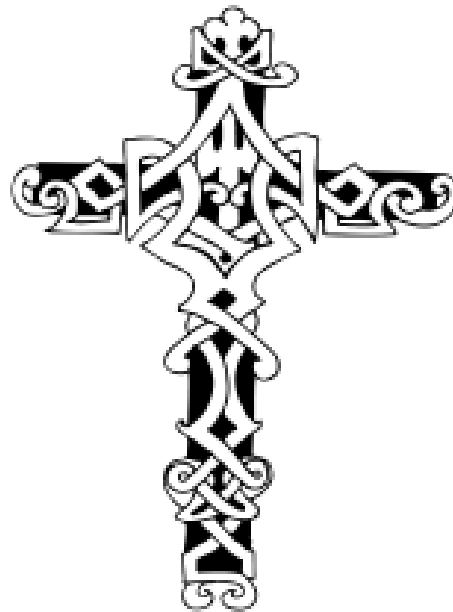


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 3, 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 Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Ali Elias-Lizardo / 11am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Welcome

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 *"Andante"* Louis-James Alfred Léfébure-Wély

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 59

Leader: I will sing of Your might! I will sing of your steadfast love!

People: For you have been a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

*HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"* No. 485

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of gods and Lord of lords, You created all things, yet You count the hairs on our heads. You sent Your Son to earth and He is the radiance of Your glory. He is the exact image of Your nature. And yet, we confess, we do not see You clearly. We do not hear You clearly. Forgive us, heal us and lead us. 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 Jen Eisenberg

ANTHEM *"Jesus Took the Cup"* Hal H. Hopson

FIRST SCRIPTURE I Samuel 16:1, 6-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:1-4

SERMON SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
"Seeing the Sign of Righteousness" Jen Eisenberg

*HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

No. 293

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 3

- 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)
12:15pm Confirmation Class - Room 5
3pm New Member's Class - Library

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

Tuesday, November 5 * Election Day

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study - Room 3/4 | 7pm | Worship Committee - Library |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study - Room 3/4 |
| 6pm | Christian Education - Room 5 | | |

Wednesday, November 6

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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, November 7

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
5:45pm Kidz JAM Choir - Sanctuary
6pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, November 8

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| 2pm | Food Pantry | 6pm | Our Table - FH |
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Saturday, November 9

- 9:30am Martha Circle - Room 5

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2024

1st Scripture: I Kings 17:4-7

2nd Scripture: Matthew 16:5-12

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "Now What?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

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 Bobbe and Bruce Ryder in honor of the love and support friends at First Presbyterian have provided this past year.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Johnson Family. Hosts next week: Barb Szczesniak and Joy Corey. 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!



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS • There are a number of items that have made a home in the lost and found. If you are missing a hat, gloves, water bottle, shirt, coat, baseball gloves, or other items, please check the lost and found, located on the coat rack in the foyer. All items not claimed by **Sunday, November 3rd, will be donated.**

CHANCEL CHOIR • It's never too late to join the Chancel Choir! If you enjoy singing beautiful, inspiring anthems, we invite you to join us for a one-hour rehearsal each Thursday at 7pm, in the Choir Room, and then again each Sunday at 8am, in the Sanctuary choir loft, for a 15-minute rehearsal. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jonathan Jones: jjones@straspres.org or 484.949.4514.

Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me) choir rehearsals will begin this Thursday, November 7th, from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30p.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary on the first Thursday of each month and in Fellowship Hall for all other Thursday rehearsals. We look forward to sharing this music ministry with children of all ages. Parents are welcome to stay for rehearsal. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones at jjones@straspres.org or 484.949.4514.

MILITARY PERSONNEL • The Deacons have been gathering a list of active and retired military personnel for our records. If you have not done so already, or are not sure if you've done so, please place a note in the office administrator's mailbox, Nicole Keays, or email at Nkeays@straspres.org, the following information:

***Name and Branch of Service**

***Years of Service**

***Picture**



LIBRARY NEWS • Our library this month is featuring author Max Lucado. Some of his books are on the table in the library and on the hallway table. More Lucado books are found under Christian Growth #4.

SEWING GROUPS • Would you like to learn to sew, quilt or knit? The Stitching Sisters and Knifty Knitters would love to help you! If interested, contact Bette Davis or Pam Johnson. There is no age/gender requirement!





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.

TODDLER GYM ~ 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 and follows the Lampeter Strasburg School District schedule. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or ablack@straspres.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES continue **at 3pm TODAY.** Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~ Join us on **Sunday, November 24th at 9:30am** (after the 8:30am service) to recognize, celebrate and honor the 50+ year members with a brunch in Fellowship Hall. This year's menu is baked French toast, sausage and fruit. As in the past, we will need volunteers to bake and bring to church on the 24th. You will be provided with all ingredients and materials necessary, including the recipe. We are also in need of help to set up Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 23rd. There will be no Sunday School or nursery care during the brunch on Sunday, November 24th. Please contact Alice Eisenhooth at 717-725-2675. Thank you!



MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~ Join Christians from Strasburg at High View Church of God at **4pm on Sunday, November 24th** as we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a community and give thanks to God for God's provision. This is sponsored by the seven churches of Strasburg in the Ministerium.



CHURCH DECORATING DAY ~ On Monday, November 25th at 6pm, we will be decking the halls and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the fun, have pizza and help us to decorate!

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned soups
- Canned meats



NURSERY NEEDS: The nursery is in need of goldfish crackers, baby wipes and Clorox wipes. Thank you for considering this request!

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PACKAGING: Join in the fun of stuffing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 17th at 10am**. We are also in need of help on **Saturday, November 16th at 9am** to set up tables and items for packaging of the shoeboxes. Please see Beth Feiler for any questions.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE: Each year the local Boy Scout Troop 56 collects food from our area and brings the donations to Fellowship Hall where it is sorted, dates checked & then stocked onto our shelves. We welcome anyone who would like to help with this annual food collection on **Saturday, November 9th at 9am**. We generally are done no later than 1 pm. If you could donate anytime during the day we would greatly appreciate the extra hands. It is an enjoyable experience as we help the community, get to know the Scouts and leaders, and the youth from FPC, as we work side-by-side. Any questions please contact Donna Stettler.



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, 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 tlswieg@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.