If you have a kids bag, please return it to Room #5 so that others can take Flat Jesus on vacation. Send your pictures with Flat Jesus to Beth Feiler at 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.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

STRASBURG COMMUNITY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT • Tuesday, August 6th - Join the Strasburg Borough PD, other emergency service providers, and local civic organizations for **FREE FOOD, FUN & FIREWORKS!** This free event will be held from **6-9pm on Tuesday, August 6th**, at the Strasburg Jaycee Park, 218 Miller Street, Strasburg.



IMPACT ~ We will pick back up on Tuesday, August 13th.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship on **Sunday, August 18th 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!



COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP – Gather with all the churches of Strasburg for worship at the Strasburg Park on **Sunday, September 22nd at 10am.** There will be no worship here at FPC, so come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ from Strasburg to worship on this day.

“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.

BLOOD DRIVE • Register to donate blood in memory of Ryan Smith on **Tuesday, August 13th** here at FPC from **12 – 6pm.** You must be age 16 to 79 to donate blood and those age 16 will required a signed parental consent. To register, scan the QR code.



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

- Potatoes (canned or boxed)
- Canned meat (Chicken, Spam, Tuna)
- Rice (white, brown or Rice-A-Roni)

- Helpers (Hamburger or Tuna)
- Canned Peaches or Pineapples



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 for first service or Andrea Petrokonis, petrokonisandrea@gmail.com for second service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: For the month of August we will be collecting small stuffed animals, ragdolls, beanie babies, plastic cups, plastic bowls, small plastic new water bottles, reusable plastic utensils (all items can be purchased at the dollar store). 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. Thanks for your consideration.



STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Featuring

Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

With Guests J-Time Bluegrass & Gospel Band

SATURDAY August 31 AT 6:00PM

Strasburg Community Park

151 Precision Ave, Strasburg

Bring your lawn chair and a friend!

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg

