

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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 Alice Eisenhooth

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

Sunday, May 4, 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      *"Andante (Chœur de voix humaines)"*      Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 79

Leader: People of the Living God, though we cry out in distress, we trust in Your steadfast love.

We come to worship the Ruler of Heaven and Earth.

**People:** He is our salvation and our refuge, the One who delivers us from all trouble.

\*HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"* No. 485

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Risen Lord Jesus, You alone broke the power of death. We think we must protect ourselves from danger. You provide life to all creation through Your Holy Spirit. We struggle to trust You in the pressures and challenges of our ordinary life. You shed light on our hidden agendas and give us reason to believe. You sent Your precious Son in love and give us the power to see others through Your eyes. 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 *"Here I Am, Lord"* arr. Craig Courtney

FIRST SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 3:14-21

SERMON *"Coming into the Light"* Ien Eisenberg

\*HYMN

*"In Christ Alone"*

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

arr. Larry Shackley

\*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Marche"*

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

*\*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



Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *The Stand*  
                                  *Here Again*  
                                  *All The Poor And Powerless*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture                      Numbers 21:4-9  
                                  John 3:14-21

Sermon                      *"Coming into the Light"* Jen Eisenberg

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *O Come To The Table*

\*Benediction

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## Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

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 4**

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

**\*IGNITED • 5pm • Mission Trip Training**

6 – 8pm • Combined Youth Group – Fellowship Hall

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### **Monday, May 5**

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

### **Tuesday, May 6**

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Worship Committee - Library

6pm Christian Education – Room 5

### **Wednesday, May 7**

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

7pm Deacon's Meeting – Room 4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

6pm Kid's Clubhouse

### **Thursday, May 8**

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

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 9**

9am Toddler Gym

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

### **Saturday, May 10**

9:30am Martha Circle – Room 5

## 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: Pat Nissley and Linda Younger. Hosts for next week: Don & Pam Johnson. 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>



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!







## 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, 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).



Come join us as we honor Elinor Rudy in the Courtyard after first service today, **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 [tlsweig@gmail.com](mailto:tlsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.

### NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 11, 2025 MOTHER'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: I Samuel 1:12-18      2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Acts 1:14

Sermon: "The Power of Prayer"  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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### 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](#)





# In Christ Alone

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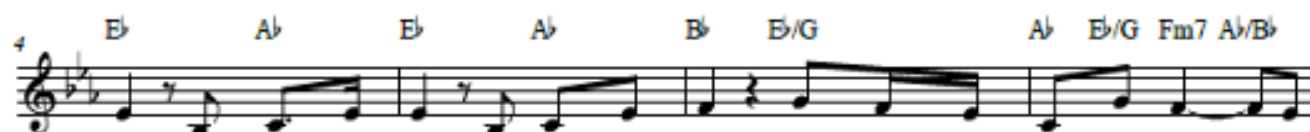
Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## VERSE

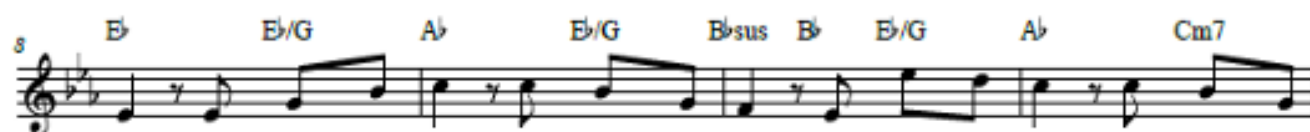
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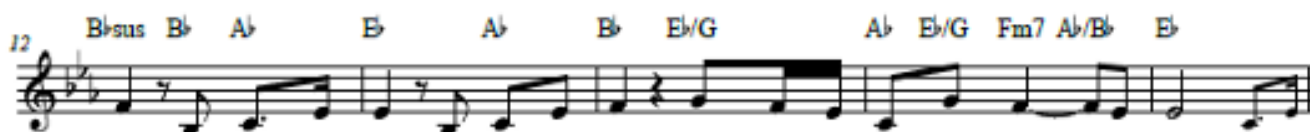
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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**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.





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

## **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: