

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 19, 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 Gavin Elias

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 19, 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

"Berceuse"

Louis Vierne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever, may the Lord rejoice in his works – he who looks on the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

*HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 446

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Faithful and merciful God, we come before you today full of praise for your steadfast love and your unwavering grace. We confess that we have lived our lives often unaware of how we only look to you in times of crisis or grief. We come today asking for forgiveness for taking you for granted, and taking the power of this church community for granted. Remind us of your love and our unity. 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

Tina Dansereau

SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

ANTHEM

"Prayer"

Don Besig

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:26-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:29-39

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"Anger, Lament, and Blessings"

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

*HYMN

"For All the Saints"

No. 526

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, Name Above All Names!"

arr. John Wilson

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 525

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in G Minor"

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

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 19, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Praise
Do What You Want To
My Hands Are Open*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Second Grade Bible Presentation

Scripture Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:29-39

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"Anger, Lament, and Blessings"* Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Offering

*Praise & Worship *The Blessing*

*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



Comfort in Time of Loss:

Please pray for the family of Peg Hosker, who passed into eternal life on October 14, 2025.
Please pray for the family of Marguerite "Peggy" Bronkema, who passed into eternal life on October 15, 2025.

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.



Second Grade Bible Presentation

Cole Tyler Davis, son of Dan and Brianna Davis, presented by his mother, Brianna Davis. Verse: 1Corinthians 10:31

James Miller, son of Amy Thomas, presented by his grandmother, Cheryle Thomas
Verse: John 3:16





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.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Peg Hosker, who passed into eternal life on October 14, 2025.



The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Marguerite "Peggy" Bronkema, the mother of Pastor Bob, who passed into eternal life on October 15, 2025.



Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by The Young(ish) Adult Sunday School Class in loving honor of Marguerite "Peggy" Bronkema.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Terry & JoAnn Sweigart. 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.



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.

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.

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 21, Dinner

*November 14, Lunch

*December 12, Lunch

*November 25, Dinner

*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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 19

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)

12:15pm Italy Mission Meeting – Fellowship Hall

3pm Blessing of the Animals

5pm Confirmation Class – Room 4

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

Monday, October 20

7pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, October 21

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 22

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

3pm ~~Stitchin'~~ Sisters – Room 4

7pm Session Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, October 23

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, October 24

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

Saturday, October 25

9am Deborah Circle – Library

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 26, 2025 REFORMATION SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Zechariah 14:4-5

2nd Scripture: Matthew 24:1-8

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"The (Re) Birth of God's People"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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 TODAY, 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 25th 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

CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~ Join us on **Sunday, November 23rd at 9:30am** (after the 8:30am service) to recognize, celebrate and honor the 50+ year members with a brunch in Fellowship Hall. As in the past, we will need volunteers to bake and bring brunch to church on the 23rd. You will be provided with all ingredients and materials necessary, including the recipe. We are also in need of help to set up Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 22nd. There will be no Sunday School or nursery care during the brunch on Sunday, November 23rd. Please contact Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954. Thank you!

