

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, June 15, 2025

Father's Day



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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 Linda Lawrence / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome ~ Happy Father'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 *"Short Prelude and Fugue in F Major"* J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 85

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak to his people.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet. Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good.

HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* No. 263

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before you today grateful for your presence in our lives. On this Father's Day, we are grateful for your role in our lives as a Father who protects and provides for us. We confess that we have not trusted your guiding hand, looking to create solutions without your presence. We confess that we have strayed from your commandments, looking to create ourselves in our own image. Implant within us a Spirit of trust that looks to you for all things. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord, 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:3-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:43-48

THIRD SCRIPTURE Matthew 19:16-23

SERMON *"Putting Others Before Ourselves: Are We Taking
Seriously Jesus' Challenge To Do That?"* Dr. David Bronkema

*HYMN *"Faith of our Fathers"* insert

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"How Firm a Foundation"* arr. Kenon Renfrow

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Pg. 14

*HYMN *"This is My Father's World"* No. 293

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Fantasia on Holy, Holy, Holy"* Piet Post

**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



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Welcome ~ Happy Father's Day!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *We Praise You
Grace Alone
At Your Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Philippians 2:3-4
 Matthew 5:43-48
 Matthew 19:16-23

Sermon *"Putting Others Before Ourselves: Are We Taking
 Seriously Jesus' Challenge To Do That?"*

Dr. David Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *The Blessing*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Vesta Herr
Red Bortzfield
Jim Law – Hospice Care
Dick Cummings
Sue Schenke



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, June 15

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 6-12: Youth Room

*Young Adults – Choir Room

*Wired Word – Library

*Young at Heart – Room 4

11am **Worship** (Modern)



***NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP**

Monday, June 16

6pm IMPACT Young Adult Women's Bible Study – Contact Kristin for details

Tuesday, June 17

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 18

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, June 19

*The church office will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.

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

*No Bible Study This Evening

Friday, June 20

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

Friday, June 20

9am VBS Decoration Making – Fellowship Hall



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](#).

We are pleased to welcome Dr. David Bronkema as our guest preacher this Sunday. David, older brother of Pastor Bob, is a Professor in the College of Business and Leadership at Eastern University and is a primary faculty member in the PhD in Organizational Leadership Program.

He holds the Eastern University Templeton Chair for Christian Service through Entrepreneurship and has been with Eastern University since 2006. He served as the director of Eastern University's Master's of International Development and MBA in Economic Development Programs and most recently finished as Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary in 2021.

David has had many publications, writings and talks that have explored the intersection between business, civil society, faith, and justice, with a particular interest in the area of spiritual metrics, Business as Mission, religion and development, community development and advocacy, evangelical approaches to engaging the development field, and the informing of anthropological theory from a faith-based perspective. David is also co-founder and co-editor of the Christian Relief Development, and Advocacy Journal.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Ron & Sandy Lowe. Host for next week: Jen Eisenberg. 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. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



LIBRARY NEWS • Our Church library received many wonderful books for your summer reading. The books are ready for you to enjoy! Take a look at the shelf outside the library and see some we have to offer in the Library. We received many youth books too, so the whole family can enjoy! Have a happy summer!

FLAT JESUS • Summer is just around the corner and Flat Jesus is ready to go with you on your vacation adventures. Whether you're a kid or a kid at heart, take Jesus with you. If you are taking children with you, there are kids' bags for you. Follow the directions on the board and have fun! If you are a kid at heart, you can pick up a Flat Jesus and scripture sheet. Everything you need can be found in room #5.





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!*



There will be a **VBS Decoration Making Day** on **Saturday, June 21st from 9am to 1pm**. Join us for a morning of painting, gluing, cutting, fun and fellowship. You do not have to be crafty to help. Let Beth Feiler know if you can help.

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.

- July 22, Tuesday, Dinner
- August 15, Friday, Lunch
- August 19, Tuesday, Dinner
- September 19, Friday, Lunch
- September 23, Tuesday, Dinner



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 tsweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

NEXT WEEK ~ JUNE 22, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: *"Blessed are the Merciful"*
Simeon Harrar, Guest Preacher

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We continue to need your help in supplying our neighbors in need with items to face any food insecurities that they may be experiencing. We have started the summer months with an influx of need. You can be a vital part of this ministry by considering donating any of the following most needed items listed below. Thank you for your consideration and being a part of this ministry!

-Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
-Boxed Mac & Cheese
-Kid friendly single serve snacks

-Peanut Butter
-Canned Pasta



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.

The Church World Service Kids Kit ministry program provides much needed school supplies to children in their time of need. **In June we are collecting blunt-tip scissors and glue sticks.** Please put your items in the basket outside room 5. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.



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](#)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 13 – 18 • There are many ways that you can help with vacation bible school. You can be a volunteer during the week of VBS, you can donate food items for snacks or donate items for decorations. See the sign-up sheets in The Well area under the TV.



CARDS • One of the outreach ministries of the Deacons is sending cards to members of our church family and friends of FPC. Should you have any cards you would like to donate (anniversary, birthday, get well, sympathy) to this outreach, please place them in the Deacon mailbox. Thank you!

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.



Faith of Our Fathers!

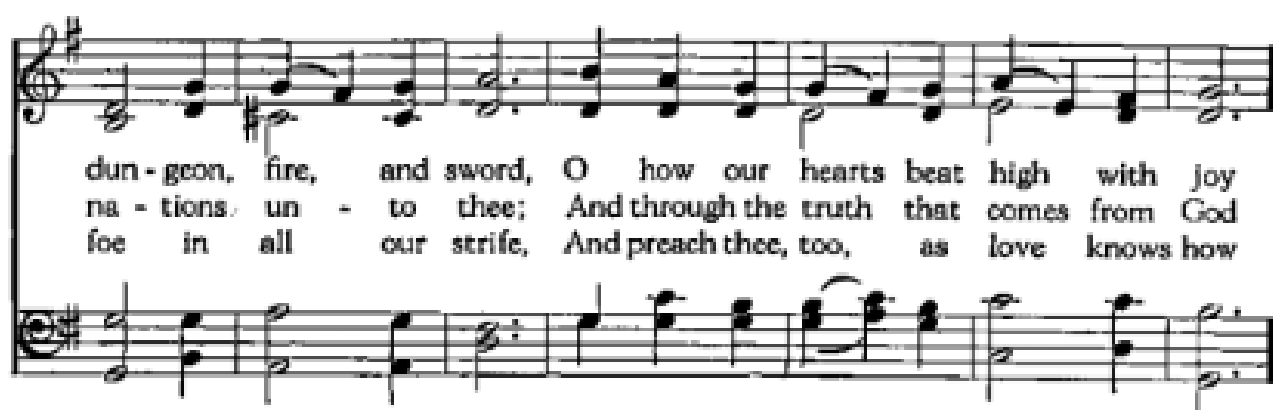
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Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt.

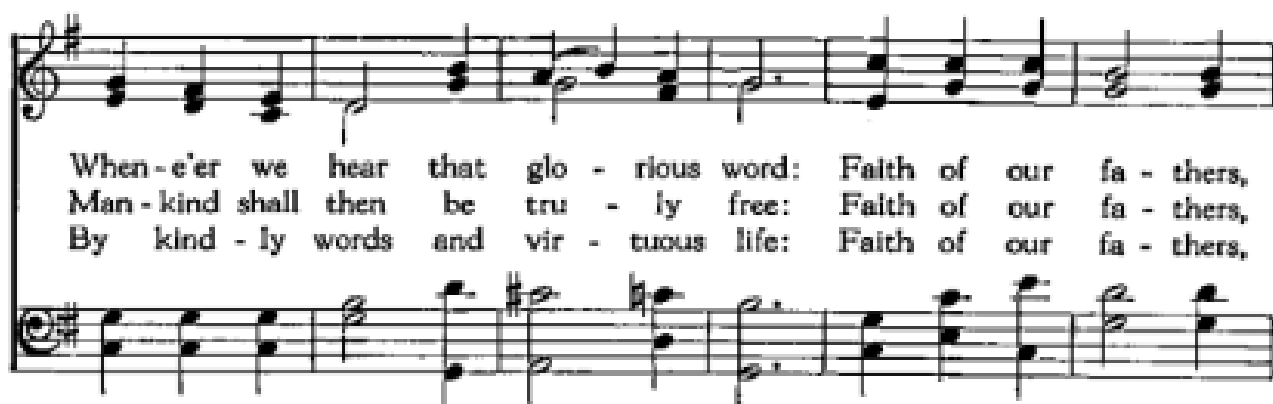
ST. CATHERINE: E. S. E. S. S. S.
Henri F. Hemy, 1865
Alt. by James G. Walton, 1871



1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of
2. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great power Shall win all
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and



dun - geon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy
na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God
foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how



When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,
Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: LOYALTY AND COURAGE



Missions Trip Donations

Lettuce or Tomato

Water or Juice

Apples or Oranges

TP or Paper Towels

Ranch or Italian

Bowls or Plates

Croutons or Carrots

Pasta or Mac n Cheese

Cereal or Granola Bars

Cheese or Turkey

Meatballs or Nuggets

sign up outside the youth room

Matthew 25:35 – “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”



Church World Service is coming to First Presbyterian Church to offer the seminar: “Know Your Rights.” This is for anyone who might be interested in being involved and advocating in helping to “Welcome the Stranger.”

Along with CWS, Kate Good, Executive Director of Parish Resource Center, will present on “What is a Church to Do?”

Come and join us and feel free to invite people who might be interested in this topic.



“Know Your Rights”

Thursday, July 3rd at 7pm

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On Sunday, June 22nd, we will welcome Pastor Simeon Harrar as our Guest Preacher.

Simeon is a chaplain at a Christian International School in Nairobi, Kenya. First Presbyterian Church has been sponsoring Simeon and his family as missionaries since 2021. Growing up as a missionary kid, he started writing in high school, and is now an author of a number of books, in addition to being a speaker.

Please join us for Church Wide Sunday School on Sunday, June 22nd, for a gathering and presentation from Simeon in Fellowship Hall. There will be no small group adult Sunday school classes, or youth Sunday school. Children's Sunday school for grades K-5 will still take place in room 12.