

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, September 8, 2024



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WORSHIP LEADER/READER
8:30am Linda Lawrence
11am Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

*HYMN *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* No. 387

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *“Lamb of God”* arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”* No. 423

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Grand Chœur in D Major”* Alexandre Guilmant

**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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Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Holy Forever*
Grace Alone
Battle Belongs

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Deuteronomy 5:1-21 and 6:1-3
Matthew 14:1-12

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
"Is it Jesus or John the Baptist?" Jen Eisenberg

Offering

*Praise & Worship *See A Victory*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Emily Garber
Linda Hook



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.

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 each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Ryan & Rienna Fulmer. Next week hosts: Chris & Kyle Lainhoff. 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 weekly rehearsal is held each **Thursday evening at 7pm in the choir room. WE STILL NEED BASS SINGERS! High school and college students are invited to join!** Please contact Jonathan Jones with questions or interest at 484.949.4514 or jjones@straspres.org.

**From August 31 – September 11, for any pastoral emergencies, please contact Jen Eisenberg at 717-201-1696 or jeisenberg@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 at **9am** and **7pm**. 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 20th**. 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.

LAMPETER FAIR ~ Volunteers are needed for the table at the Lampeter Fair for First Presbyterian Church. The fair will be held this year from Sunday, September 22 – Friday, September 27, and we need you to run the table from **Wednesday, September 25 – Friday, September 27**. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the welcome area under the TV. Contact Alice Eisenhooth with any questions.



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!





Our new Seminary Intern is Jen Eisenberg. She is married to Jon and together they have two emerging adult children. Erika is 19 and works with horses. Zeke is a senior at Manheim Township. Jen has a rich Presbyterian history. First, as a child, she worshipped with Neshaminy Warwick PC. Later, as a newlywed, Jon and Jen worshipped and she served as an elder at Derry PC, and most recently, Jen has been "under care" with FPC Lancaster for ordination. She fell in love with Jesus and learned so much about the Bible during college. Then, she served the Gospel of Jesus with college students and faculty during 20 years with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Jen also has a certificate in Spiritual Direction. She anticipates graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2025.

Harvest Home

Sunday October 20th

Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 20th or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.



A list of most needed items

Peanut butter, Jelly (grape or strawberry)
Cereal (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Shredded Wheat, or Chex)
Pancake mix or syrup
Canned fruit (peaches, pineapples, mixed)
Applesauce
Potatoes (box instant or canned sliced/diced)
Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)
Rice Helpers or White Rice
Helpers (hamburger or tuna)
Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)
Canned soups
Canned pasta (Ravioli's, SpaghettiOs's)
Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Oatmeal
Individual snack items (crackers, granola bars)

Thank you for supporting our neighbors, we are GRATEFUL for your GENEROUS donations. *The FPC Food Pantry Committee*

Deacons Friendship Tea

Monday, October 7 from 1-3:30 pm



Plan to join us
in Fellowship Hall
for Tea, light snacks and
a time of togetherness.

Invite your friends & neighbors. All are Welcome!

No sign-up required.