

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 6, 2024 World Communion Sunday

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 Alice Eisenhooth / 11am Murray Miller

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Welcome
World Communion Sunday

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 *"Short Prelude and Fugue in G Major"* J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 55

Leader: We call upon the Lord. He will save.

People: Evening and morning, He will hear our voice.

*HYMN *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* No. 446

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O Lord our God, your justice, wisdom and knowledge have no end. Your glory shines over all the earth spreading healing and hope for all our neighbors. And so, we rejoice and give you thanks! We also confess, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We get overwhelmed and turn away. 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 Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM *"One World, One Communion"* Pepper Choplin

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-3

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:34-36

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"A Light to the Nations"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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8:30am Service

*HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 513

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"My Savior's Love"

Charles H. Gabriel
arr. Melody Bober

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Sermon Notes

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



Sunday, October 6, 2024

Welcome!
World Communion Sunday

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *This Is Amazing Grace*
 Holy Forever
 King of Kings

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-3
 Matthew 14: 34-36

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"A Light to the Nations"*

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Cornerstone*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Emily Garber
Linda Hook
Henry Miller – Recovering from surgery
Elinor Rudy – The Glen
Don & Emily Welk as they recover from a fire
Aaryan Shah

Comfort in Time of Loss:

Pray for Shirley Douts and her family as they grieve the passing of her husband, Fred Douts.
Pray for the family of Lynn Rohrer as they grieve her passing on September 30, 2024. A private service will be held on Tuesday, October 8th.

October Deacons of the Month: Morgan Murphy and Donna Stettler

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6 * World Communion Sunday

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)

12:15pm Confirmation Class – Room 5

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

Monday, October 7

1pm Deacon's Friendship Tea – FH

Tuesday, October 8

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4

7pm Outreach Committee – Room 5

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4

7pm IMPACT – Youth Room

Wednesday, October 9

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

6:30pm Trustees Meeting – Room 3/4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4

7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library – Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

*No Bible Study This Evening

Friday, October 11

9am Toddler Gym – FH

6pm Our Table – FH

2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, October 12

9:30am Martha Circle – Room 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME



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.

Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God from Linda Lawrence in loving memory of her son, Jason Lawrence.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Fred Douts, who passed into eternal life on September 27, 2024.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Colvin Family. Host next week: Alice Eisenhooth. 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!

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.

LIBRARY NEWS ~ There are some new children's books that have been purchased for our library. Each book tells the story of two biblical persons. The new books are located on the bookshelf outside the library door. After signing the card, put the card in the box outside the library for take outs. Enjoy! We thank Beth Feiler for donating these books to our church. It is so appreciated Beth!

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	6:00am to 7:30am
Friday, October 11	Lunch	11:00am to 1:30pm
Tuesday, November 5	Dinner	4:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday, November 15	Lunch	11:00am to 1:30pm
Friday, December 20	Lunch	11:00pm to 1:30pm



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!

"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 • Join us for Tuesday Bible Study! Classes are held at **9am** and **7pm**. All are welcome! We are 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.

TODDLER GYM is back! 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.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT ~ Trunk or Treat at FPCS will be held this year from 5-6:30pm on Sunday, October 27th. Sign up at the table under the TV in the welcome area and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items should sign-up at the table in the welcome area. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfeiler@straspres.org.



NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 13, 2024

1st Scripture: Colossians 2:6-8

2nd Scripture: Matthew 15:1-9

Sermon: *"Tradition and the Word of God"*
Jen Eisenberg, Preaching

ASSISTANCE CORNER



CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-we are in urgent need of **canned soups**

The month of October you will see two opportunities to donate to the pantry. The **Deacon's Friendship Tea** held tomorrow, **Monday, October 7th** & **Harvest Home Collection** on **Sunday, October 20th**. A list of our most needed items that our neighbors can use can be found in the insert in this bulletin.



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: We will be collecting small toys, new beanie babies, tissue packs, small writing tablets, crayons 24 pack, bandanas, ball caps, small reading books, small crafts, plastic bowls, small new plastic water bottles, plastic reusable utensils, socks, mittens, and small tote bags (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.



FABRIC NEEDED ~ The ladies of 1st Pres. Strasburg are in need of more fabric to make walker bags to be distributed. They are looking for thicker and heavier material such as upholstery fabric, denim, corduroy or other heavy material. If you have questions about material, etc., see Kay Straley or Pat Hess. Fabric can be dropped off in Room 3/4. 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
Pancake mix or syrup
Canned fruit (peaches, pineapples, mixed)
Applesauce
Potatoes (box instant or canned sliced/diced)
Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)
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)
Monetary donations also accepted.

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