

## *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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*www.straspres.org*



**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

*First Sunday of Christmas*

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 Bette Davis / 11am Linda Younger

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, December 28, 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

*"Joy to the World"  
"Silent Night"*

arr. DeCou

arr. Innes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*"Italy Mission Trip"*

Garrett Thomas

Bennett Fasnacht

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 110

Leader: The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: **He will drink from the stream by the path, therefore he will lift up his head.**

\*HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

No. 41

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Conquering and faithful God, we give you thanks for never wavering in your protection and grace in our lives. We praise you for your strong hand that holds us upright even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. As we come to the end of the year, forgive us for routinely relying upon ourselves for all things, while doubting that you do indeed have the victory. Lead us back to your side. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 63:7-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:69-75

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SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

*"Jesus, the Conqueror of the World"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

No. 40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Greensleeves"*

arr. Wells

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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\*HYMN

*"What Child is This"*

No. 53

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"The First Noel"*

arr. Innes

*\*You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk.*

Sermon Notes

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11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

"Italy Mission Trip"

Connor Allison  
Jackson Allison

\*Praise & Worship

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing / King Of Heaven  
Joy To The World / Our God Saves  
Let Me See Jesus*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Matthew 26:69-75

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Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Goodness Of God*

\*Benediction

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## Prayer Requests

Don Black

Dick Cummings

Vesta Herr - Hospice

Jim Law - Hospice

Brenda Lutz - Lancaster Rehab

Lois Mellinger - Hospice



*Comfort in Time of Loss:* Please pray for the children and family of Janice Bowers on her passing on December 20, 2025.

*December Deacons of the Month:* Linda Bredin & Pam Johnson

*January Deacons of the Month:* Dawn Huber & Heidi Zook-Payne

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Janice Bowers, who passed into eternal life on December 20, 2025.*



*~We are pleased to welcome Bruce Gerlach as our guest organist this Sunday.~*

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Tina Dansereau. **There are currently no hosts for next Sunday, January 4, 2026.** 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 [rineertheresa@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:jjones@straspres.org). We would love to have more singers and instrumentalists join us!

**LIBRARY NEWS** • The Christmas season is here! Our church library has many Christmas books to cozy up with and even though Christmas has passed it's not too late to 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.

Lois Mellinger  
124 Conestoga House  
Landis Homes  
1001 E. Oregon Rd.  
Lititz, PA 17543



## 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](mailto: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

-Spam

-Jelly

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.



The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. If you, in the congregation, feel led to make a contribution to this fund, you can make a notation on an

Offering Envelope or Check stating **Christmas Joy Offering**, making your check out to First Presbyterian Church.



## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

**PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS** ~ There will be a **meeting TODAY, Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

**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](mailto: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!*

**POINSETTIAS** • Please feel free to pick up your poinsettias starting **January 4<sup>th</sup>** and take them home or give them to someone who may enjoy them!



**UNDECORATING THE CHURCH • Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm** we will be undecorating the church together to bring down the Advent and Christmas decorations. Come join in the fun and grab some pizza while you're here!

**OFFICER/STAFF RETREAT • Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Sanctuary and **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** the church will have our annual meeting to elect two Members-At-Large to serve on the 2026 Church Officer Nominating Committee and review and receive the FPCS 2024 Annual Report.

### NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 4, 2025 EPIPHANY SUNDAY ~ COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture **John 15:1-8**

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
"Covenant Renewal Service"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 28

- 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 Sunday School Parent Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**\*NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP\***

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### Monday, December 29

- 6pm Mission & Finance Meeting

### Tuesday, December 30

- 2pm Food Pantry

### Thursday, January 1, 2026

The church office is closed in observance of New Years



### Friday, January 2

- 6pm Our Table  
\*Food Pantry Closed

**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





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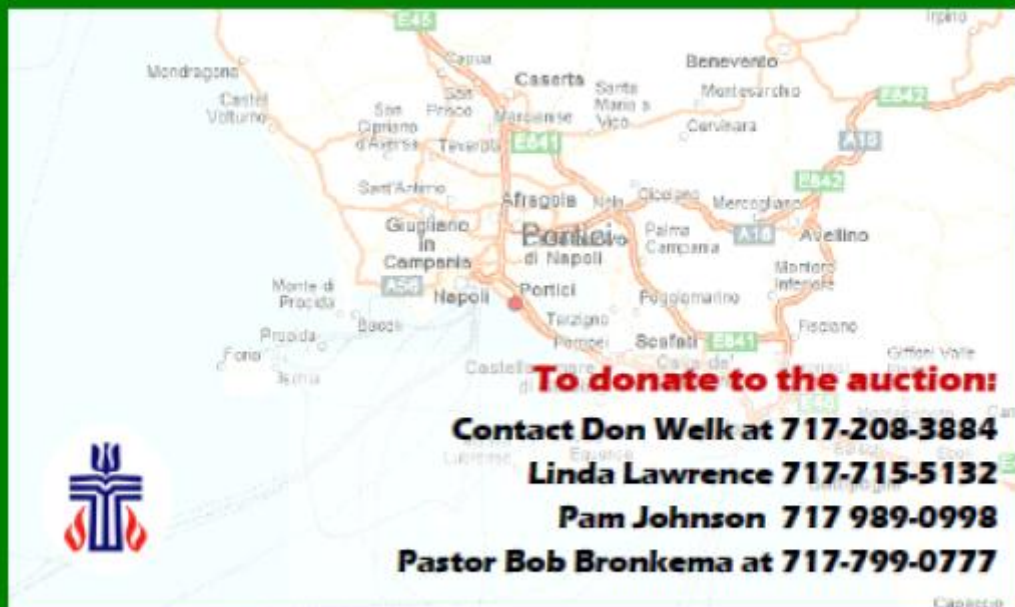
# Mission 2026



## 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



**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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