

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

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 Theresa Rineer / 11:00 am Jeffrey Marsh

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

*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 "Processional" Martin Shaw

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Italy Mission Trip" Jaina Poirier  
Logan LaFontaine

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

\*HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 478

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy, loving, and immutable God. We praise you for your presence in creation in ways that take our breath away. We give you thanks for being present in our lives in ways that provide us with peace and security. Forgive us for relying upon others in order to quell our anxiety so that we might feel safe. Help us to turn to you, the one who never leaves us nor forsakes us. 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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ANTHEM "Lord, God, We Worship Thee" J. S. Bach  
arr. Hal Hopson

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:11-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE Hebrews 2:1-9

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8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

*"God with Us"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

No. 473

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Everlasting God"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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\*HYMN

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

No. 563

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Toccata"*

Johann Pachelbel

*\*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



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*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Introduction of Church Officers

Minute for Mission

"Italy Mission Trip"

Jace Buzzard  
Ryan Hagerich

\*Praise & Worship

*My Hands Are Open*  
*Flowers*  
*I Know A Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture

Isaiah 7:11-14  
Hebrews 2:1-9

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon

*"God with Us"*

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Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Way Maker*

\*Benediction

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

Don Black

Mary Lou Butler – Recovering from surgery

Jeanne Copper – Hospice

Dick Cummings

Shelly Denlinger

Vesta Herr – Hospice

Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab

Lois Mellinger - Hospice

Sue Schenke

Barb Stoltzfus – Recovering from surgery



*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 sermon.

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Pat Hess. Hosts for next week: Wired Word Sunday School Class. 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.



### 2026 CHURCH OFFICERS

#### Elders Installed

Leo Petrokonis  
Sandy Wenger  
Tricia Wilson

#### Deacons Installed

Caroline Grossmann  
Liz McVey-Calunod  
Carol Reinmiller  
Jo Ann Sweigart

#### Trustees Installed

Todd Allison  
Ron Lowe  
Bill Potter  
Jeff Stoltzfus

#### Deacons Ordained & Installed

Danielle Marsh  
Terry Sweigart  
Addy Edwards, Junior Deacon



## 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 [tsweig@gmail.com](mailto:tsweig@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 room. #5. 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)



The **CHURCH NURSERY** needs you! We are looking for donations of the following items: glider, diaper genie and pail refills, bluetooth speaker, magnetic tiles, classic baby and toddler toys (chunky puzzles, shape sorter, ring stacker, etc). Please contact Alyssa Gregory with any questions at 717-495-3939 or [alyssadriedger@gmail.com](mailto:alyssadriedger@gmail.com).





## 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).

### **"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 have started a new Bible Study. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays** 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 • TODAY, Sunday, January 25th OR in case of snow, Sunday, February 1st**, the church will have our annual meeting, following second service, 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 ~ FEBRUARY 1, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Isaiah 8:16-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-18

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY  
Sermon: "The Pioneer Made Perfect"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, January 25**

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 Congregational Meeting

5pm Confirmation Class – Library

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

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### **Tuesday, January 27**

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

8pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

### **Wednesday, January 28**

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

### **Thursday, January 29**

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library

6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### **Friday, January 30**

9am Toddler Gym – FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table – FH





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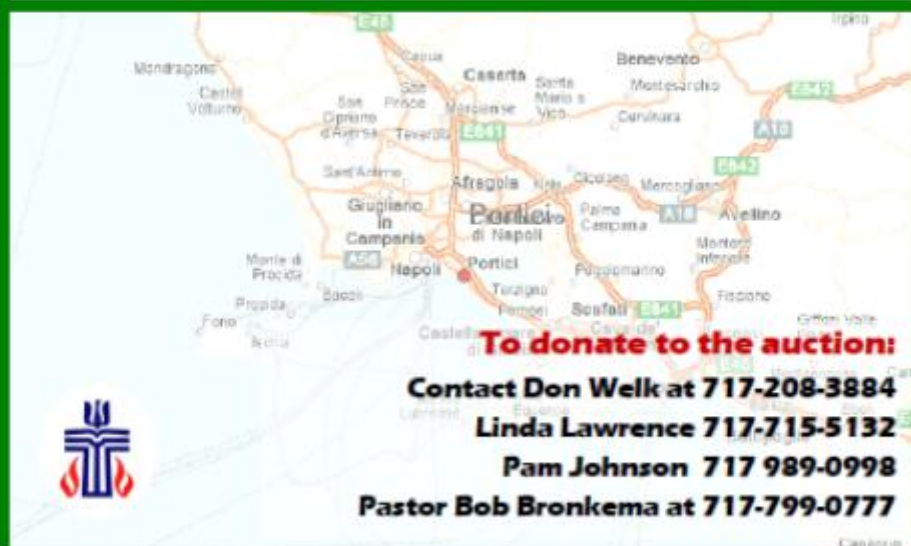
**Mission 2026**



# 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**

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