

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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## **Sunday, September 15, 2024**



PASTOR

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

INTERN

Jen Eisenberg

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER

Jonathan Jones

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Walter Kondratowski

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRIES

Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Wayne Carr

11am Walter Kondratowski

### **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

*"Processional"*

Martin Shaw

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 53

Leader: God looks down from heaven to humanity, searching for those who seek Him.

**People: Deliverance is from Zion.**

\*HYMN

*"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"*

No. 264

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of Heaven and earth, we gather this morning in joy and thanksgiving to worship You. In your love and creativity, you give your people good gifts. We confess, at times, we fail to receive the time, skills, and resources you give to us, as your stewards. We recognize that you nourish us with plenty, and feed others through us, but we sometimes forget. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude and generosity. We pray 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

II Kings 4:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

*"When God Multiplies"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN                      *"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*                      No. 398

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                      arr. Lloyd Larson  
   *Guest Soloist: Donna Law*

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN                      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*                      No. 276

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *"Cathedral" Prelude and Fugue in E Minor*                      J. S. Bach

*\*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                      *God So Loved  
You Keep Hope Alive  
Yes And Amen*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture                                  II Kings 4:1-7  
Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon                                      *"When God Multiplies"*

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Offering

\*Praise & Worship                      *Gratitude*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Emily Garber  
Linda Hook  
Henry Miller – Recovering from surgery  
The Kondratowski Family



*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 15

- 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 & Young at Heart – Rm 3/4  
11am **Worship** (Modern)

**IGNITED • REVERBERATE at Long's Park – Meet in FPCS parking lot at 5pm**

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### Tuesday, September 17

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4  
2pm Food Pantry  
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4

### Wednesday, September 18

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library    | 7pm | Session Meeting – Room 3/4       |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4 | 7pm | Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary |

### Thursday, September 19

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library – Bring your own coffee/breakfast items  
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>  
6pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting – FH  
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, September 20

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH  
2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Our Table – FH

### Saturday, September 21

- 10am **IGNITED Knoebels Trip**

**NEXT WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

#### **Community-Wide Worship in the Park**

The Church will be closed and we will be gathered at 10am to worship together in Strasburg Park. In the event of rain, service will be held at Strasburg Mennonite Church.

## 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.

*Flowers are provided this weekend by Fran and Wayne Carr, with thanksgiving to God for the many years they have been blessed to share together. ~ I Corinthians 13:4-13 ~*

*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Josiah William Kondratowski, son of Walter and Kristin Kondratowski, born on Sunday, September 8, 2024.*

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Chris & Kyle Lainhoff. No Coffee Hour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Community Wide Worship at Strasburg Park. 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!

**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](mailto:jjones@straspres.org).

**WIRED WORD** will be meeting with The Young at Heart class today, September 15<sup>th</sup> in room 3/4.

### 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.

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
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](mailto: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 **NEXT Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 this **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **TONIGHT, Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**TODDLER GYM** is back starting this **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:ablack@straspres.org).

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will begin on **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

**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

- Dry Pasta
- Boxed or canned potatoes
- Canned Soups
- Canned Chicken



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](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 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!





# 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.**