

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING

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 Tina Dansereau / 11am Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 23, 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 109

Leader: Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love.

People: With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng.

*HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 485

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God our King and ruler, we give you thanks for governing us with your loving hand. We praise you for your grace when our commandments are not obeyed, and your patience when we follow other rulers instead of you. We are humbled by your forgiveness, lead us back to the path of obedience. You are the Lord of our lives, the ruler in our hearts. Help us to live this way. 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

"Praise The Lord, O Jerusalem"

John Henry Maunder

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:4-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"A King Like No Other"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 361

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The King Is Coming"

arr. Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

No. 467

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Marche Triomphale"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**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 23, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *So ~~So~~ Good
I Thank God
Holy Forever*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Sacrament of Baptism *Liam John Eltman*

Scripture Judges 4:4-10
Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"A King Like No Other"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Gratitude*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Don Black
Amy Black – Recovering from surgery
Dick Cummings
Vesta Herr – Hospice
Donna Law
Jim Law – Hospice
Carla Plomchok



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Becky Mills and her two daughters on the passing of their husband and father, Paul Mills, on November 18, 2025.

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.

Being baptized today is Liam John Eltman, son of Bryan and Alicia Eltman.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY, JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! There are currently no hosts signed up for next week, Sunday, November 30th! 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. Check out the history of the church on the table outside of the library, "A History of the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, Pennsylvania," by The Reverend E. Bradford Davis, Th.D.



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!

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 30, 2025 THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

1st Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 26:1-16

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
"Jesus, the Light of the World"

Jen Eisenberg, Guest Preacher

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 Fruits

-Canned Meats

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.



Memorial Poinsettias

Orders for memorial poinsettias are now being accepted for the upcoming Advent season. **Cost is \$8 per plant.** Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox (Nicole Keays) or drop off in the church office mail slot.
Deadline for orders & payments: December 7, 2025.

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



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.



CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~ Join us on **TODAY 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. There will be no Sunday School or nursery care during [the brunch](#) TODAY.



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!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT rehearsals will start on **November 30th at 10am in room 12**. If anyone has a child/grandchild that would like to participate, please see Beth Feiler.



"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!*

Join us on Thanksgiving Day! Doors open at 8:45am for coffee, pastries and the Macy's Parade and at noon we will gather for a Thanksgiving feast!

The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at 12:15pm (after second service) on Sunday, December 7th**. The purpose of this meeting is to review and act on the proposed 2026 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect New Officers for the terms starting in 2026, and to review and receive the 2026 Ministry Budget.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE ORGAN ~ Join us for an organ concert and Christmas carols on **December 7th at 7pm**, hosted by our very own Jonathan Jones.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 23

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **FPC 193rd Birthday Celebration**
*No Sunday School Classes
11am **Worship** (Modern)

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

Monday, November 24

6pm Advent Decoration Night

Tuesday, November 25

2pm Food Pantry
8pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, November 26

*No Knifty Knitters or Stitchin' Sisters

Thursday, November 27 * Happy Thanksgiving!

*Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving
12pm “Our Table” Thanksgiving Meal – FH (Doors Open at 8:45am)



Friday, November 28

*Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving
*Food Pantry Closed
6pm Our Table – FH

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!



The Racial Justice Task Group of the Donegal
Presbytery invites you to view and discuss the
traveling Smithsonian exhibit, *The Bias Inside Us*,
at the Chester County History Center.

Thursday, January 8, 2026



Chester County History Center
225 N. High St.
West Chester, PA 19380

Meet at 10am inside
the museum.
Free of cost including lunch.

Contact Pastor Bob Bronkema for
information and to register.
bbronkema@straspres.org or 717-799-0777

<https://mycchc.org/calendar-events/the-bias-inside-us/>



Sunday, November 30th ~ 5pm
Advent Night

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.

Adults create a craft to
take home!



Kids create a craft to
take home and one to
decorate the tree at church!



Sing Christmas Carols with ~~www.goggie.com~~ Goggie and Friends! 🎵



Decorate a Christmas cookie!

Dinner will include lasagna and chicken tenders. **Please bring a dish to share: appetizer, side, dessert or beverage.** A sign-up sheet is in the welcome area under the TV. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler or Andrea Petrokonis.



2025 SANTA'S HELPERS



This year FPS will again participate in the Santa's Helpers Program by having interested members of the congregation purchase a specific gift for a child in need. The Santa's Helpers program began over 30 years ago when the founders discovered a family that could not afford to buy Christmas gifts nor a Christmas meal for their family. The program has grown into a non-profit organization which partners with the L-S School District to provide Christmas for over 100 needy families. Our congregation joined this effort in 2011 and has purchased over 1,000 toys for children of needy families in our area since our participation began. To play a part in this valuable program all you need to do is:

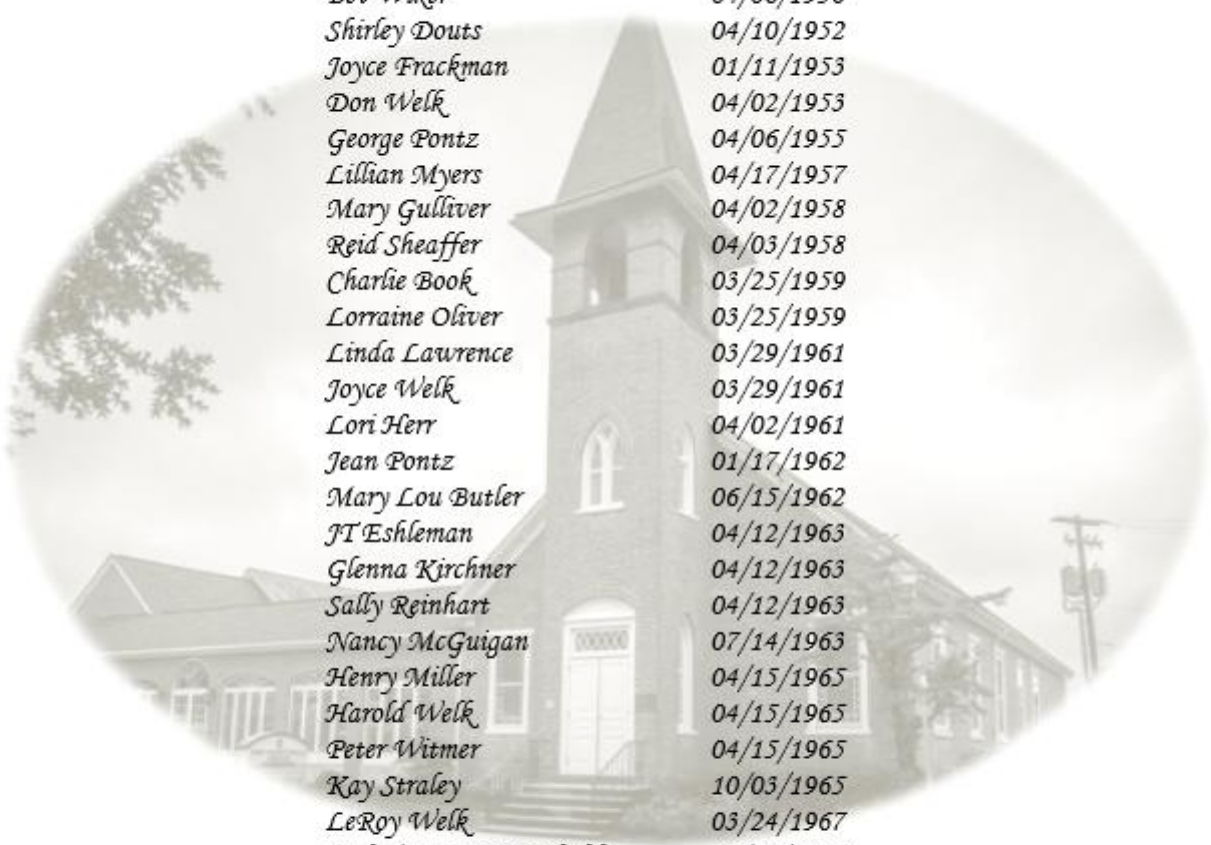
- ✚ Sign-up to purchase a gift at the giving tree located next to the receptionist desk on either **Sunday, November 30** or **Sunday, December 7**.
- ✚ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree, which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
- ✚ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table.
- ✚ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
- ✚ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa's Helpers organization.

Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 14th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann or Terry Sweigart at 717-672-1427 or 717-606-6907.

50+ Year Church Members

Church Members

Date Joined the Church



<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>04/21/1946</i>
<i>Sandy Bernstorff</i>	<i>04/14/1949</i>
<i>Bev Wiker</i>	<i>04/06/1950</i>
<i>Shirley Douts</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>01/11/1953</i>
<i>Don Welk</i>	<i>04/02/1953</i>
<i>George Pontz</i>	<i>04/06/1955</i>
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>04/17/1957</i>
<i>Mary Gulliver</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>04/03/1958</i>
<i>Charlie Book</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Lorraine Oliver</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Joyce Welk</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Lori Herr</i>	<i>04/02/1961</i>
<i>Jean Pontz</i>	<i>01/17/1962</i>
<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>06/15/1962</i>
<i>JT Eshleman</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Sally Reinhart</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Nancy McGuigan</i>	<i>07/14/1963</i>
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Harold Welk</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Peter Witmer</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Kay Straley</i>	<i>10/03/1965</i>
<i>LeRoy Welk</i>	<i>03/24/1967</i>
<i>Red & Gwen Bortzfield</i>	<i>12/31/1967</i>
<i>John Esbenshade</i>	<i>04/02/1969</i>
<i>Blaine Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Frank & Karen McCardell</i>	<i>04/18/1973</i>
<i>Mark Francis</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>
<i>Dale & Barbara Groff</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>
<i>Tammy Scheurich</i>	<i>04/07/1974</i>
<i>Becky Mills</i>	<i>06/30/1974</i>
<i>Bette Davis</i>	<i>01/26/1975</i>