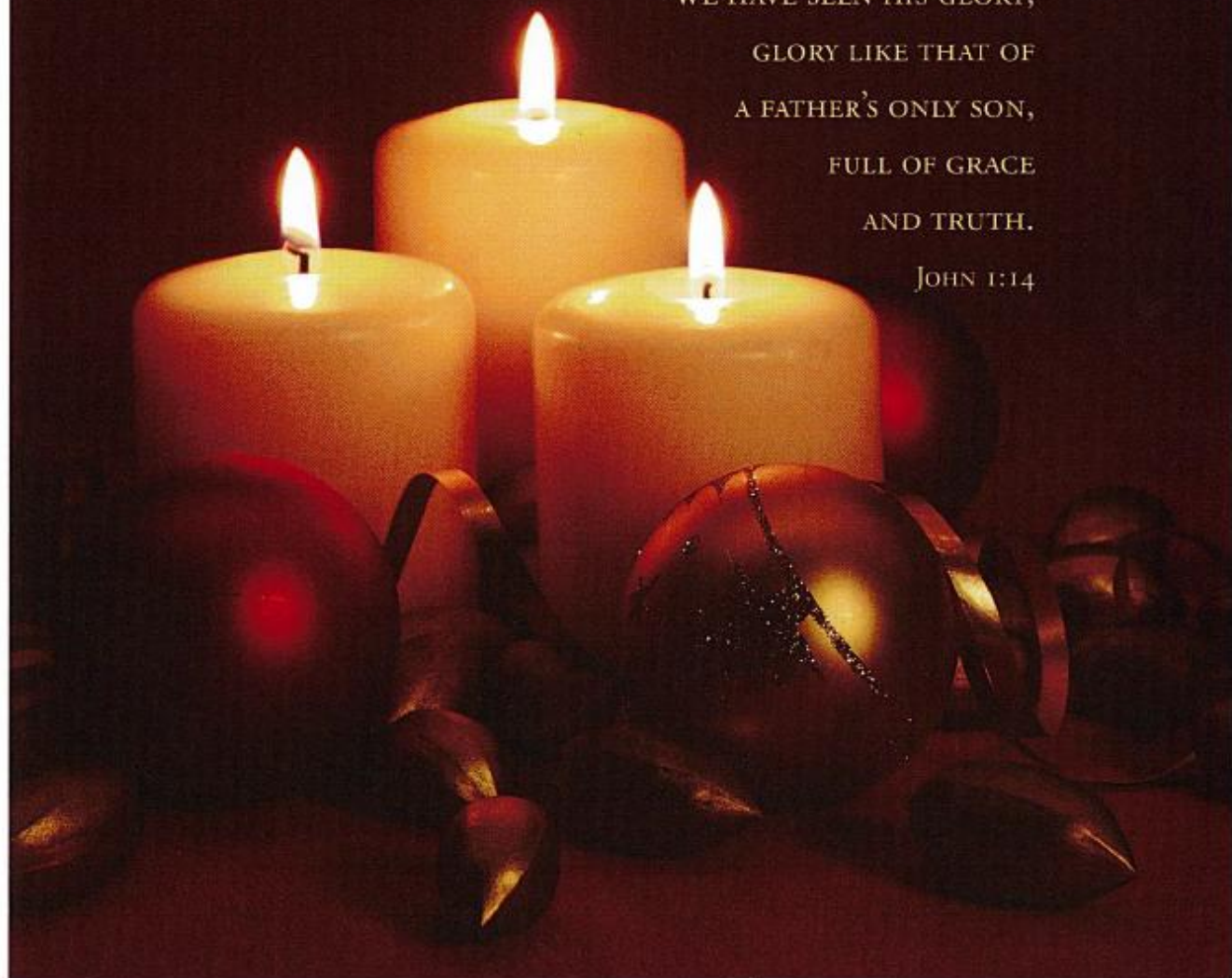


Christ

THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US.

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY,
GLORY LIKE THAT OF
A FATHER'S ONLY SON,
FULL OF GRACE
AND TRUTH.

JOHN 1:14



Sunday, December 14, 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

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Nadu Family

Family: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

*HYMN

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 38

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Good shepherd, lover of the flock, we praise you for your steadfast love which endures forever. We celebrate your guiding hand which leads us to places of peace and confidence, even while the storms rage around us. Forgive us for looking to others for security while pronouncing our faith in you. Draw us away from false hopes and towards the only hope of salvation found in your name. 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

ANTHEM

"Sing Noel: A Christmas Fanfare"

arr. Jay Althouse

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:5-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:31-46

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: LENT IN ADVENT

SERMON *"Jesus, the Shepherd of the World"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* No. 23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Mary, Did You Know?"* arr. Jack Schrader

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Pg. 14

*HYMN *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* No. 29

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"In Dulci Jubilo"* 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

NEXT WEEK ~ DECEMBER 21, 2025
4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

1st Scripture: Zechariah 13:7-9

2nd Scripture: Matthew 26:47-56

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: LENT IN ADVENT

Sermon: *"Jesus the Savior of the World"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Edwards Family

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People: (Sung) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Praise & Worship

*Joy To The World/Our God Saves
Your Name (Christmas Version)
Let Me See Jesus*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture

Psalm 42:5-8

Matthew 26:31-46

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: LENT IN ADVENT

SERMON

"Jesus, the Shepherd of the World"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship

Trust In God

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black

Dick Cummings

Vesta Herr - Hospice

Donna Law

Jim Law - Hospice

Brenda Lutz - Lancaster Rehab

Lois Mellinger

Sue Schenke



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Sandy Bernstorf and her children on the passing of their husband and father, Al Bernstorf, on December 10, 2025.

December Deacons of the Month: Linda Bredin & Pam Johnson

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



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 Al Bernstorf, who passed into eternal life on December 10, 2025.

SANTA'S HELPERS ~ Thank you to our generous congregation who selected all of the tags the first Sunday that they became available! This is a friendly reminder to those who signed up to purchase a gift, that all gifts should be placed under the tree by **TODAY, Sunday, December 14th**. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Dave & Deb DiFranco. Hosts for next week: The Marsh Family. Volunteers are needed! 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 email rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

LIBRARY NEWS • Christmas is coming soon! Our church library has many Christmas books to cozy up with. Check out the table in the hallway and many more on the shelves under number 45.



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!

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!



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 fruit

Monetary donations are gladly accepted. Kindly use the envelopes marked FOOD found in the pews. This allows the volunteers to purchase most needed items when our stock is depleted. Thank you for considering this request.

WATER STREET RESCUE MISSION

There are opportunities in 2026, 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 and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you.

*January 16, Lunch
*February 17, Dinner
*March 17, Dinner

*January 20, Dinner
*February 20, Lunch
*March 20, Lunch



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!

The **WELCOME DESK** is looking for some smiling faces to greet friends, neighbors and members who come through our doors here at First Pres! You will be richly compensated with friendly conversations, a sense of belonging, and the feeling of being needed as well as helping out our church.



We currently need Monday morning volunteers, but whether you are available weekly, bi-weekly, once a month or only as a substitute, we would love to have you join us as a member of this team!

Please contact Pam Johnson with any questions @ 717-989-0998 or see me around our church. Thank you so much for considering joining this ministry.

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 St. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579





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.



"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!*

PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ~ There will be a meeting on **Sunday, December 28th at 12:15pm** (after second service) to discuss the children's Sunday school class. Parents, children and CE members are invited. Pizza will be served!



Upcoming Advent & Christmas Programs



Join us for a cozy **CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT!** Bring your family and friends on **Sunday, December 21st at 6pm** for an evening of fun, snacks and holiday cheer as we enjoy a festive film and warm fellowship to round out the Advent season. All are welcome!



Christmas Eve Schedule ♦ December 24



Children's Christmas Pageant • 4:30 PM
Candlelight Worship Services • 8 PM & 11 PM



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 14

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

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

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

Christmas Pageant Practice – Room 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 Meeting – Room 4

5pm Confirmation Class – Library

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

Tuesday, December 16

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 17

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

7pm Session Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, December 18

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

1pm Food Pantry Committee – Room 4

6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, December 19

9am Toddler Gym – FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table – FH



First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



Mission 2026



BENEFIT AUCTION

*To be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026
in the Fellowship Hall at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg
Doors open at 5:30 pm, Auction starts at 6:15 pm
Food will be available for purchase*

**Proceeds from the auction will support the
First Presbyterian Senior High School Mission trip
to Portici, Italy to teach Vacation Bible School**



To donate to the auction:

Contact Don Welk at 717-208-3884

Linda Lawrence 717-715-5132

Pam Johnson 717-989-0998

Pastor Bob Bronkema at 717-799-0777



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Sunday, December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

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 Mary Lou Butler / 11am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am