

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 1, 2024



PASTOR

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Lynda Margerum

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 *"Allegro from Concerto in A Minor"* Antonio Vivaldi/J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF INVOCATION (unison) Psalm 20
The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May God grant your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51
Leader: Come! Let us worship the God who creates clean hearts and puts our spirits aright.
People: We come humbly, declaring your praise.

*HYMN *"Give Thanks, O Christian People"* No. 552

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Psalm 100:1, 2, 5, Phi. 1:9, 10, 2 Cor. 8:9
Holy, triune God, we thank you for the gifts of this day. We confess that we have not always lived for your glory. You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in your name. You send us out to tell the good news, but we hide from our calling in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us new life in your Spirit as we worship today. Help us serve you faithfully and live as your beloved children. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours through him who loves us."
People: Now stand firm in your trust, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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 Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Welcome!

8:30am Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 20:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:54-58

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"Familiarity Breeds..."* Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

*HYMN *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* No. 288

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"* arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY

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

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Carillon de Longpont"* Louis Vierne

**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 *You Keep Hope Alive*
 Stand In Your Love
 Who You Say I Am

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Scripture Psalm 20:1-5
 Matthew 13:54-58

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 "Familiarity Breeds..."

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Good Plans*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Emily Garber
Bev Wiker
Adelene, sister of John Ford, battling cancer
Linda Hook

Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for the family of Kim Myers on the passing of her father Don Wert.

September Deacons of the Month: Joyce Charles and Heidi Zook-Payne

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 1

- 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 - 7: Room 5
Grades 8 - 12: Youth Room
Young Adults - Choir Room
Wired Word - Library
Young at Heart - Rm 3/4
11am **Worship** (Modern)

***No IGNITED Youth Group Tonight**

Monday, September 2 * Labor Day

*In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on this day.



Tuesday, September 3

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Christian Education Meeting - Room 5
7pm Worship Committee - Library

Wednesday, September 4

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| 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library | 7pm Deacons Meeting - Room 3/4 |
| 3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 3/4 | 7pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary |
| 6pm Kids Clubhouse | |

Thursday, September 5

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
*No Bible Study Tonight

Friday, September 6

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table - FH

NEXT WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Matthew 14:1-12

Jen Eisenberg, Preaching

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 Michael Wilson as our guest preacher this Sunday.

Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God from Lillian Myers in loving memory of her husband Gary Myers, and sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Don Burkhart.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Tricia Wilson. Next week hosts: Ryan & Rienna Fulmer. 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!

FLAT JESUS: If you still have a kid's bag, please return it to Room #5. Please send any pictures with Flat Jesus to Beth Feiler at bfeiler@straspres.org.

CHANCEL CHOIR'S regular weekly rehearsal will be held this **Thursday evening at 7pm in the choir room**. "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation." Psalm 95:1. **High school and college students are invited to join.** We have a very special anthem planned for World Communion Sunday. There is a percussion part for cabasa, or shaker & congas, or bongos...we need people to play the percussion part. *If you are interested and available to participate* on Sunday, October 6th, which is World Communion Sunday, please contact Jonathan Jones at 484.949.4514 or jjones@straspres.org.

Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities this fall for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street Rescue Mission. 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, September 10	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 8	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 9	Breakfast	6:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday, October 11	Lunch	11:00 am to 1:30
Tuesday, November 5	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Friday, November 15	Lunch	11:00 am to 1:30
Tuesday, December 10	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Friday, December 20	Lunch	11:00 pm to 1:30 pm



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.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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. In the event of rain, service will be held at Strasburg Mennonite Church.



“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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY • Mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 17th**. Classes will be held in the **morning @ 9:00** or in the **evening @ 7:00**. All are welcome! We will be using a study called “Now That Faith Has Come” by Beth Moore & Melissa Moore – A study of Galatians. For any questions please contact Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.



REVERBERATE • Join us and other churches from Lancaster County on **Sunday, September 15th at Longs Park** for an evening of praise, unity and worship. The event is free but there will be **food trucks open from 4-6pm and worship from 6-8pm**. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. Everyone is invited! Meet us in the parking lot at FPC at 5pm to carpool or meet us there!

MARTHA CIRCLE will be gathering on Saturday, September 14th at 9:30am in Room 5.

TODDLER GYM is back starting Friday, September 13th. Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 - 10am (Sept. – May)** for 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.

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

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soups
- Canned Chicken or Spam



We are looking for a few volunteers to help us with our weekly shopping of perishables items. Volunteers would check the stock of milk, eggs, margarine, and bread before we open on Tuesday afternoon and then once again before we open again on Friday afternoon. Purchase any needed items for the week and place in the refrigerator of the pantry room.

We currently have a handful of shoppers but could use some additional support. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or are interested, please see either Donna Stettler or June Stum. Thank you for considering.



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 September 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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEED: Children's ministry is in need of empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Please drop them off in the basket outside room 5. Please contact Beth Feiler with any questions. Thank you!



**From August 31 – September 11, for any pastoral emergencies, please contact Jen Eisenberg at 717-201-1696.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

When submitting names for consideration, you may include the names of congregation members as well as your own.

Please submit names to be considered for nomination to Carolyn Groff and Linda Younger or to the church office by September 3.

Elder:

Deacon:

Trustee: