

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

(717) 687-6030

www.straspres.org



Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Dawn Huber / 11:00am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Palm Sunday, April 13, 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

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

arr. Mary McDonald

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 89

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Jesus, you are our life, and by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death. Teach us to obey God's will in all things, and enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory. Forgive us for when we are not humble. You are our strength and yet you were despised, humiliated as a condemned criminal. Help us to love one another just as you loved us on the cross. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

ANTHEM

"On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem"

Mary Kay Beall

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon

"Out of the Mouth of Babes"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN	<i>"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"</i>	No. 88
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"</i>	arr. Don Wyrzten
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"</i>	No. 91
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Valet will ich der geben"</i>	J. S. Bach

**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



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*
 Shout Hosanna
 Behold The Lamb

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Psalm 8
 Matthew 21:1-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"Out of the Mouth of Babes"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Overcome*

*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.

Jim Law
Clark Taylor
Jim Yinger
Ron Lowe - Recovering from surgery
Murray Miller - Recovering from surgery



Comfort in Time of Loss:

Pray for Charlie Book and his daughters as they grieve the passing of their wife and mother, Jo Book.

April Deacons of the Month: Ed and Linda Bredin

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Palm Sunday, April 13 *One Great Hour of Sharing

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)



Holy Week

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

Monday, April 14

6:30pm CIC - Room 4

7pm Mission & Finance - Room 5

Tuesday, April 15

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study - Room 4

5:30pm Youth Dance Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 16

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

7pm Session - Room 4

3pm Stitches' Sisters - Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

5:30pm Youth Band - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library

6pm Food Pantry Committee - Library

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

7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

6pm Our Table

7pm Good Friday Tenebrae

Saturday, April 19

10 am Easter Egg Hunt

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 20, 2025 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Psalm 150

2nd Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Christ
is
Risen!

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "The Day of Resurrection"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



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 message.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Jo Book, who passed into eternal life on April 6, 2025.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Leo & Andrea Petrokonis. **There are currently no hosts for next week, Easter Sunday, April 20th.** 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 rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



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.

LIBRARY NEWS • Check out the new books in the library just in time for Easter!

- ~"Jesus is Risen," by David Limbaugh
- ~Two books by James Bryan Smith
 - "The Good and Beautiful Life"
 - "The Good and Beautiful God"

And many more! Take a peak and see what we have for Easter in our library!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 13 – 18 • There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to volunteer to help with VBS or donate any items/supplies.





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!

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, 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.



The Young(ish) Adult Group Men will be gathering at Rocky Springs Bowling Alley (1495 Millport Rd., Lancaster) on **Saturday, April 26th at 6:00pm** for bowling and fellowship. Food and drinks can be purchased at the bowling alley. Please RSVP to Danielle Marsh at 717-615-4321 if you are interested in attending.

TODAY, we will be celebrating *ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING*, It is a yearly special offering that helps the Presbyterian Church (USA) reach out to millions of people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**All worship services will be held in the sanctuary.*



*Palm Sunday	April 13	8:30am & 11am
*Maundy Thursday	April 17	7pm
*Good Friday Tenebrae	April 18	7pm
Community Easter Sunrise Service	April 20	6:30am - <i>St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E. Main St.</i>
*Easter Sunday	April 20	8:30am & 11am



Holy Week

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 717-224-3036 or ablack@straspres.org.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We continue to need your help in supplying our neighbors in need with items to face their food insecurities. Below you will find a list of most needed items as our stock is very much depleted. Thank you for considering!




-Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)

-Canned fruits (oranges, pineapple, fruit cocktail)

If you would like to make a monetary donation there are envelopes in the pew racks marked FOOD and one of our board members or volunteers will do the shopping. Lastly, please continue to pray for our neighbors in need.

Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed • We would love to find one or two people who might be willing to jump in when one of our regulars might be out. Contact Kay Straley at 717-875-0774 or kstraley55@gmail.com 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. **In April we are collecting 2-pocket folders and 70-page wide spiral bound notebooks.** Please put your items in the basket outside room 5. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.



ATTENTION LADIES THAT SEW • Many pieces of fabric have been donated to our church so that we can make items for others. Do you like to sew? Several bags of pre-cut fabric are waiting to be made into walker bags. Check the cupboard in room 4. Last year we donated over 300 walker bags to area rehab and retirement homes. Questions – see Kay Straley or Pat Hess.



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL AIDES for the 2025-2026 school year. There are openings for the Monday/Wednesday 2's class and Tuesday/Thursday 3's class. If you have weekly availability and interest in being a teaching assistant, please contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director, at 717-617-9501 or hreynolds@straspres.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 • 10 AM



Hippity, hoppity!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
and a chance to meet the

Easter Bunny!

Open to children ages 2 years
through the 5th grade.

Egg hunts are by age level.

***Crafts *Food *Games *Prizes**

There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or to donate snack supplies.

Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flowers to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one. You may take your flowers if you wish, after the 11am service on Easter. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox (Nicole Keys) or drop off in the church office door mail slot. Deadline for orders & payments is **TODAY, Sunday, April 13th**. Hyacinths and Tulips are 4" pots and Lilies 6" pots and all include foil.

Name: _____

No. of Easter Lilies @ \$15: _____

No. of Tulips @ \$5: _____

No. of Hyacinths @ \$5: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____