

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, June 29, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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 Lynda Margerum / 11am Isla 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 (Op. 18)"

César Franck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Patient and always loving God, we praise you for your strong presence in our midst. Your Holy Spirit moves through this congregation in ways that we don't always expect, or even see. We confess that we have not planned for your presence and so make plans that are not based upon your love and your promises. Forgive us, and lead us to a place where we will trust more and experience your power more. 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

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

COMMISSIONING OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO FL

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-41

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| SERMON | <i>"What Happens When We Don't Follow the Will of God"</i> | Rev. Robert K. Bronkema |
| *HYMN | <i>"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"</i> | No. 426 |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | Pg. 16 |
| WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"</i> | arr. Joel Raney |
| *DOXOLOGY | | |
| PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED | | Pg. 14 |
| *HYMN | <i>"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"</i> | No. 423 |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | <i>"Carillon-Sortie"</i> | Henri Mulet |

**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 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579



Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of New Members

*Praise & Worship *I Thank God
Firm Foundation (He Won't)
You Keep Hope Alive*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Commissioning of our High School Youth to FL

Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7
Matthew 21:33-41

Sermon *"What Happens When We Don't
Follow the Will of God"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Way Maker*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Jim Law – Hospice Care
Dick Cummings
Ed Bredin – LGH
Red Bortzfield – Penn State Hershey
Sandy Bernstorf

June Deacons of the Month: Pam Johnson and Heidi Zook-Payne
July Deacons of the Month: Ed & Linda Bredin

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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 29

- 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)
12:15pm **IGNITED Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting** – Fellowship Hall

***IGNITED • 6 – 8pm • Combined Youth Group** – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 1

- 2pm Food Pantry



Wednesday, July 2

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, July 3

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Know Your Rights Seminar – Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 4

- *In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed today.*
*Food Pantry Closed
6pm Our Table



Saturday, July 5 – Saturday July 12

IGNITED Youth HS Mission Trip





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!*



Register for **"Toddler Music, Movement & Play Sessions"** KINDERMUSIK Classes through All Together Now Studios. Join Fiona Gillespie on **Monday mornings in July and August from 9-9:45am here at FPCS**. Caregivers are required to stay present and encouraged to participate! Sign up using the link or QR code. [Kindermusik at First Presbyterian Church](https://www.alltogethernowstudios.com/register-for-kindermusik-at-first-presbyterian-church)



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.

- 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 tlsw eig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

NEXT WEEK ~ JULY 6, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1st Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 2nd Scripture: Philemon 4-12

Sermon: *"Christian Freedom"*
Jen Eisenberg, 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: Linda Lawrence & Barb Szczesniak. **There is currently no one signed up to host next Sunday, July 6th.** 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 here 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.



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. Registration for VBS can be found on our church website or in the black metal wall shelf in the welcome area.



There are a number of items that we need to borrow. Some items are small tents, hiking boots and backpacks, lanterns and artificial Christmas trees. The list can be found on the table in The Well. See Beth Feiler if you are willing to let us borrow any of these items. There is also an Amazon "wish list" on the church website for items needed for VBS.



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)
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly



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. In July we are collecting pencil pouches.** 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](#)



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.



*** WELCOME NEW FPCS MEMBERS ***

Dana Fogg

39 Harvest Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584

Hobbies & Interests: teaching, math, working with kids & youth, music, singing,
Trevor the cat

dfogg4@liberty.edu

Don and Beth Smith

312 Wynwood Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584

Don – Hobbies & Interests: gardening, walking, clay shooting

DonandBeth2@yahoo.com

Beth – Hobbies & Interests: gardening, walking

DonandBeth2@yahoo.com

Stan and Goggie Sween

5846 Knobby Hill Road, Narvon, PA 17555

Stan – Hobbies & Interests: audio, lighting, projection, video, drone, welding,
construction, heavy equipment, engineering

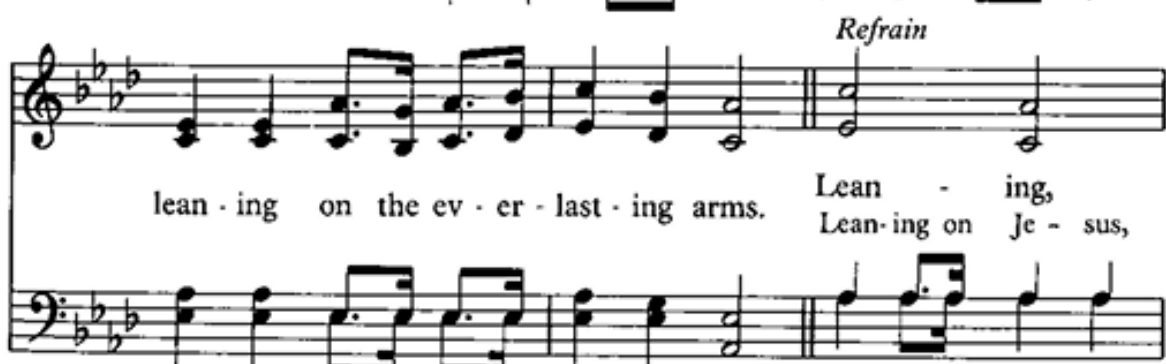
Goggie – Hobbies & Interests: prayer, music, reading, art, people

sgsween@gmail.com

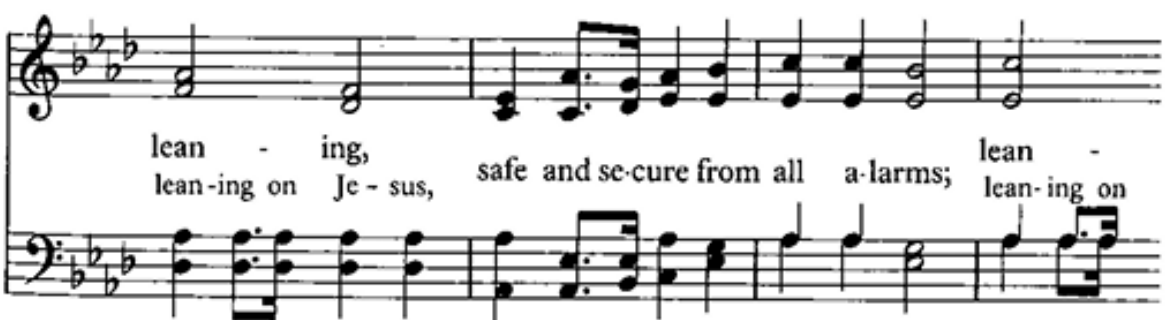
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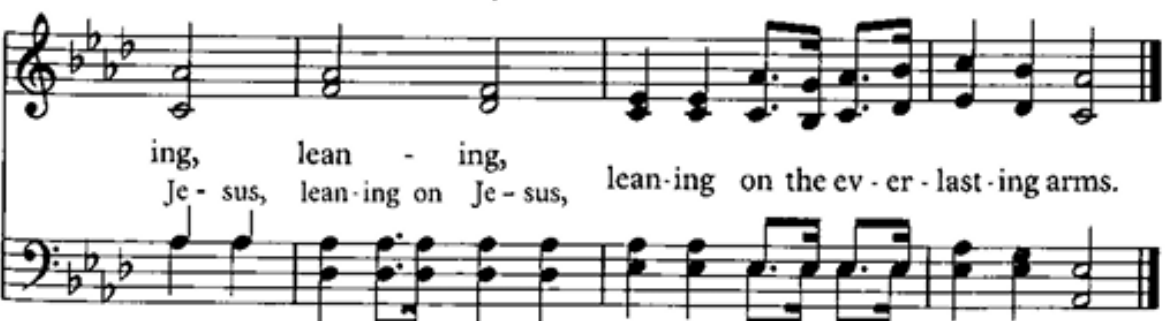
1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on



ing, lean-ing, Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



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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