

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 18, 2026
WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

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 Carolyn Groff / 11:00 am Andrea Petrokonis

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 "Prelude (Op. 18)" César Franck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Italy Mission Trip" Jaina Poirier
Gavin Elias

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 276

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O Lord! The depth of Your wisdom and knowledge! Who can know Your mind, O God? We confess, we are reluctant to be shaped by Your counsel. We prefer to stick to our own plan when we can. We resist becoming the people You want us to be. Shake us up. Spur us to live into graced and renewed lives of faith, hope and love. 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 "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. Larry Shackley

FIRST SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:1-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:5-14

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"Have You Seen?"

Dr. Rev. Michael Wilson

*HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 379

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

No. 324

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon"

André Campra
(arr. Virgil Fox)

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

Sermon Notes

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



Sunday, January 18, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

"Italy Mission Trip"

Benny Shehan
Bennett Fasnacht

*Praise & Worship

*Here For You
What A Beautiful Name
Let Me See Jesus*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15
Hebrews 1:5-14

Sermon

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
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Offering

*Praise & Worship

Do What You Want To

*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	Sue Schenke



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 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.

~We are pleased to welcome Dr. Rev. Michael Wilson as our guest preacher this Sunday. ~

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: June Stum & Sandy Wenger. Host for next week: Pat Hess. 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 • 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, 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.



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.

*February 17, Dinner

*February 20, Lunch

*March 17, Dinner

*March 20, Lunch

*April 17, Lunch

*April 21, Dinner

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

-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.



In February, the congregation will start collecting items for **Church World Service**. In November, the children will pack the items that are collected. Each month we will collect a very specific item to be packed in a hygiene kit that can be given out to any age in need. Please place these items in the basket at room #5. Last year, the children packed 101 Kids Kits bags of school supplies. Look for the new items to be donated in the church bulletin or on the bulletin board outside my room. If you have questions, please see Beth Feiler.

February items will be: -box of 1-gallon resealable/zipper plastic bags
-terry wash cloth (any color)



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES continue **TODAY, Sunday, January 18th at 3pm**, and will additionally take place on **January 25th**, and **February 1st** (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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Please mark your calendars that we will be starting a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 20th**. 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • **Sunday, January 25th** 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.



Get those soup cans ready! **Souper Bowl Sunday is Sunday February 8th!** The children of our church will be collecting soup and other canned goods to be donated to our food bank. If you plan to watch the big game or maybe just the cool commercials or if you plan on doing something else that Sunday, bring a canned good to donate. Let's see how many soup pots we can fill!

BLANKET SUNDAY ~ February 15 ~ Save the date and stay tuned on how to help us help our neighbors in need through Church World Service. This organization provides blankets, hygiene and school kits, cleanup buckets, and more, and offers warmth and essential supplies to people here at home and all over the world who are facing challenging times.



NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 25, 2026

1st Scripture: Isaiah 7:11-14

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-9

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon: "God with Us"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 18

- 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

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

Monday, January 19

**In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church office will be closed.*

- 6:30pm IMPACT Young Adult Bible Study – Youth Room

Tuesday, January 20

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4
2pm Food Pantry
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4
7pm Donegal Presbytery Congregational Antiracism Policy Workshop

Wednesday, January 21

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library 7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

Thursday, January 22

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

Friday, January 23

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH 6pm Our Table – FH
2pm Food Pantry 7pm FPC Officer Retreat

Saturday, January 24

- 8:30am FPC Officer Retreat – FH 9am Deborah Circle – Bird in Hand Restaurant

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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

