



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

*Easter Sunday*

*Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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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 Liz Calunod / 11:00am Jen Eisenberg

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

*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: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!"* arr. Healey Willan

AMAZING GRACE / RINGING OF THE BELL / UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is Risen!

**People: He is Risen Indeed!**

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\*HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* No. 123  
*"He Lives"* insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and triumphant God, we thank You and praise You for freeing us from the bondage of sin. Hallelujah! We confess that we do not know how to live fully in this new life. Forgive us when we allow anything to keep us from achieving our full potential as Your reconciled people. On this triumphant day, open our minds to the transformative power of the Resurrection. As we welcome Your Spirit, strengthen us to serve Your kingdom here, and in so doing, may You be glorified. We pray together joyfully in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE *[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]*

\*HYMN *"Christ Arose"* Verse 1 and Chorus

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with His saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristin Kondratowski

ANTHEM	<i>"An Easter Introit"</i>	David Angerman/Jon Paige
FIRST SCRIPTURE	Psalm 150	
SECOND SCRIPTURE	Matthew 28:1-10	
SERMON	SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS <i>"The Day of Resurrection"</i>	Rev. Robert Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>	insert
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Lift High The Cross"</i>	arr. Larry Shackley
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Page 14
*HYMN	<i>"The Strife Is O'er"</i>	No. 119
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Toccata"</i> (from Organ Symphony #5)	Charles-Marie Widor

*\*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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\*Praise & Worship

*I Thank God  
Living Hope  
King of Kings*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

First Scripture

Psalm 150

Second Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Jesus Paid It All*

\*Benediction

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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



## WEEK AT A GLANCE



### Easter Sunday, April 20

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

\*No Wired Word Class

\*Young at Heart – Room 4

11am **Worship** (Modern)

**\*No IGNITED Youth Group**

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### Monday, April 21

\*In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed today.

6pm IMPACT Young Adult Women's Bible Study – Youth Room

### Tuesday, April 22

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Youth Dance Rehearsal

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm IMPACT – Mick's

### Wednesday, April 23

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 24

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

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, April 25

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

### Friday, April 26

9am Deborah Circle – Library

9:30am Martha Circle – Room 5

5pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal

## 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 message.

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Tina Dansereau. Hosts for next week: IGNTED Youth. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



**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.



Register for a "Try It Out" KINDERMUSIK Class through All Together Now Studios. Join Fiona Gillespie on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-10:45am** here at FPCS, to try a "play-date style" class for ages



approximately 1-5. Cost is \$5 per family. Caregivers are required to stay present and encouraged to participate! Have older kids with you? ALL ages are welcome to attend the "Try It Out Class." Sign up using the link or QR code.

<https://www.fionagillespiemusic.com/kindermusik.html>

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

Jim Law  
Clark Taylor – Under Hospice Care



*Comfort in Time of Loss:*

Pray for the family of Larry Book, as they grieve his passing on Monday, April 14, 2025.

*April Deacons of the Month:* Ed and Linda Bredin

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



## 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](mailto: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.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER •** We will gather on May 1<sup>st</sup> in front of the library at noon to pray. Come and join us as the Strasburg Ministerium leads this significant time of prayer.



**Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me)** will be singing during the Classic service on May 18<sup>th</sup>. All who have been part of this program, *and those who could not make it because of schedules*, are invited to come and join us on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 11am, for our final rehearsals this spring. We look forward to finishing the program year strong and having as many young choristers as possible join us in this music ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones at [jjones@straspres.org](mailto:jjones@straspres.org).



### NEXT WEEK ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 YOUTH SUNDAY ~ CONFIRMATION

*Sermon Title: "The Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?"*

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Mathew 28:11-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

*Youth Preachers*  
*Maria Kondratowski*  
*Teresa Kondratowski*



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### 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.



**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](mailto:ablack@straspres.org).

**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](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org).



**LAY READERS ARE NEEDED** to read Scripture for second service. If you are willing and able to sign up to read for one or more Sunday services please use the link below, scan the QR code to sign up, or contact Andrea Petrokonis at [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com). Middle school or older children are more than welcome to participate as well! [FPC Worship Leader 2nd Service Sign Up](#).





## 2025 Easter Flowers

Dennis & Nelleke Beats	In Memory of son Benjamin Beats, parents Pieter & Nellie Hegeman and Albert & Ruth Beats
Donna Burkholder	In Memory of David Witmer
Mary Lou Butler	In Memory of husband Mel Butler and parents Marie & Jack Austin and Alma & Carl Butler
Joy Corey & Family	In Memory of husband Ken Corey
Tina Dansereau	In Memory of Shirley Yinger
Alice Eisenhooth	In Honor of great granddaughter Abigail Alice
John & Lori Ford	In Memory of Bob Hartman and In Honor of Sue Hartman
Troy & Dawn Huber	In Memory of our mom's Marie Scheurich and Barb Huber and In Honor of our grandson's Braxton & Sawyer Schmid
Don & Pam Johnson	In Memory of our parents
John & Glenna Kirchner	In Memory of Anne & Glenn Esbshade and Tyler Zook
Linda Lawrence	In Memory of parents LeRoy & Ruth Welk and son Jason Lawrence
Trudy Litton	In Memory of Shirley Ferrara
Stefanie Mason	In Memory of Margaret & Leslie Jagers and In Honor of Mia on her 13 <sup>th</sup> Birthday on Easter Sunday
Shawn Murphy	In Memory of Dad
Steven & Morgan Murphy	In Memory of father James Murphy
Lillian Myers	In Memory of husband Gary Myers and sister and brother in law Nancy & Don Burkhart
Andrew & Maggie Nadu	In Memory of niece Avery Hinton and In Honor of the Confirmation Class girls
Patricia Nissley	In Memory of Dorothy Hinton, Joseph Hinton and Avery Hinton
Carla Plomchok	In Memory of Carl & Mary Plomchok
George & Jean Pontz	In Memory of parents Bob & Marie Pontz and Bill & Sallie Steller
Carol Reinmiller	In Memory of father Daniel Krieger

Jim & Nancy Smith and Family

In Memory of Jim's parents Martin & Hazel Smith, Nancy's parents  
Carl & Virginia Mosebach and In Honor of our children Jim, Andy & Amy

Donna Stettler

In Memory of parents Stephen & Charlotte Takach

Kay Straley

In Memory of husband Ron, grandson Jordan, and brother Jim and In Honor  
of those who serve at the Welcome Desk and provide transportation

Barbara Stoltzfus

In Memory of husband Reuben and son Jeffrey

Barb Szczesniak

In Memory of Irene Szczesniak

Steve & Donna Szczesniak

In Memory of father Stefan Szczesniak

Norma Weaver

In Memory of husband Bob

Harold & Karen Welk

In Memory of our parents and brother

LeRoy & Deb Welk

In Memory of Ira & Dorothy Welk, Lloyd & Barb Welk, and Jim & Fran Ashby

Heidi Zook-Payne

In Memory of Tyler Zook and Tyreese Smith





Join us as we celebrate our pastor in residence, Pastor Vladimir Tatarnikov, who will be visiting May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Vladimir served as seminary intern with Pastor Bob in Moscow and was ordained in 2009 at the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy to serve in the Lutheran communities of Belarus. Since then he has been the pastor of the Lutheran communities of Minsk, Grodno and Vitebsk. He is the only pastor for the Evangelical-Lutheran congregations in the whole of Belarus.

Vladimir will be engaging in a series of events while he is visiting.

~Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Vladimir will be speaking at the Presbytery Gathering at Columbia Presbyterian Church

~Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

6pm – Prayer for Mission Meeting

7pm – Gathering for which Vladimir will be speaking

~Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Vladimir will be preaching at both services here at FPCS

## 220 He Lives

*I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! Rev. 1:18*

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Christ - ian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say;  
 And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
 E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
 I know that He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast,  
 The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,

And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.  
 The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

**Refrain**  
 He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and  
 He lives, He lives,

TEXT and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley

ACKLEY  
Irregular meter

# HIS RESURRECTION

talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal -  
He lives, He lives,

va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.



1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he\* gives;  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

\*Jesus

WORDS: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971  
 MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

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RESURRECTION  
 98.9 11 with Refrain



*Refrain*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.