

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Dale Groff / 11am Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Welcome!
Reformation Sunday

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

"A Mighty Fortress"

Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving and faithful God, we give you thanks and praise for your promise of new birth and your promise of return. We ask that as we gather as your people that your Holy Spirit would move through us powerfully. We confess that we have been stuck in the past and expecting you to do something new while we only do that which we know. Open our minds and our hearts to a renewal that can only come from your presence. 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

ANTHEM

"Come and Worship"

arr. Patti Drennan

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 14:4-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:1-8

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8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

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

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 555

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "When We All Get To Heaven/I Will Enter His Gates"

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

No. 551

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata in D 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 26, 2025

Welcome!
Reformation Sunday

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *So ~~So~~ Good*
 Firm Foundation (He Won't)
 What A Beautiful Name

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Zechariah 14:4-5
 Matthew 24:1-8

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon "The (Re)Birth of God's People" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Trust In God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

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

Dick Cummings
Don Black
Vesta Herr – Hospice
Kay Straley



October Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff & Heidi Zook-Payne
November Deacons of the Month: David & Melissa Edwards

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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today Beth Feiler and FPCS Kids. Hosts for next week: Tina Dansereau. 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 rineretheresa@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) Love to sing and be a blessing to others with a song? We need you! Looking for children and youth who are available for rehearsals, and to sing in worship, with Kidz JAM. Please contact Jonathan Jones at 484-949-4514 or jjones@straspres.org, to discuss your availability for rehearsals and to sing in worship this program year. Look forward to hearing from you!

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

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

-Canned Corn

-Canned Potatoes

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.

*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.





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.

TRUNK OR TREAT at FPCS will be held from **5-6:30pm TONIGHT, October 26th**. It's not too late to have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in [a costume](#) between 5-6:30pm. 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.



IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will take place on **Sunday, November 16th from 4-6pm at the L-S Practice Field**. Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) compete for the FFL trophy and bragging rights. Come on out to play or cheer from the sidelines! Bring a lawn chair and dress warm. Please RSVP to Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.

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. This year's menu is tater [tot](#) breakfast casserole with ham, fruit and sweets. As in the past, we will need volunteers to bake and bring 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!



"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!*



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 26 * Reformation Sunday

- 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)
5pm Trunk or Treat 

***IGNITED • Trunk or Treat 4:30 - 7:30pm**

Monday, October 27

6:30pm IMPACT Young Adult Bible Study - Youth Room

Tuesday, October 28

9am	Women's Bible Study - Room 4	7pm	Women's Bible Study - Room 4
2pm	Food Pantry	7pm	IMPACT - Mick's (Willow Steet)

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

9am	Toddler Gym - FH	6pm	Our Table
2pm	Food Pantry		

Saturday, November 1

4pm IGNITED at Cherry Crest

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 2, 2025

1st Scripture: Daniel 9:24-27 2nd Scripture: Matthew 24:9-31

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"So This is What the End Looks Like"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching