

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 2, 2025

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Sandy Wenger / 11am Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am



Sunday, November 2, 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

"Sonata #3 (2nd movt.)"

Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the Lord, O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

*HYMN

"O God of Every Nation"

No. 289

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of life and death and resurrection, we praise you for those who have gone before us and paved the way to understanding the salvation that you offer. Help us to learn from them how to be more faithful. Forgive us for not learning lessons about sin and its impact on our lives and on the world. Lead us away from temptation and toward your faithful presence that never wavers. 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

ANTHEM

"Communion Anthem"

Don McAfee

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Daniel 9:24-27

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:9-31

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SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON "It's the End of the World as We Know It and I Feel Fine" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sonata #3 (1st movt.)" Felix Mendelssohn

**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, November 2, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Praise*
 I Thank God
 I Know A Name

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Daniel 9:24-27
 Matthew 24:9-31

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon "It's the End of the World as We Know It and I Feel Fine" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Goodness Of God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Don Black
Gwen Bortzfield
Red Bortzfield
Dick Cummings
Vesta Herr - Hospice
Jim Law - Hospice
Kay Straley



November Deacons of the Month: David & Melissa Edwards

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME



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. Host for today: Tina Dansereau. Hosts for next week: The Edwards 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. 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 Potatoes

-Canned Corn
-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.

*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.



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!*

CHURCH DECORATING DAY ~ On **Monday, November 24th at 6pm**, we will be decking the halls and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the fun, have pizza and help us to decorate!



Our first Sunday Advent Night will be held on **November 30th starting at 5pm**. Come join us as we celebrate the first Sunday of the Advent season! This night is for everyone as we wait and prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Activities include a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), crafts, cookie decorating, singing, and so much more! The night should wind down around 7pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the welcome area under the TV. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler or Andrea Petrokonis.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 2

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 Prayer Partner Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4 * Election Day

9am	Women's Bible Study - Room 4	7pm	Women's Bible Study - Room 4
2pm	Food Pantry	7pm	Worship Committee - Library
6pm	Christian Education - Room 5		

Wednesday, November 5

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

Thursday, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

2pm	Food Pantry	6pm	Our Table
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Saturday, November 8

9am Annual Scouting for Food Drive

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2025

1st Scripture: Joel 2:28-32 2nd Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"So This is When the End Will Come"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.