

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 17, 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 Gavin Elias-Lizardo / 11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 17, 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

"Sonata #3 (2nd movt.)"

Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 61

Leader: From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

People: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Leader: For You have been a refuge for me,

People: A tower of strength against the enemy.

*HYMN

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

No. 441

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, You are our righteousness. We give you glory and honor and praise! We struggle to be still, to be vulnerable, and to allow you to act on our behalf. Forgive us for claiming to be right, in all the wrong ways. 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

Beth Feiler

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM

“Lord, My Rock”

Johann Gottfried Gebhard

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:5-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

*HYMN *"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"* insert

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Becki Mayo

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* No. 379

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Sonata #3 (1st movt.)"* Felix Mendelssohn

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

Sermon Notes



Memorial Poinsettias



Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox or drop off in the church office mail slot.

Deadline for orders & payments: December 15, 2024

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of New Members

*Praise & Worship *I Thank God
Stand In Your Love
Cornerstone*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture Jeremiah 23:5-6
 Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Jesus Messiah*

*Benediction

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*November Deacons of the Month: Lynda Margerum & Deb Welk
In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages

*Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: Shoebox Packing FH

*Youth Sunday School

-Grades 6 – 7: Room 5

-Grades 8 – 12: Youth Room

*Young Adults – Choir Room

*Wired Word – Library

*Young at Heart – Room 4

11am **Worship** (Modern)

12:15pm Confirmation Class – Room 5

IGNITED • 4 – 6pm Family Football League – LS Practice Field

Tuesday, November 19

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 20

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

7pm Session – Room 4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, November 21

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

5:45pm Kidz JAM Choir – Fellowship Hall

6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

6pm Food Pantry Committee – Library

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, November 22

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

6pm Our Table – FH

2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, November 23

9am Deborah Circle - Library

**NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 24, 2024 ~ CHRIST THE KING
~CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION~**

1st Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14

2nd Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"The Dominion of Jesus"*

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.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Ruby May Feiler, granddaughter of Mark and Beth Feiler, born on November 11, 2024 to Tim and Alice Feiler.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Debbie & Dave DiFranco. Join us next week for our Church Birthday Brunch! 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 • 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 continue this Thursday, November 21st, from 5:45pm to 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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.



The birthday of our church is coming soon! Would you like to know more about First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg? Rev. Brad Davis wrote a book of our church history. Copies of this book are on the table in our library for you to "check out." Enjoy!

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!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY • Every Sunday until Christmas you might be lucky enough to find a painted rock with an inspirational message. Keep it or pass it on to someone who needs a hug. The children made these rocks to go along with their Sunday school theme, living as Christians.



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!

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.



IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will take place TODAY, November 17th from 4-6pm at the L-S Practice Field. Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) compete for the FFL trophy and bragging rights. Come on out to play or cheer from the sidelines! Bring a lawn chair and dress warm. We'll provide the hot cocoa, flags, and pigskin. Please RSVP to Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.

CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~ Join us on **Sunday, November 24th at 9:30am** (after the 8:30am service) to celebrate 192 years together and 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!



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT rehearsals will start on **November 24th at 10:15 in room 12.** If anyone has a child/grandchild that would like to participate please see Beth Feiler.

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.

The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at 12:15pm (after second service) on Sunday, December 1st.** The purpose of this meeting is to review and act on the proposed 2025 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect New Officers for the terms starting in 2025, and to review and receive the 2025 Ministry Budget.

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





Upcoming Advent & Christmas Programs



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!

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT ~ Join us on **Sunday, December 1st from 5:30-7pm!** All church family members are welcome (young and not so young, kids and no kids)! There will be a sign-up sheet on the information table in The Well. If anyone would like to donate Christmas cookies there will be a sign-up sheet there as well.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORGAN ~ December 8th at 7pm

COURTYARD CAROLS FEATURING COOKIES AND HOT COCOA ~ December 15th at 7pm

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE ~ **December 22nd at 3pm in the Sanctuary**

Sometimes the comfort and joy of the Christmas season also comes with grief, loneliness, and/or fatigue. Blue Christmas offers a pause from the busyness and pressures of Christmas to simply be with God Immanuel and to be met by His unfailing love.

Christmas Eve Schedule



December 24

Children's Christmas Pageant • 4:30 PM

Candlelight Worship Services • 8 PM & 11 PM



ASSISTANCE CORNER

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



FOOD PANTRY: Last week we received items from the Scouting for Food drive that took place in our community; however, there was a sharp decline in donations. We generally have an overstock of 8-10 large bins or boxes of overstock that lasts until next summer. This year we have only 2 bins that contain overstock items. As we continue to serve more and more individuals, and face raising costs of goods we ask that you consider either choosing an item or two to donate to our pantry or use the envelopes marked FOOD in the pews to make a monetary contribution.

We ask that you pray not just for our neighbors/clients but for all facing food insecurities, asking that each individual feels the love of Jesus and God's presence and know He has a plan for their lives. May they have Hope. May they feel the support of this church and the community.

Here is a recap of October ~ Client Visits=76, New Families=13, Bags Distributed=141
The pantry is open 4 hours a week, 16 hours a month; look at those numbers again!



*** WELCOME NEW FPCS MEMBERS ***

Dennis and Nelleke Beats

1825 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA 17602

Dennis – Hobbies & Interests: hunting, fishing, model railroad, handyman
debeats@yahoo.com

Nelleke – Hobbies & Interests: beach, fishing, hiking, grandchildren
nfbeats@yahoo.com

Anja Beats

1825 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA 17602

Hobbies & Interests: gaming, fishing, baking
Akbeats180@gmail.com

Virginia (Jeanne) Copper

9 Jordan Drive, Ronks, PA 17572

Hobbies & Interests: reading, games, family, friends
jeanmachine@comcast.net

Jim and Donna Law

600 E. Roseville Rd. Apt 2211, Lancaster, PA 17601

Donna – Hobbies & Interests: crocheting, needlepoint, singing, cake decorating
Donna.law2211@gmail.com

Nashaly Velez-Martinez (children Traden and Romel)

1606 Eshelman Mill Rd., Apt. C, Willow Street, PA 17584

Hobbies & Interests: hairstyling
NashalyV18@gmail.com

Michael Wood and Stefanie Mason-Wood (child Mia)

11 Old Orchard Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579

Michael – Hobbies & Interests: fishing, hiking, car enthusiast, cooking
Turbomw@msn.com

Stefanie – Hobbies & Interests: reading, traveling, concerts and theater, home decorating, thrift shopping
s.mas@comcast.net



Let's Celebrate !



You are invited to Celebrate the Ministry of
Michael Wilson at a Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 2 - 4pm

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg
101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579

RSVP by November 26



Sponsored by The Presbytery of Donegal





Contact Pastor Bob for
information if interested.

CIVIL RIGHTS BUS TRIP

FOR ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS OF MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

March 8-15, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tour key southern sites of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s-60s
- Listen to speakers who were involved first hand with the movement
- Meet in Atlanta, fly out of Memphis (airfare not included in price)
- Cost covers ground transportation, lodging, museums, speakers, books, & some meals

\$1400/\$2000
PER PERSON
(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY/
SINGLE OCCUPANCY)



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OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!**

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION ON 11/21 AT 7:00 P.M.