

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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*www.straspres.org*



**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHORMASTER: 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 Wayne Carr / 11:00 am Goggie Sween

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

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*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

*"Balm in Gilead"  
"Song for the New Year"*

Wilson  
Peery

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*"Italy Mission Trip"*

Dominic Walmer  
Gianna Walmer

*"Nursery"*

Alyssa Gregory

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

\*HYMN

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

No. 464

PRAAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESION

Loving Lord, you are our hope for today. We are grateful for your promises which always come true. We are thankful that all things work for good for those who trust in you. Help us to trust in you. We confess that we don't always believe that you are on our side, even as we look to the idols of security and prosperity in which we take cover. Forgive us and lead us back to being followers who look to love you and neighbor first and foremost. 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

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 110

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SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

*"Jesus, Hope for Today"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

No. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

arr. Hustad

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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\*HYMN

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

No. 388

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Paen for a Celebration"*

(Paen means "Song of Triumph or Thanksgiving")

Hughes

*\*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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"Nursery"

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\*Praise & Worship

*We Praise You  
In Christ Alone  
King of Kings*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Baptism Remembrance

Scripture

Psalm 110  
Hebrews 1:1-4

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon

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Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Song Of The Saints*

\*Benediction

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**Prayer Requests** Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black

Jim Law – Hospice

Jeanne Copper – Hospice

Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab

Dick Cummings

Lois Mellinger - Hospice

Vesta Herr – Hospice



*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

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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 sermon.

~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. Hosts for today: Mark & Beth Feiler. Hosts for next week: June Stum and Sandy Wenger. 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!



**LIBRARY NEWS** • It's winter! What do we do with the extra time we used for enjoying the outdoors? Here's a good idea, how about reading a good book! Our church library has many good books, some inspirational, some filled with knowledge, some filled with mysteries, etc. So go check out our church library! You will find many good books to keep you busy reading all winter!

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS** • There are a number of items that have made a home in the lost and found, many items that have been on the coat rack in Fellowship Hall. If you are missing shoes, clothing, or other items, please check the lost and found, located on the coat rack in the foyer before your items are donated!



**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2026-2027 school year is open for current preschool and church families. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at 717-617-9501 or [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org), or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



The **CHURCH NURSERY** needs you! We are looking for donations of the following items: glider or rocking chair, diaper genie and pail refills, changing table, magnetic tiles, chunky puzzles. We are also in need of snack items: goldfish animal crackers, juice boxes, etc. Please contact Alyssa Gregory with any questions at 717-495-3939 or [alyssadriedger@gmail.com](mailto:alyssadriedger@gmail.com).



## 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 are currently in need of Thursday morning and Tuesday afternoon volunteers, and if you would like to be 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 also 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.

**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!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will begin **TODAY**, Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, and will additionally take place on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup> (luncheon after second service). 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!*



**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** • Please mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be held in room 4 at **9am or 7pm**. All are welcome! We will be using a new 8 session study called, “The Way of Wisdom” – A Study of the Book of Proverbs. The weekly studies are presented by some authors/speakers we know and – for us - some new ones. For any questions please contact Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

**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, elect Elders to Session, approve the revised FPCS Bylaws, and to review and receive the FPCS 2025 Annual Report.

### NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 18, 2026 WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY ~ MLK WEEKEND

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Hebrews 1:5-14

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY  
Sermon: “Have You Seen?”

Dr. Rev. Michael Wilson, Guest Preacher

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 11

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)  
  
3pm      New Members Class – Library

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

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### Monday, January 12

6:30pm   Community Impact Committee – Room 4

### Tuesday, January 13

2pm      Food Pantry  
6pm      Outreach Committee – Room 5

### Wednesday, January 14

6:30pm   Trustee Meeting – Room 4  
7pm      Praise Team – Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 15

6:30am   Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library  
1pm      Food Pantry Committee Meeting – Room 4  
7pm      Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, January 16

2pm      Food Pantry  
6pm      Our Table – FH



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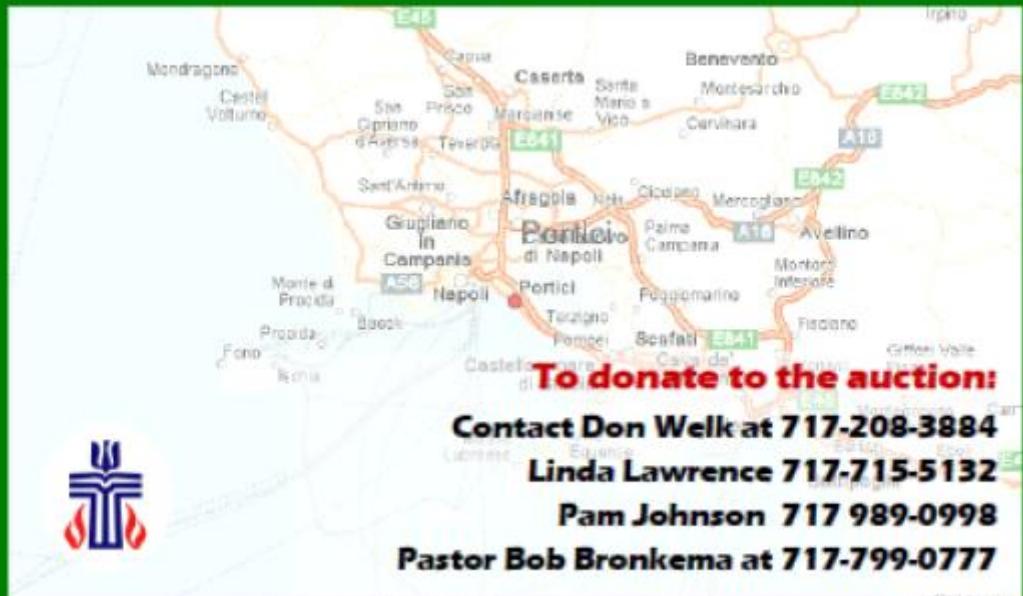
# Mission 2026



# 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**





### *Baptisms*

Wells Adams  
Elena Atlasik  
Tomas Avendano  
Peyton Boyer  
Olivia Bresset  
Caroline Creighton  
Aubrie Davis  
Addison Edwards  
Liam Eltman  
Hayden Feiler  
Emery Feiler  
James Fulmer  
Abby Giberson  
Landon Giberson  
Rex Giberson  
Steve Giberson  
Grayson Keays  
Charlotte Lainhoff  
Tradon Lebron-Velez  
Romel Lebron-Velez  
Bill Payne  
Ryder Sickler  
Wyatt Sickler  
Cole Stoltzfus  
Cameron Straley  
Delilah Welk  
Madelyn Welk  
Noah Welk

### *Dedications*

Wells Gregory

