

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 12, 2025

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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Ali Elias-Lizardo / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 12, 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

"Short Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Little Children of the World"

Brittany Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 276

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of all eternity and perfecter of our faith, we praise you for your steadfast love, which never wavers. You show us what is important in your Scripture and you give us the path forward to live our lives as your Son Jesus taught us. But we stray from that which is important and focus on the trivial. Forgive us for insisting on our ways, which take us away from your way. Bring us back into your fold, which is the way of love, truth and justice. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

ANTHEM

"Sing a New Song"

Joseph Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Micah 4:3, 6:7

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:23-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"What Really Matters?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

No. 310

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"God Is Here!"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

*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

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, October 12, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission "Little Children of the World"

Brittany Foster

*Praise & Worship *Who You Say I Am
Death Was Arrested
From The Inside Out*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Sacrament of Baptism *Noah James Welk*

Scripture Micah 4:3, 6:7
Matthew 23:23-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon "What Really Matters?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Gratitude*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Ed Bredin
Gwen Bortzfield – Abbeyville
Red Bortzfield – Abbeyville
Jim Law – Hospice
Theresa Rineer

Dick Cummings
Don Black
Vesta Herr – Hospice
Kay Straley
Peg Hosker



October Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff & Heidi Zook-Payne

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 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.

Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God from Linda Lawrence in loving memory of her son, Jason Lawrence.



Being baptized today is Noah James Welk, son of Sam and Hannah Welk.



Please join us for **Church Wide Sunday School TODAY, Sunday, October 12th**, for a gathering and presentation from **Little Children of the World**. 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.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Donna Orsag. Hosts for next week: Beth Feiler and FPCS Kids. 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!



The **Chancel Choir** *always welcomes new singers and musicians* who love to sing and enjoy sharing their musical gifts in the music ministry of the church! We enjoy providing beautiful and uplifting anthems and various types of instrumental music during the program year. 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 choir loft, for a 15-minute rehearsal before singing in worship. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be a good addition to the choir, please contact Jonathan Jones at 484-949-4514 or jjones@straspres.org. We would love to have more singers and instrumentalists join us!"



LIBRARY NEWS • The brrrrr months are here! Be inspired with inspirational reading! Cozy up with a good book, there are many to choose from in the hall in front of the library.



Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me) is preparing to sing in worship, during the Classic service, on October 19th. If your child, 2nd – 7th grade, would like to join in, please contact Jonathan Jones, jjones@straspres.org or 484-949-4514, to discuss the rehearsal schedule for this program year, and help us work to continue growing this choir and being a blessing to others!!!

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.

- Canned Soups: Beef, Chicken or Progresso Soups
- Mashed or Canned Potatoes
- Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Spam
- Gravy
- Applesauce
- Canned Pasta

Our food pantry is currently looking for a few volunteers to help us serve our neighbors in need. We are seeking volunteers to help with our weekly shopping of the perishable items which consists of milk, bread and eggs. You would check the stock of those items before we open on Tuesday afternoon and then once again before we open again on Friday afternoon. Purchase any needed items for the week and place them in the refrigerator of the pantry room. We generally distribute anywhere from 15-25 of each item. You would be reimbursed for the costs of the items!

We are also in search of volunteers to help at our pantry desk. We have been extremely busy and could use some extra hands to serve. The pantry is open on Tuesday & Friday afternoons from 2-4pm. You would greet our neighbor in need, check them in and provide any assistance they may need while they choose their items. There are always two volunteers covering the desk. You choose a day that fits your schedule for a 2 hour shift.

If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities or are interested please see either Donna Stettler or June Stum. Thank you for considering.

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

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 the following meals and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you.

*October 17, Lunch

*October 21, Dinner

*November 14, Lunch

*November 25, Dinner

*December 12, Lunch

*December 16, 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. Thanks for your consideration.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Join us for Tuesday Bible Study! Classes are 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.



TODDLER GYM is back! Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 – 10:30am (Sept – May)** for playtime for ages 1 – 6 with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public and follows the Lampeter Strasburg School Calendar. For more information, check out our Facebook or Instagram page, or contact Alyssa Gregory at 717-495-3939 or alyssadriedger@gmail.com.

Join us for a **Blessing of the Animals Service** on **October 19th at 3pm**. Bring your pet or a picture of your beloved pet. No pet? Stuff animals are also welcome. All animals are welcome! Join us outside in the grassy area of the church yard. You will receive a certificate of blessing and have a time of fellowship. Donations of dry/wet cat or dog food (any brand) and dog treats and chews (any brand) will be accepted at the blessing for Pet Pantry of Lancaster and the Lancaster SPCA. We look forward to seeing you there!



TRUNK OR TREAT at FPCS will be held this year from **5-6:30pm on Sunday, October 26th**. Sign up at the table under the TV in the welcome area and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by **4:30pm**. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm.

Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items or volunteer their time, should sign-up under the TV in the Welcome Area. We are in need of the following items: **cases of pony size water bottles, individually wrapped bags of candy, snacks including pretzels, rice krispie treats, fish crackers, and gummy fruit snacks**. Please drop these items off by October 5th to room 5. Volunteers are also needed to assist our youth group with inside games and activities. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfeiler@straspres.org.



Volunteers are needed for the **Annual Scouting for Food Drive** on **Saturday, November 8th**. There is a sign-up under the TV in the Welcome area. We are looking for volunteer helpers during the hours of **9am – 1pm**. Stay an hour or two, or more if you'd like! We would appreciate the extra hands during this once a year event.

It is an enjoyable experience as we help the community, get to know the Scouts and leaders, and the youth from FPC as we work side-by-side. We will be in Fellowship Hall sorting, checking dates & stocking the food items to our shelves. Join us if you can!

~The Food Pantry Committee & Volunteers of FPC

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
10am *Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: Rm 12
*Youth & Adult Sunday School
– Gather in FH to hear from Little Children of the World
11am **Worship** (Modern)
5pm Confirmation Class – Room 4

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

Monday, October 13

- 6:30pm CIC – Room 4

Tuesday, October 14

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 7pm | Outreach Committee – Room 5 |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |
| 4:30pm | Personnel Committee – Library | | |

Wednesday, October 15

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| 1pm | <u>Knifty Knitters</u> – Library | 7pm | Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary |
| 3pm | <u>Stitchin' Sisters</u> – Room 4 | | |

Thursday, October 16

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
1pm Food Pantry Committee – Room 4
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, October 17

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| 9am | Toddler Gym | 6pm | Our Table |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | |

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 19, 2025

1st Scripture: Psalm 118:26-29

2nd Scripture: Matthew 23:29-39

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Turning a Woe into a Wow”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching