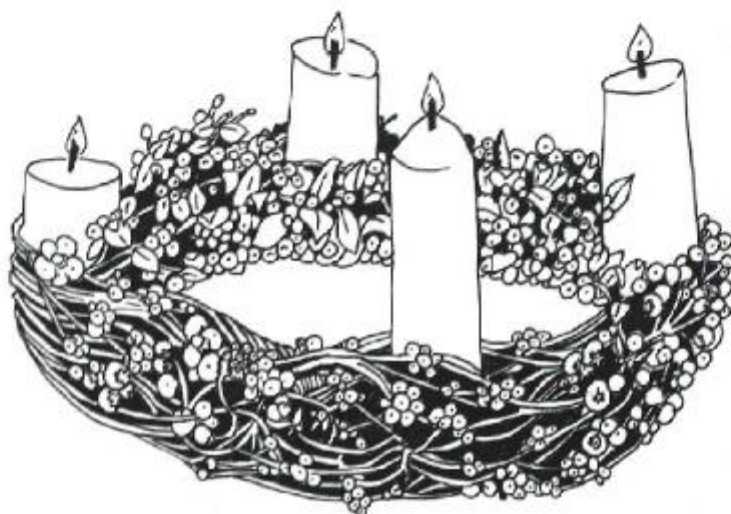


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Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

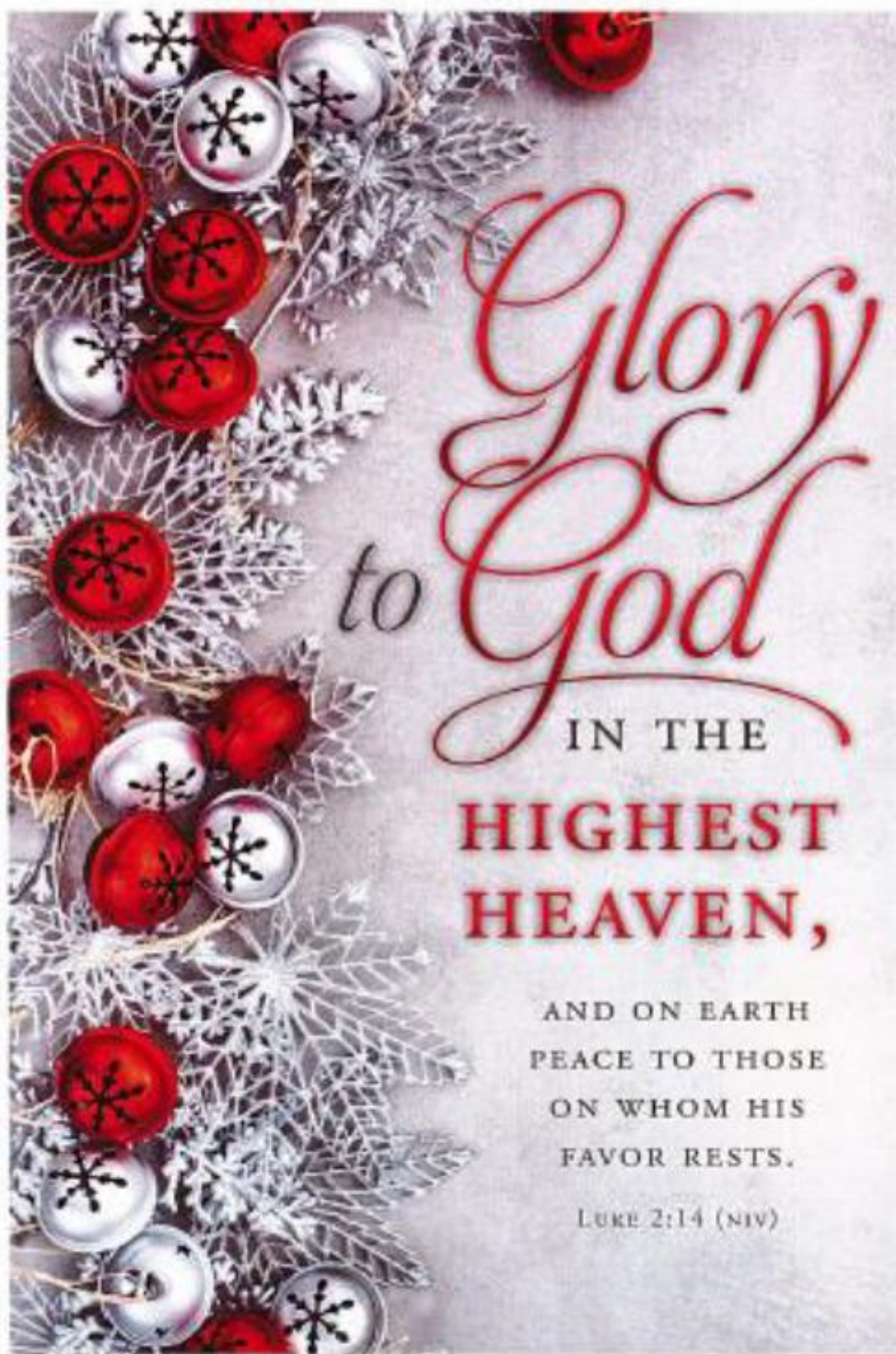
DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Mary Lou Butler / 11am Goggie Sween

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am



to *Glory*
God

IN THE
**HIGHEST
HEAVEN,**

AND ON EARTH
PEACE TO THOSE
ON WHOM HIS
FAVOR RESTS.

LUKE 2:14 (NIV)

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

"Pastorale"

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Italy Mission Trip"

Easton Cunningham

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Colvin Family

Family: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

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

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

*HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

No. 25

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Savior, redeemer of our souls and our lives, we thank you for choosing to die so that we might live. We confess that our sin is ever before us, that we continue to do that which drives us away from you. Forgive us and save us from ourselves. Thank you for your assurance of salvation that relies on your grace and not our actions, which always come up short. 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

"The Shepherds' Carol"

Mary Donnelly

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 13:7-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:47-56

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

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

*HYMN *"What Child Is This"* No. 53

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Pg. 14

*HYMN *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* No. 41

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Noël Suisse"* Louis-Claude Daquin

**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 28, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

1st Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9

2nd Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75

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

Sermon: *"Jesus, the Conqueror of the World"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



Greeting and Announcements

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| Minute for Mission | "Italy Mission Trip" | Easton Cunningham Ephram Claycomb |
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Lighting of the Advent Candle: ***Fulmer Family***

Family: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

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

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

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| *Praise & Worship | <i>Praise</i> <i>Angels From The Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)</i> <i>Holy Forever (Christmas)</i> |
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Prayer & Peace

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| Children's Message | Kristin Kondratowski |
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| Scripture | Zechariah 13:7-9 Matthew 26:47-56 |
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SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: LENT IN ADVENT

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| Sermon | <i>"Jesus, Savior of the World"</i> | Rev. Robert K. Bronkema |
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Offering

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| *Praise & Worship | <i>O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You</i> |
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*Benediction

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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



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 sermon.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Marsh Family. Hosts for next week: Tina Dansereau. 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 almost here! 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.



Please note the following updated addresses for members who have recently moved. Please help us continue to keep one another in prayer and fellowship.

Kay Straley
Trillium Place
Goods Run 519
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black
Janice Bowers – Hospice
Dick Cummings
Vesta Herr – Hospice

Jim Law – Hospice
Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab
Lois Mellinger – LGH



December Deacons of the Month: Linda Bredin & Pam Johnson
In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin on **Sunday, January 11th at 3pm**. Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!



ASSISTANCE CORNER



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 at 717-989-0998 or see me around our church. Thank you so much for considering joining this ministry!

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!

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 21

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
9:30am Christmas Pageant Practice – Room 12
10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages
 *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)

6pm **Advent Event – Christmas Movie Night – Fellowship Hall**

***IGNITED OFFSITE ♦ Combined Youth Group: 6 – 8pm – 1009 Penn Grant Rd**
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Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

- 4:30pm Children's Christmas Pageant
8pm Candlelight Worship Service
11pm Candlelight Worship Service



Thursday, December 25

- 🎄 Merry Christmas! 🎄
*The church office is closed in observance of Christmas.



Friday, December 26

- *Food Pantry Closed
*The church office is closed in observance of Christmas.
6pm Our Table – FH



Upcoming Advent & Christmas Programs



Join us TONIGHT, Sunday, December 21st, for a cozy **CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT!** Bring your family and friends 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



Thank You to the Following Who Provided Poinsettias



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| Charles R. Book | In Loving Memory of Josephine E. Book |
| Mary Lou Butler | In Loving Memory of Mel Butler & parents Marie & Jack Austin and Alma & Carl Butler |
| Joy Corey and family | In Loving Memory of husband Ken Corey and sister Joan |
| Peter & Joan Coste | In Loving Memory of parents Ernie & Betty Gilpin and Peter E. & Betty Coste and sister Margaret Coste Cooper |
| Alice Eisenhooth | In Loving Memory of Edward & Thelma Eisenhooth and In Honor of Abigail Alice Sprenkle |
| Joyce Frackman | In Loving Memory of husband Clayton Frackman |
| Ryan & Rienna Fulmer | In Loving Memory of Anthony, Rosella and Roseanne DeMeo, Mark Fulmer and Jason Madonna and Nicholas Petragani Jr. |
| Robin Kendlehart | In Loving Memory of Paul M. Kendlehart and In Honor of the Children and Pageant Directors |
| John & Glenna Kirchner | In Loving Memory of Ann & Glenn Esbenshade and Tyler Zook |
| Linda Lawrence | In Loving Memory of son Jason Lawrence and parents H. LeRoy & Ruth Welk |
| Shawn Murphy, Jr. | In Loving Memory of Shawn Murphy, Sr. |
| Carla Plomchok | In Loving Memory of Mary Plomchok and Carl Plomchok |
| Kirk Shaub | In Loving Memory of wife Shirley |
| Reid Sheaffer, Jr. | In Loving Memory of parents Reid H. & Betty B. Sheaffer |
| Don & Beth Smith | In Loving Memory of daughter Ashley and In Honor of grandsons Arlo & Tanner |
| Jim & Nancy Smith and Family | In Loving Memory of Jim's parents Martin & Hazel Smith and Nancy's parents Carl & Virginia Mosebach and In Honor of our children Jim, Andy & Amy |
| Barb Stoltzfus | In Loving Memory of husband Reuben and son Jeffrey |
| Barb Szczesniak | In Loving Memory of sister Irene Szczesniak |
| Steve & Donna Szczesniak | In Loving Memory of Stefan Szczesniak |
| Norma Weaver | In Loving Memory of husband Bob |
| Harold & Karen Welk | In Loving Memory of H. LeRoy & Ruth Welk, Richard & Viola Ludwig, and brother Robert Ludwig |
| LeRoy & Deb Welk | In Loving Memory of Ira & Dorothy Welk, Lloyd & Barb Welk and Jim & Fran Ashby |
| Linda Younger | In Loving Memory of parents and grandparents |
| Heidi Zook-Payne | In Loving Memory of Tyler Zook & Tyreese Smith |

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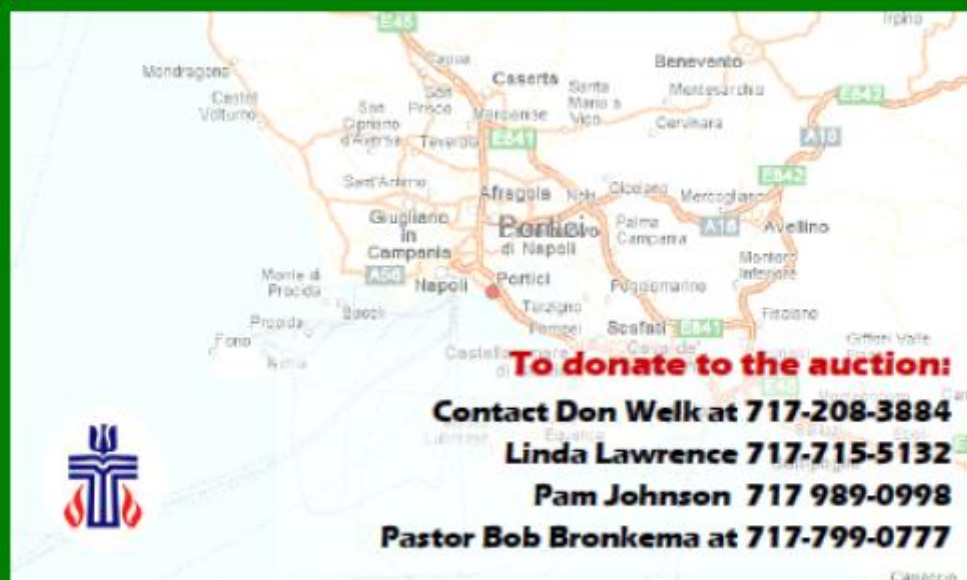
Mission 2026



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



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