

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER & INTERIM DIRECTORY OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Mary Lou Butler/ 11am Jeff Marsh

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, January 26, 2025

*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 *"Prelude Op. 18"* César Franck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION Chestnut Housing Chad Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

Leader: Let the people praise You, O God! Let all the nations praise Your name!

**People: May Your way be known upon earth. May Your saving power be known among all nations.**

\*HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* No. 464

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of Mercy, the invitations of Your loving kindness never cease. But we turn our own way, put off by Your unexpected way. We ought to be stopped in our tracks when we hear of Your goodness. But we pass by Your glory, since it is cloaked in bruised and beaten skin. Help us instead to go in Your grace. 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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ANTHEM *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"* arr. Lloyd Larson

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 53:4-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40

SERMON *"Coming to Worship Jesus"* Jen Eisenberg

\*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                                    *“Near To The Heart of God”*                                    arr. John Innes

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                    *“Carillon-Sortie”*                                    Henri Mulet

*\*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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**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, January 26, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of Church Officers

\*Praise & Worship      *Do What You Want To  
King Of Kings  
Holy Spirit*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture                      Isaiah 53:4-7  
   Acts 8:26-40

Sermon                         *"Coming to Worship Jesus"*

Jen Eisenberg

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *My Hands Are Open*

\*Benediction

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**Prayer Requests** Please keep the following in your prayers.

Glenna Kirchner  
Linda Hook  
Clark Taylor  
Ray Frye – Hospice Care  
Jinny Russell

Sue Schenke – Recovering from surgery  
Ray Reinmiller Sr. – Recovering from surgery  
Henry Miller – Recovering from surgery  
Dottie Wood



**Comfort in Time of Loss:**

Please pray for Bob Rudy and his family, as they grieve the passing of Elinor on January 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Please pray for Sue Hartman and her family, as they grieve the passing of Bob on January 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Please pray for the family of Joseph Johnson Jr., as they grieve his recent passing.

*January Deacons of the Month:* Janice Bowers, Lynda Margerum & Deb Welk  
*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](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.

*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Elinor Rudy, who passed into eternal life on January 21, 2025.*

*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Bob Hartman, who passed into eternal life on January 21, 2025.*

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Stacy Bronkema and Alice Eisenhooth. Host for next week: Robin Kendlehart. Volunteers are needed for February and after! 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!



**IGNITED Student Ministry** has a merch store! If you'd like to purchase clothing or hats with an embroidered logo, please visit the following website <https://premierscreenprinting.tuosystems.com/stores/ignited> or scan the QR code.



**Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me)** • We are thrilled that this young choir is growing each week! We are excited to sing in worship on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the Classic service. Come and join us on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm, in the Sanctuary each week for our rehearsal. We look forward to building this music ministry with boys and girls of all ages! If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones at [jjones@straspres.org](mailto:jjones@straspres.org).

**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](mailto:jjones@straspres.org) or 484.949.4514.

**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!



**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2025-2026 school year is open for church members and current preschool families, and will be open to the public on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org) or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



## 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!**



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY •** Please mark your calendars that we will be starting new Bible Studies on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be held in room 4 at **9am and 7pm**. All are welcome! The morning class will be using a new 7 session study by Kristi McLelland called “Luke in the Land” (Walking with Jesus in His First Century World). The evening class will be using a 7 week study called “Jesus and Women,” also by Kristi McClelland. For any questions please contact Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

**SAVE THE DATES!** Sittings for the new **2025 First Presbyterian Pictorial Directory** will be: Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved these dates with the photographer, John Powl. Sign-ups will begin March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questions, see Alice Eisenhooth.



Get those soup cans ready! **Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9<sup>th</sup>**. The children of our church will be collecting soup and other canned goods to be donated to our food bank. If you plan to watch the big game or maybe just the cool commercials or if you plan on doing something else that Sunday, bring a canned good to donate. Let's see how many soup pots we can fill!

### 2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Elders Installed**

Theresa Rineer  
Linda Younger

**Deacons Installed**

Bette Davis  
Heidi Zook Payne

**Trustees Installed**

Andrew Nadu  
Dave Rineer  
Barb Szczesniak  
Austin Thomas

**Elders Ordained and Installed**

Seth Gregory  
Dave Witmer

**Deacons Ordained & Installed**

David Edwards  
Melissa Edwards  
Dawn Huber  
Cameron Straley, Junior Deacon

## ASSISTANCE CORNER



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help on Sunday mornings during both services and Sunday school. Please consider helping at least one time per month. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall racks by the welcome desk, or contact Amy Black at [ablack@straspres.org](mailto:ablack@straspres.org) or 717-224-3036.

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-Canned or instant potatoes                      -Jelly                      -Canned Fruit (pineapple, peaches, mixed)

Monetary donations are also gladly accepted. Kindly use the envelopes marked FOOD found in the pews. This allows the volunteers to purchase most needed items when our stock is depleted. Thank you for considering this request.



**We are looking for drivers** to help with transportation for medical appointments or other appointments. We often get requests from within our community and we would love to be able to help out. Please reach out to Nicole Keays in the church office at [nkeays@straspres.org](mailto:nkeays@straspres.org) or 717-687-6030 if you are able and willing to be added to this list.

**FPCS Wildfire Disaster Relief** ~ In light of the ongoing Fire Disasters in California, the Session of our Church has approved the contribution of \$10,000 from the Mission Memorial Fund to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. If you, in the congregation, feel led to make an additional contribution to this Relief Fund, this will be added to the total from FPCS. Please make a notation on an Offering Envelope or Check stating "Wildfire Relief," making your check out to First Presbyterian Church.

### Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities 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.

2/11/25	Tuesday	Dinner
2/21/25	Friday	Lunch
3/11/25	Tuesday	Dinner
3/21/25	Friday	Lunch
4/8/25	Tuesday	Dinner
4/18/25	Friday	Lunch



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.