

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 Angie McVey / 11am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

*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 in A Minor"

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 81

Leader: The Lord says, I am the Lord Your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

People: Sing aloud to God our strength! Shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song! Play a trumpet!

*HYMN

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

No. 443

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Oh Lord God, in You, we live and breathe and have our whole being. You are the Living God, acting not only in the past, but also in the present. You hear our doubts and concerns, and turn to give us assurance that You are at work in our lives, in Your church and in Your world. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, You have made a way to heal our false pretenses of worship and mission. You have made a way and call us to true partnership in the gospel of righteousness. May it be so! 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

Beth Feiler

ANTHEM (Kidz JAM)

"Be A Light"

Mark Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:13-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:23-27

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"Who Sent You?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

No. 343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY (Chancel Choir)

"Make My Life an Alleluia"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 525

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**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



Sunday, May 18, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Here For You*
 Firm Foundation (He Won't)
 Way Maker

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Exodus 3:13-15
 Matthew 21:23-27

Sermon *"Who Sent You?"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *How Great Is Our God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Ed Bredin – LGH



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 18

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)

3pm New Members Class – Library

***IGNITED ♦ Combined Youth Group: 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall**

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20 *Election Day

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 21

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Session Meeting – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, May 22

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

6pm Praying for Mission – FH

6pm Choir Rehearsal

7pm Pastor Vladimir Tatarnikov

Friday, May 23

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

Saturday, May 24

9am Deborah Circle – Library

NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 25, 2025 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"Where is our Treasure?"*

Pastor Vladimir Tatarnikov, Guest Preacher

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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Donna Orsag & Lucan Stauffer. Hosts for next week: Wired Word. 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 rineretheresa@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 1st 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 18 and 25**. There will be a basket in The Well for your donations. Please place items 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 **TODAY, Sunday May 18th 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!*



MEMORIAL DAY ~ Join First Presbyterian Church on our float in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th. 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

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

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 tlsweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

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 1st**.

Elder

Deacon

Trustee

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.

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.



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. Middle school or older children are more than welcome to participate as well! [FPC Worship Leader 2nd Service Sign Up](#)



Thursday, May 22nd 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.





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

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 20th

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

~Thursday, May 22nd

6pm – Prayer for Mission Meeting

7pm – Gathering for which Vladimir will be speaking

~Sunday, May 25th

Vladimir will be preaching at both services here at FPCS