



Thank  
God  
for  
*his gift*  
that words  
can't describe!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15



Sunday, December 7, 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 *"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"* Dietrich Buxtehude

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### Creighton Family

Family: This second Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

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

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

\*HYMN

*"I Come with Joy"*

No. 507

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we come to you today grateful for the sacrament of communion in which you give us your body and your blood. Through your sacrifice on the cross we have been forgiven of all of our sins, that which separates us from you. We praise you for this extraordinary act of grace and redemption. Forgive us for not taking seriously the commitment that you made to us by equally committing our lives to you. Bring us back to your way of salvation which provides life and peace. 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

*"Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"*

Robert Lau

## FIRST SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

## SECOND SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 26:17-29



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

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

\*HYMN      *"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"*      insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY      *"People Look East"*      arr. Lloyd Larson

\*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *"Noël X"*      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

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Greeting and Announcements

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\*Praise & Worship

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King Of Heaven  
Highest  
Yes I Will*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:1-3  
Matthew 26:17-29

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Graves Into Gardens*

\*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 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579







## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Welcome**  
ALL ARE WELCOME



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.

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*Flowers are provided this Sunday to the glory of God from Kay Straley, in loving memory of husband Ron, brother Jim Filling, and other loved ones; and in honor of her family.*

*Flowers are provided this Sunday for the glory of God from Al & Sandy Bernstorf in loving memory of Betsey Bernstorf; Bill Brotzman; son-in-law, Mike Ranson; sister, Shirley and Noah Kreider.*

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**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 **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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: The Fulmer Family. Hosts for next week: Dave & Deb DiFranco. 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](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!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**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](mailto:jjones@straspres.org), to discuss your availability for rehearsals and to sing in worship this program year. Look forward to hearing from you!

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** • The deadline for ordering poinsettias is **TODAY!** If you are interested, please complete the form included and submit along with payment to the Office Administrator.



### 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

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### 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.

### 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!





## 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](mailto:alyssadriedger@gmail.com).



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT** rehearsals continue at **10am during Sunday School in room 12**. Please contact Beth Feiler with any questions.

**"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!*



The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at **12:15pm (after second service) TODAY, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Copies of the budget are available in both foyers.

### Elder Nominees

Sandy Wenger – 2 year term  
Tricia Wilson – 3 year term

### Deacon Nominees

Liz McVey-Calunod – 2 year term  
Carol Reinmiller – 2 year term  
Caroline Grossmann – 3 year term  
Danielle Marsh – 3 year term  
Jo Ann Sweigart – 3 year term  
Terry Sweigart – 3 year term

### Jr. Deacon Nominee

Addy Edwards – 1 year term

### Trustee Nominees

Todd Allison – 3 year term  
Ron Lowe – 3 year term  
Bill Potter – 3 year term  
Jeff Stoltzfus – 3 year term



## More Upcoming Events!

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



**Join us for a cozy Christmas Movie Night!** Bring your family and friends on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

**PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS** ~ There will be a meeting on **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!



### NEXT WEEK ~ DECEMBER 14, 2025 THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Psalm 42:5-8

Matthew 26:30-46

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: LENT IN ADVENT  
"Jesus, the Shepherd of the World"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## Prayer Requests

Don Black  
Dick Cummings  
Vesta Herr – Hospice  
Donna Law  
Jim Law – Hospice  
Lois Mellinger  
Carla Plomchok



*Comfort in Time of Loss:* Please pray for the family of Mark Guise in the passing of his brother on December 3, 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.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 7

- 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 Congregational Meeting  
5pm Confirmation Class – Library  
7pm Christmas at the Organ – Sanctuary

**\*IGNITED ♦ Christmas Party 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall**

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### Monday, December 8

- 6:30pm Community Impact Committee – Room 4

### Tuesday, December 9

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4  
2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Outreach Committee – Room 5

### Wednesday, December 10

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library  | 6:30pm | Trustee Meeting – Room 4 |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4 | 7pm    | Praise Team Practice     |

### Thursday, December 11

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library  
6pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>  
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, December 12

- 9am Toddler Gym  
2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Our Table – FH

### Saturday, December 13

- 1:30pm Martha Circle – Room 5






# Loaves Were Broken, 498

## Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C



food for - ev - er - more.  
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
 with you; do not fear!"  
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.



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**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
**Second 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 Linda Lawrence / 11am Danielle Marsh

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