

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 9, 2025

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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 Denise Jones

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am



Sunday, November 9, 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

"Introitus & Melodia monastica"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

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

People: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

*HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 442

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God and creator of all things, we pour out our praise and thanks to you this morning. We praise you for how you have created us to be in relationship with you and with each other. Forgive us for creating a hierarchy of value and worth within our culture and society. Remind us that we were all made in your image and that we each have value that comes from the blood of our Savior Jesus. Lead us back to your side as we look to live faithfully. 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

"Go Ye, Therefore"

Mary McDonald

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:28-32

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

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8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"So This Is When the End Will Come"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Because He Lives"

arr. Carol Tournquist

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 446

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Chorale"

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 9, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *You Deserve
We Praise You
You Keep Hope Alive*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Joel 2:28-32
Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"So This Is When the End Will Come"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship In Christ Alone

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Don Black
Amy Black – Recovering from surgery
Gwen Bortzfield
Red Bortzfield
Dick Cummings
Vesta Herr – Hospice
Jim Law – Hospice
Ed Margerum
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: The Edwards Family. **There are currently no hosts for next week, Sunday, November 16th.** 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.



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: _____

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!



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!*

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!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 9

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages

*Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: Rm 12

*Confirmation Class – Room 5

*Youth Sunday School

~Grades 6 – 12: Youth Room

*Young Adults – Choir Room

*Wired Word – Library

*Young at Heart – Room 4

11am **Worship** (Modern)

12:15pm Italy Meeting - Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, November 10

6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

6:30pm CIC – Room 4

Tuesday, November 11

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm Outreach – Room 5

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 12

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

6:30pm Trustee Meeting – Room 4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, November 13

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, November 14

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

6pm Our Table

2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Guest Preacher

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 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 will be in the welcome area under the TV. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler or Andrea Petrokonis.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

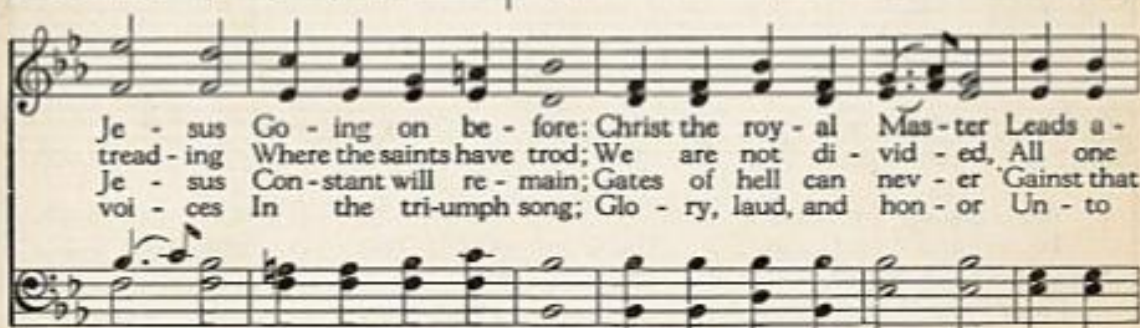
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Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864

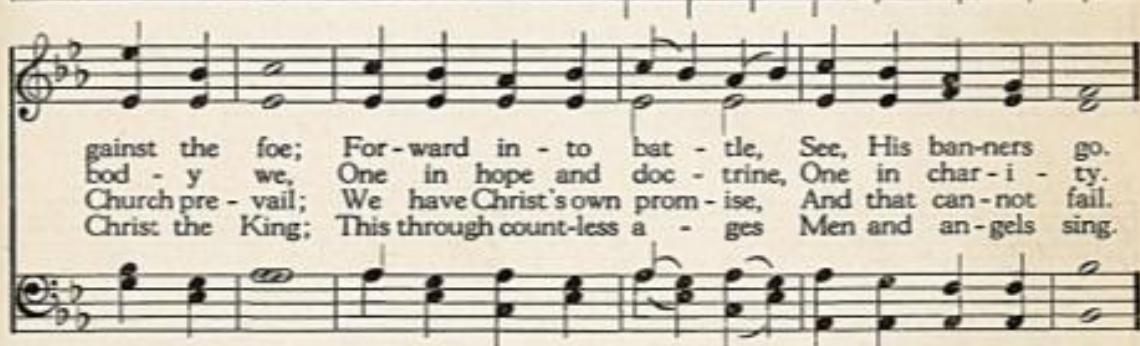
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Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871



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2. Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God; Broth - ers, we are
3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane, But the Church of
4. On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, Join our hap - py throng, Blend with ours your



Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore: Christ the roy - al Mas - ter Leads a -
tread - ing Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed, All one
Je - sus Con - stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that
voi - ces In the tri - umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to

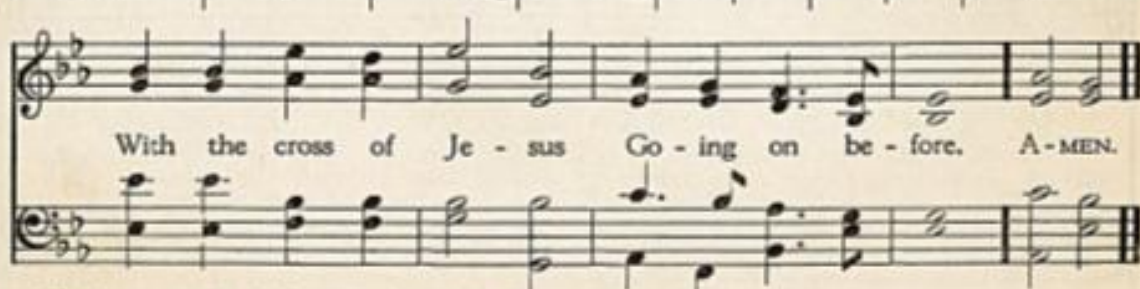


gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle, See, His ban - ners go.
bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
Church pre - vail; We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
Christ the King; This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

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On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore, A - MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: LOYALTY AND COURAGE