

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

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

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Barb Szczesniak/ 11am Jeff Marsh

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Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission First Strasburg in Mission Jen Eisenberg

*Praise & Worship *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
Open The Eyes Of My Heart
Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture Deuteronomy 24:1-4
Matthew 19:1-12

Sermon *"What Does the Bible Say about Divorce?"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *He Is Faithful*

*Benediction

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

Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Ray Frye – Hospice Care

Comfort in Time of Loss:

Please pray for the Nadu and Nissley families as they grieve the passing of their niece and granddaughter.

February Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff and Heidi Zook-Payne

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 16

- 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 – Room 4
11am **Worship** (Modern)

12:15pm Confirmation Class – Room 5

6pm **IGNITED YOUTH OFFSITE** – Contact Kristin for details
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Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6:30pm Joint Board Social – FH (Trustee, Session and Deacon Meetings)
7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 20

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal
6pm Food Pantry Committee – Library
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

- 9am Deborah Circle – Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Kathy & Dick Barge. Hosts for next week: Pat Hess & Joy Corey. Volunteers are needed for March 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. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

FIRST STRASBURG IN MISSION • As a church, we financially support a number of missionaries and agencies. Would you like to play a small part in helping our church better connect with one of them? Let Jen Eisenberg know (jeisenberg@straspres.org or 717-201-1696) if you would enjoy making one phone call (or face to face meeting). Questions/script provided.

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!



Does anyone have some extra time on your hands over these winter months? Would you like to do some sewing for our church? Denim and corduroy have been cut to make walker bags that our church donates to area retirement homes. If you'd like to help, contact Pat Hess at 717-786-4184.

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2025-2026 school year is open for all! Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at 717-617-9501 or hreynolds@straspres.org, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



Congratulations to Dan Smith on winning the FPCS Fantasy Football SERIE A Division. His green jacket will be presented during Sunday School hour TODAY, February 16th. Also congratulations to Chris Johnson for winning SERIE B Division.

Church Photo Directory Update • Unfortunately the photographer for our new church directory is not able to do the directory for us. Other companies are being researched.



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!

BLANKET SUNDAY ~ TODAY, February 16th ~ Help us help our neighbors in need through Church World Service. This organization provides blankets, hygiene and school kits, cleanup buckets and more, as well as offers warmth and essential supplies to people here at home and all over the world who are facing challenging times. Please pray about your contribution to this offering and make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with **“Blanket”** on the memo line of your check or online giving memo, or use **the envelopes marked for Blanket Sunday** that are provided in the pews.



Join us at the theater! Jesus Christ Superstar is playing at the Fulton Theater and we are going! On **Friday, February 28th at 8pm** a group of FPCS members are going to the show and one of them could be you! Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to go, please let Nicole Keays in the church office know at 717-687-6030 or nkeays@straspres.org. **Cost is \$32 and required to hold your spot! Please make any checks out to FPCS with Fulton Theater in the Memo.** We will be carpooling from FPCS parking lot, leaving at 7pm. Any questions reach out to Nicole Keays or Pastor Bob.

Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me) • We are thrilled that this young choir is growing each week! 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.

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.

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING • Sunday, March 23rd at 12:15pm and Wednesday, March 26th at 6pm we will be holding training for anyone who has their clearances, needs their clearances or is planning to work with children within the church. Please plan to attend one of these sessions. More information to follow.

NEXT WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ~ PRESCHOOL SUNDAY	
1 st Scripture: II Kings 2:23-24	2 nd Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15
SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS	
Sermon: <i>“Let the Little Children Come Unto Me”</i>	
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching	

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 or 717-224-3036.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-Canned Pasta

-Canned Meats

-Tomato Sauce

-Canned Soup



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.

Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed We would love to find someone who might be willing to volunteer on Thursday mornings from 9-12 and one or two people who might be willing to jump in when one of our regulars might be out. Contact Kay Straley if interested and available!



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 717-687-6030 or nkeays@straspres.org if you are able and willing to be added to this list.

The Church World Service Kids Kit ministry program provides much needed school supplies to children in their time of need. We will be collecting very specific school items to put these kits together in November. Once assembled, these CWS Kids Kits will be sent to their main warehouse and distributed to children who have been affected by natural disasters. These kits will provide not only basic school supplies, but hope. **Each month our congregation will collect specific items to go in the kits.** Please put your items in the basket next to room 5. **In February we will start with a box of 24 crayons and a box of 12 colored pencils.** If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.



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.

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 tsweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.