

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, February 1, 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 Deb DiFranco / 11:00 am Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, February 1, 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"

Gavin Elias
Caden Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 114

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

People: Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

*HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

No. 369

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of earth and heaven, we praise and adore you this morning. We thank you that we have been chosen by you to be your children. We confess that we have strayed from your teachings and we prefer to understand the world through our eyes of violence and greed. You teach us to see the world through your eyes of mercy and peace and love. Forgive us, teach us to follow you in ways that others will want to follow you. 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

Tina Dansereau

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ANTHEM

"Let the Alleluias Resound"

arr. Mark Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 8:16-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:10-18

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"The Pioneer Made Perfect"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 306

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Everlasting God"

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

"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"

Abigail May
Maria Kondratowski

*Praise & Worship

*Death Was Arrested
God You Are
Flowers*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture

Isaiah 8:16-18
Hebrews 2:10-18

Sermon

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

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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
Dick Cummings
Shelly Denlinger
Vesta Herr – Hospice
Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab
Lois Mellinger - Hospice
Ramon Elias Rodriguez
Sue Schenke
Barb Stoltzfus – Recovering from surgery



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for the family of Virginia "Jeanne" Copper on her passing on January 27, 2026.

February Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff & Deb Welk

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.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Virginia "Jeanne" Copper, who passed into eternal life on January 27, 2026.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Wired Word Sunday School Class. Hosts for next week: Stacy Bronkema and Alice Eisenhooth. 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!



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 school year is open. 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.



2026 CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders Installed

Leo Petrokonis
Sandy Wenger
Tricia Wilson

Deacons Installed

Caroline Grossmann
Liz McVey-Calunod
Jo Ann Sweigart

Trustees Installed

Todd Allison
Ron Lowe
Bill Potter
Jeff Stoltzfus

Deacons Ordained & Installed

Danielle Marsh
Carol Reinmiller
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 **Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning 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 her around our church. Thank you so much for considering joining this ministry!

WATER STREET RESCUE MISSION There are opportunities 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

*March 17, Dinner

*April 17, Lunch

*February 20, Lunch

*March 20, Lunch

*April 21, Dinner

If you are interested in serving or if you would like to learn more about these 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 pasta

-Canned pineapple

-Canned peaches



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. Look for the new items to be donated in the church bulletin or on the bulletin board outside room. #5. Please place these items in the basket at room #5. Last year, the children packed 101 Kids Kits bags of school supplies. 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.



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.

"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, 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, 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! Church World Service helps our neighbors in need by providing 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. Please pray about your contribution to this offering and make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with "Blanket" on the memo line of your check or online giving memo, or use the envelopes marked for Blanket Sunday that are provided in the pews.



NEXT WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 8, 2026
~SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY~

1st Scripture: Numbers 12:5-9

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 3:1-6

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon: "Jesus More Worthy than Moses"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 1

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

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

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

6pm Christian Education – Room 5

7pm Worship Committee – Library

Wednesday, February 4

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

6pm Kids Clubhouse

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

7pm Deacon Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, February 5

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – George's Restaurant – Kendig Square

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, February 6

9am Toddler Gym – FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table – FH

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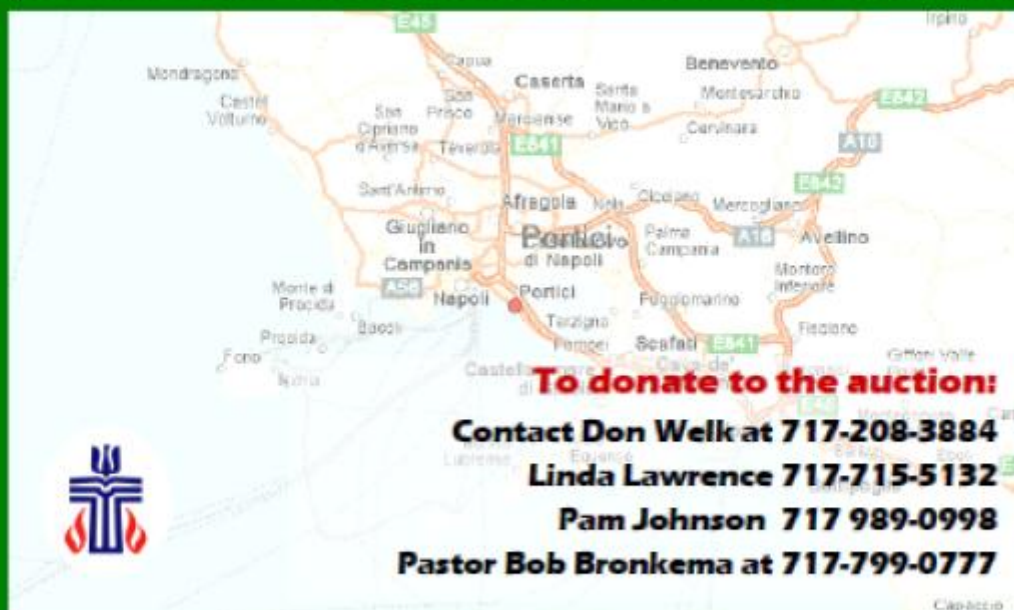
Mission 2026



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

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



LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

Lent is almost upon us! Join us for weekly services here at First Presbyterian Church offered by the Strasburg Ministerium.



Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

◆ 6am with ashes ◆ 12pm – Wesley United Methodist ◆ 6pm with ashes

12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule with lunch

February 25	Strasburg Mennonite	March 18	First Presbyterian
March 4	ACTS Covenant Fellowship	March 25	
March 11	St. Michael's Lutheran Church		

**All services will be held in the sanctuary here at First Presbyterian Church. The noon services will be followed by a luncheon. Join us!*

