

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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*www.straspres.org*

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**  
**FOURTH 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 Denise Jones / 11am Danielle 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                      *"Concerto in A Minor (1st movt.)"*                      Antonio Vivaldi (arr. J. S. Bach)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever you had formed the earth and the world, From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!**

\*HYMN                      *"God of the Ages, Whose Mighty Hand"*                      No. 262

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, though we come to you eager to be your people and to be with you, we have only a little idea what it means to belong to you and to your Way. As it becomes clearer, we grow nervous and concerned. It may cost us too much. It will not work. The challenges will be too much for us. And then, you surprise us. You meet us in some unexpected way. You beckon us to step forth and your voice steadies us. Praise be to God the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, Redeemer and Friend! 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 28:16-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE                      Philemon 4-12

SERMON                      *"Christian Freedom"*                      Jen Eisenberg

Sunday, July 6, 2025

*Welcome!*

8:30am Service

\*HYMN

*"We Come as Guests Invited"*

No. 517

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

arr. Matt Limbaugh

\*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Short Prelude and Fugue in G"*

J. S. Bach

*\*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 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579



Sunday, July 6, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *House Of The Lord*  
                                 *Living Hope*  
                                 *O Come To The Table*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture                      Matthew 28:16-20  
                                      Philemon 4-12

Sermon                        *"Christian Freedom"*

Jen Eisenberg

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *I Speak Jesus*

\*Benediction

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## Prayer Requests

Jim Law – Hospice Care  
Dick Cummings  
Ed Bredin  
Red Bortzfield – Lancaster Rehab  
Sandy Bernstorf

*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, July 6

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)

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

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### Tuesday, July 8

2pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, July 9

9am VBS Decorating

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

### Thursday, July 10

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

9am VBS Decorating

6pm Food Pantry Committee – Library

\*No Bible Study Tonight

### Friday, July 11

9am VBS Decorating

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table



## 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.

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*We are pleased to welcome Jen Eisenberg as our guest Preacher this Sunday.*

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God, by Steven and Morgan Murphy, in loving memory of their father, James Murphy.*

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**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Stacy Bronkema & Alice Eisenhooth. Hosts for next week: IGNITED Youth. 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!



**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** • If you signed up to donate snack or decoration items, please place them in **room 5 by July 9<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to put your name on the decoration items.

Anyone interested in helping to decorate for VBS can stop by **on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am**. We will go until we drop or until noon.

Volunteers are needed to help cook hot dogs on **July 18<sup>th</sup>** for the VBS family picnic. See Beth if you can help.

Don't forget to register for VBS, which can be found on our church website or on the table under the TV in the Welcome Area.







## 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. [KindermusikatFirstPresbyterianChurch](https://www.kindermusik.org/firstpresbyterianchurch)



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC •** Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship on  
**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Tinney Pavilion.** There will be a corn hole tournament, bingo and kids games! Pulled pork, hotdogs, beverages and paper products provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share!



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

**NEXT WEEK ~ JULY 13, 2025**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Mission Trip Debrief with IGNITED Youth Ministry

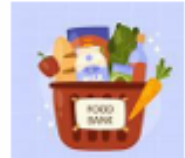
## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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



**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).



**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!







# Summer Food Drive



**Saturday ~ July 26 from 8am-1 pm**  
**Convenient drop-off in the parking lot of**  
**First Presbyterian Church ~ drive up and a volunteer will**  
**meet you under the portico to receive your donations!**  
**101 S. Decatur St, Strasburg**

## Most needed items include:

**Canned fruit (pineapples or fruit cocktail)**

**Potatoes (box instant or canned)**

**Meal Helpers (hamburger or tuna)**

**Taco Kits**

**Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)**

**Canned soups**

**Dry Pasta**

**Canned Pasta (Raviolis, SpaghettiOs)**

**Macaroni & Cheese**

**Ramen Noodles**

**Oatmeal**

**White or Brown Rice**

**Single-serve snacks for kids**

## Our food pantry serves Strasburg & surrounding areas.

- Donations will supply our food pantry and help those facing food insecurities.
- Questions, please call the church office 717-687-6030



Help us ~ help our community!

