

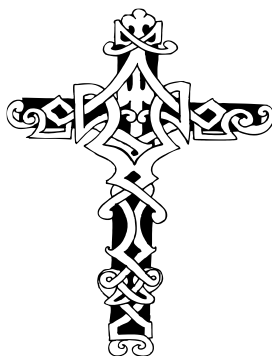
# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, August 31, 2025**



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 Angie McVey / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025

*Welcome!*

8:30am Worship

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*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

*"Arioso"*

Noel Rawsthorne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**People: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

\*HYMN

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

No. 361

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we adore you for how you care for us and the gifts that you shower upon us.

**Forgive us for not being grateful in the midst of grace and never ending faithfulness. Forgive us for being angry when we don't understand your presence. Lead us back to your path which is narrow but which leads to everlasting life. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I Chronicles 29:10-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:14-17

SERMON

*"You Are an Heir of God"*

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



Register for “**Toddler Music, Movement & Play Classes**” **KINDERMUSIK** through All Together Now Studios. Join Fiona Gillespie this fall starting **September 4<sup>th</sup> here at FPCS**. Classes will be held **Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:15pm**, and will run as monthly sessions. Caregivers are required to stay present and encouraged to participate! Sign up using the link <https://www.fionagillespiemusic.com/kindermusik.html> or QR code.



**BIBLE CHALLENGE** • Beginning **TOMORROW, Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, join us for a 9-month read through the Bible Challenge, like we did in 2023. Bible Challenge brochures are available on the table under the TV in the Well and on the glass table in the foyer.

**COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP** • Gather with all the churches of Strasburg for worship at the Strasburg Park on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am**. There will be no worship here at FPC, so come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ from Strasburg to worship on this day.



**MISSION TO ITALY 2026** • Parents of high school students, your youth is invited to attend this experience with First Presbyterian in 2026. Join us for an informational and organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 14 at 12:15pm**. Please contact Pastor Bob or Kristin Kondratowski with any questions.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** • Bring your pet on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** as we will have an opportunity for a pet blessing service. All animals are welcome! Join us outside in the grassy area of the church yard. More details to come!



**MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING** • If you are a volunteer with our youth/children, there are several clearances you must complete. One is **Mandated Reporter Training**, which is available to complete on your own at [www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu](http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu). It is a 3-hour online course, for which you will receive a certificate at the completion of the course. Please make a copy of your certificate and give to Nicole Keays or Beth Feiler. We will be offering a group training session on **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm**. Pizza will be served. There is a sign up sheet in the Well on the table under the TV. Any questions please see Beth Feiler.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** • Please mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Classes will be held at **9am and 7pm in room 4**. All are welcome! This fall we are using a study by Kelly Minter entitled “**Esther**” (Daring Faith for Such a Time as This). It is a 7-week study on the Biblical book of Esther. For any questions please contact Linda Bredin, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### Sunday, August 31

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)

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

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### Tuesday, September 2

2pm Food Pantry  
6pm CE Meeting – Room 5  
7pm Worship Committee - Library

### Wednesday, September 3

1pm	Knifty Knitters – Library	7pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
3pm	Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4	7pm	Deacons Meeting – Room 4
6pm	Kids Clubhouse		

### Thursday, September 4

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library  
3:30pm Kindermusik – Fellowship Hall  
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>  
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, September 5

2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Our Table

### NEXT WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Isaiah 26:19

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 22:23-33

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*"What Does Heaven Look Like?"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## 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. 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!

-Cereal  
-Canned Green Beans

-Peanut Butter  
-Canned Corn

-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. **See the list below for items we are still in need of and collecting.** Please put your items in the basket outside room 5. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.



\*12 pack of colored pencils  
\*Hand held pencil sharpeners  
\*70-page wide spiral bound notebooks

\*Box of 24 crayons  
\*Soft sided Pencil pouches  
\*Blunt-tip scissors



**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](#)



**KIDS KITS SEWING DAY ~** We are looking for help with the sewing of the **CWS Kids Kits bags**. We need help tracing patterns, cutting material, ironing and sewing. If you are able to help, we will be meeting on **Saturday, September 13th at 9:30am**. See Beth Feiler with any questions.



### 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.

-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.

Sunday, August 31, 2025

*Welcome!*

8:30am Service

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\*HYMN                                      *"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*                                      No. 483

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY                                      *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*                                      arr. Joel Raney

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED                                      Pg. 14

\*HYMN                                      *"Come Down, O Love Divine"*                                      No. 313

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      *"Short Prelude and Fugue in C Major"*                                      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, August 31, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Who You Say I Am*  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
*At Your Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture                      I Chronicles 29:10-13  
Romans 8:14-17

Sermon                      *"You Are an Heir of God"*

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Good Good Father*

\*Benediction

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**Prayer Requests**

Red Bortzfield – LGH  
Gwen Bortzfield – Abbeyville  
Ed Bredin – LGH  
Jim Law – Hospice  
Dick Cummings – LGH Rehab  
Vesta Herr – under hospice care



*September Deacons of the Month:* Lynda Margerum & Deb Welk

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



## 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.

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS** • There are a number of items that have made a home in the lost and found. If you are missing cups, containers, sweatshirts, or other items, please check the lost and found, located on the coat rack in the foyer before your items are donated!



A few **VBS** camping items have been left behind. You can pick them up in Room 5.

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Mary Lou Butler, Joy Corey and Lynda Margerum. Hosts for next week: The Nadu Family. 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!



**The Library** is open for extra reading! School has started and we have children's books out in the hall by the library for extra reading! Take a look and see! But that is only a sample of what is in our library, as there is so much more!



**Clubhouse Helpers:** Another year of Clubhouse is just around the corner, and we need YOU! What is Clubhouse? It is a monthly program for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade that meet from 6 – 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, September – May. The children are from our church family, preschool family, and the community. The program is Christian theme incorporating music, crafts, games and Bible stories.

Volunteers are involved with these activities and "shepherd" a group of children to these activities as a group leader. You certainly don't need to commit to each month. Please see Beth Feiler or Amanda Allison if you are interested.



Have you completed your **MISSION SURVEY**??!! We are seeking feedback on how our congregation feels led to engage in **Mission**. Please consider taking a couple of minutes to share your thoughts by filling out the survey enclosed in the bulletin, or completing the electronic survey by following the link [Mission Survey](#) or using the QR code shown.



**CHANCEL CHOIR** • It's that time of year again! The Chancel Choir is preparing to sing in worship and has started rehearsals. If you enjoy singing beautiful, inspiring anthems, we invite you to join us for a one-hour rehearsal each **Thursday at 7pm**, in the Choir Room, and then again each Sunday at 8am in the Sanctuary for a 15-minute rehearsal before singing in worship. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones, 484-949-4514 or [jjones@straspres.org](mailto:jjones@straspres.org). We would love to have you join us!





## Mission Survey – First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg – 2025

**Purpose:** We are seeking feedback on how our congregation feels led to engage in Mission. Would you consider taking a couple minutes to share your thoughts?

**Instructions:** The survey is anonymous. For open ended questions, 1-2 sentences will suffice!

### Questions:

1) Demographic data: *(Circle one option for each point)*

- Gender: M / F
- Age Bracket: 24 or younger / 25-44 / 45-64 / 65 or over
- Member for how many years? 5 or less / 6-15 / 16-25 / 26 or more

2) There are many different ways of defining “mission;” think evangelism, social justice, relief work, specific causes, local vs. global, church programs, etc. How should “mission” look at 1st Pres?

3) When you think of “mission” in the Bible, what is a verse or story that comes to mind?

4) If you are personally involved in mission, how? (Circle all that apply.)

- a. Financial donation
- b. Volunteer work with outside agency
- c. Involvement in 1<sup>st</sup> Pres programming
- d. Engagement in updates, newsletters, communications, etc. from an organization
- e. Prayer
- f. Other (if selected, please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

5) What or who is a missionary, mission agency, or non-profit that you would like the church to support and why?

6) How strong are your feelings about what you want mission to look like in the church? Please select one of the below:

- Have a strong opinion about what our church’s mission should be
- Not overly passionate about a particular definition of church mission