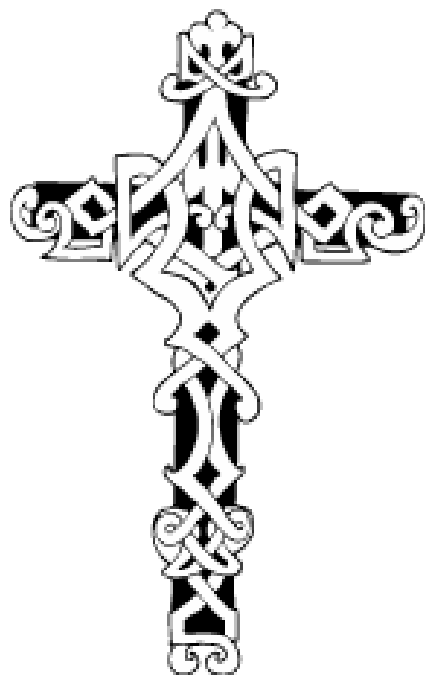


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**Sixth 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 Brianna Davis / 11am Isla Marsh

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

Sunday, May 25, 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

*"Homage to Buxtehude"*

Malcolm McKelvey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 82

Leader: God has taken His place in the Divine council, in the midst of the gods, he holds judgment and calls for justice.

**People: Give justice to the weak and the orphan, maintain the right of those who are poor and destitute. Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

\*HYMN

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Steadfast and Loving God, Your Son Jesus speaks Your word to us like a strong and gentle parent. He assures us of Your able and kind leadership in our lives. And, even though we look back and see the evidence, we struggle our way into faithful action today and tomorrow. We worry that, when the promises of this world fail us, we will be adrift. You know all that we need. Help us to strive for Your righteousness. Help us to work toward doing Your will. Help us to live into Your Kingdom. 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

Kristin Kondratowski

ANTHEM

*"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem"*

John Henry Maunder

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

*"Where is our Treasure?"*

Rev. Vladimir Tatarnikov

\*HYMN

### "Seek Ye First"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

### \*DOXOLOGY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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\*HYMN

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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\*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Grand Chœur in D Major"*

Alexandre Guilmant

*\*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 25, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Who You Say I Am  
King Of My Heart  
Holy Forever*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture                  Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon                      *"Where is our Treasure?"*

Rev. Vladimir Tatarnikov

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *The Blessing*

\*Benediction

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## Prayer Requests



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

*June Deacons of the Month:* Pam Johnson and Heidi Zook-Payne

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, May 25**

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am \*Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: Rm 12

\*Youth Sunday School – Gather in FH to hear from Rev. Vladimir Tatarnikov

\*All Adult Sunday School Classes – Gather in FH to hear from Rev. Vladimir Tatarnikov

11am **Worship** (Modern)

3pm New Members Class – Library

### **\*NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP**

### **Monday, May 26 \* Memorial Day**

\*In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed.

8:30am Memorial Day Parade (*See Mark Your Calendar section for details*)



### **Tuesday, May 27**

2pm Food Pantry

7pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

### **Wednesday, May 28**

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

### **Thursday, May 29**

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

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

### **Friday, May 30**

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

### **Saturday, May 31**

9am IGNITED Mission Trip Training – Bridlepath Equine Center

#### **NEXT WEEK ~ JUNE 1, 2025 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Joshua 6:22-25      2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 21: 28-32

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"Better Late Than Never"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## 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.

*The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are provided to the glory of God by Joy Corey and family in loving memory of husband and father Ken Corey, who passed away five years ago today.*



**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Wayne & Fran Carr. Hosts for next week: Terry & Jo Ann Sweigart. 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) today, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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** • Vacation is right around the corner! Get inspired for the summer. Find some inspirational books right outside the library on the hallway table. Stop in the library and take a look at all we have to offer! Have a great summer!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will continue **TODAY, Sunday May 25<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!*



**MEMORIAL DAY** ~ Join First Presbyterian Church on our float in the Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, 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.



**PENTECOST** • Join us in worship on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** and **wear red** to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

**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, 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

[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](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.

Join us today, Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall during Sunday School hour to visit and hear from Vladimir.