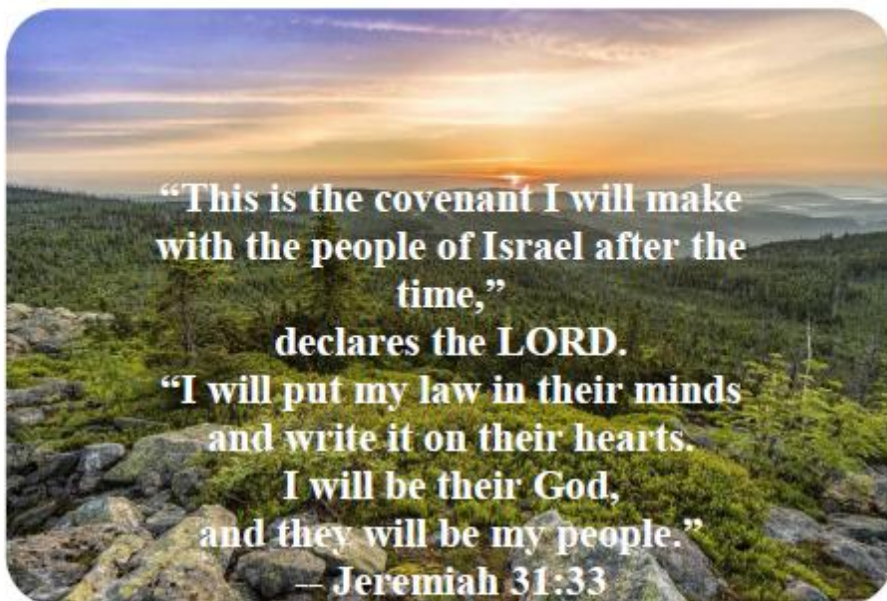


First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

(717) 687-6030

www.straspres.org



**Sunday, January 4, 2026
COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY**

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 Lynda Margerum / 11:00 am Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, January 4, 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

"Sarabande"

Georg Frederic Händel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Italy Mission Trip"

Logan LaFontaine
Caden Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations

People: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

*HYMN

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

No. 262

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, You established Your covenant with Your children saying, I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people. We confess that we withhold our gratitude from You. Our hearts grow hard and weary in the face of the needs surrounding us. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises You made to us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and make us Your faithful servants, showing Your healing love to the world, to the glory of Your holy name. 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

ANTHEM

"Jesus Took The Cup"

Hal Hopson

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON *"Covenant Renewal Service"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No. 210

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* arr. Larry Shackley

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Carillon-Sortie"* Henri Mulet

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

Sermon Notes



Sunday, January 4, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

"Italy Mission Trip"

Connor Allison
Benny Shehan

*Praise & Worship

*So So Good
Yes I Will
God You Are*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 15:1-8

Sermon

"Covenant Renewal Service"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship

Graves Into Gardens

*Benediction

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

Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black

Jeanne Copper – Hospice

Dick Cummings

Vesta Herr – Hospice

Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab

Lois Mellinger - 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



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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Mark & Beth Feiler. **There are currently no hosts for next week, Sunday, January 11th.** Volunteers are needed for January and after! 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 • 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.

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. We would love to have more singers and instrumentalists join us!



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 school year opens on January 5th for current preschool and church families. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at hreynolds@straspres.org or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



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. 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 on **Sunday, January 11th 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.



“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 **TODAY, January 4th** and take them home or give them to someone who may enjoy them!



UNDECORATING THE CHURCH • **TODAY, Sunday, January 4th, 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 23rd** in the Sanctuary and **Saturday, January 24th** in Fellowship Hall.



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.

NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 11, 2026
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4

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 Italy Meeting – Fellowship Hall
5pm Confirmation Class - Library
6pm Church Undecorating

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

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

2pm	Food Pantry	7pm	Worship Committee - Library
6pm	CE Meeting – Room 5		

Wednesday, January 7

6pm	Kids Clubhouse	7pm	Praise Team – Sanctuary
7pm	Deacons Meeting		

Thursday, January 8

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

Friday, January 9

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

Friday, January 9 – Sunday, January 11

IGNITED Youth Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 10

9am New Officer Training – Chestnut Level

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



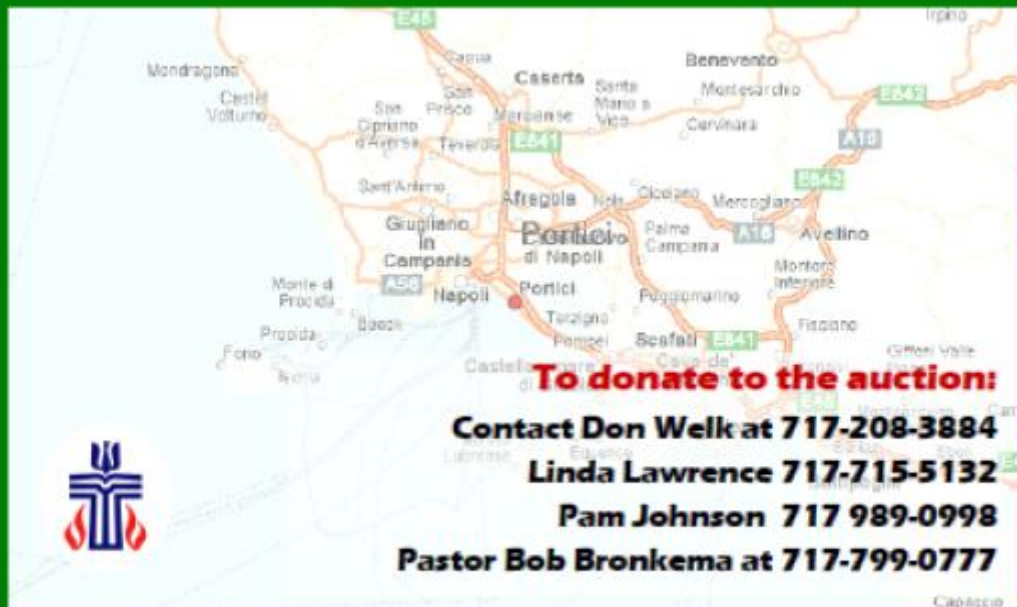
Mission 2026



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

www.straspres.org 717-687-6030 bbronkema@staspres.org