

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Tina Dansereau / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

*Welcome! ~ Happy Mother's Day*

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 "A Meditative Improvisation" Stanley Vann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 80

Leader: Oh Good Shepherd! Feed and nourish us, even as you make us to feed others.

People: Give us life and we will call on Your Name!

\*HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 372

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Almighty God, with the deepest care, You promise your children hope, justice and wisdom, if we will ask you. You promise to deliver your people from all that holds us hostage and keeps us from life with You. But, we are slow to come before you. Our prayers grow rote and our awe fades. Our hearts turn to fixing things ourselves and expecting less of You. O God, draw us into deeper faith and anticipation! Shape us more and more into people whose expectations reflect Your character and capacity. 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 "With a voice of singing" Martin Shaw

FIRST SCRIPTURE I Samuel 1:12-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 1:14

SERMON "The Power of Prayer" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN                                    *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*                                    insert

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY                    *"I've Found a Friend/What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*                    arr. Larry Shackley

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED                                    Pg. 14

\*HYMN                                    *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*                                    No. 403

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                    *"Toccata"*                                    Eugène Gigout

*\*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



# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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*Welcome ~ Happy Mother's Day*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Grace Alone*  
*Death Was Arrested*  
*Goodness Of God*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture                      I Samuel 1:12-18  
                                         Acts 1:14

Sermon                              *"The Power of Prayer"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Gratitude*

\*Benediction

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## **Prayer Requests**

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Ed Bredin



*Comfort in Time of Loss:*

Pray for Amy Fasnacht and her family as they grieve the passing of her mother, Dolores Smythe.

*May Deacons of the Month:* David & Melissa Edwards

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 11

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)

Kidz JAM Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall



**\*NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP**

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### Monday, May 12

6:30pm Community Impact Committee – Room 4

7pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

### Tuesday, May 13

2pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Personnel Committee – Library

7pm Outreach Committee – Room 5

### Wednesday, May 14

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

6:30pm Trustee Meeting – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 15

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

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

6pm Food Pantry Committee – Library

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, May 16

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

### Saturday, May 17

9:30am Martha Circle – Room 5

10am Kindermusik "Try It Out" Class



## 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. Hosts for today: Don & Pam Johnson. Hosts for next week: Donna Orsag & Lucan Stauffer. 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!



**LET'S CELEBRATE!** Jen Eisenberg, during her time as a seminary intern at First Presbyterian Strasburg, has shown us her love for the Lord. We are grateful to her and appreciate all that she has shared with us. **Let's join together on June 1<sup>st</sup> during the 9:30am coffee hour to celebrate Jen's time here.** There will be a basket on the snack table if you would like to leave a card.

**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 such as snacks and supplies.



We are collecting **COSTUME JEWELRY** (clean and unbroken, please) on **May 11, 18 and 25**. There will be a basket in The Well for your donations. Please place items separately in drawstring bags (available in The Well) or in a zip lock sandwich baggie. We will send the jewelry to Little Children of the Philippines, a Christian ministry to families we support through our church budget. LCP provides HELPS (Health & Housing, Education, Livelihood, Peace & Faith, and Sponsorships). Contact Linda Younger with any questions.

**LIBRARY NEWS** • New books will be arriving soon! Hop on over to the library and check out what is available! There are also new children's books on the shelves! Check out a book to enjoy in the warm spring sunshine!



**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will begin on **Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!





## 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!*



**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 **today, May 11<sup>th</sup> in**

**Fellowship Hall at 11am**, for our final rehearsal 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).

**MEMORIAL DAY** ~ Join First Presbyterian Church on our float in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Walk along with us and represent the church throwing out candy. Gather at 325 Susan Ave at 8:45am for the start of the parade at 9am. A free hot dog roast will follow after the parade and service.



**WATER STREET RESCUE MISSION** • 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

Tuesday, May 27, Dinner  
Friday, May 23, Lunch

Tuesday, June 10, Dinner  
Friday, June 20, 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 [tlsw eig@gmail.com](mailto:tlsw eig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



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>



### NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 18, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Exodus 3:13-15      2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 21:23-27

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "Who Sent You?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



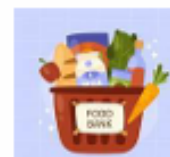
## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### 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)
- Cereal
- Canned Pasta

- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Kid friendly single serve snacks



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 May we are collecting 12-inch rulers and pink handheld erasers.** 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](#)





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

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm**

Join us to **pray for Mission work in Fellowship Hall.**  
No experience necessary. We have invited missionaries and staff who work with the organizations we support through our church budget to join us so that we can pray for them, the work they do, and the people God is serving through them. Any questions? Please contact Jen Eisenberg 717-201-1696.



## **Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees**

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

When submitting names for consideration, you may include the names of congregation members as well as your own.

Please submit names to be considered for nomination to Linda Lawrence and Theresa Rineer or to the church office by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Elder:

Deacon:

Trustee: