

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 8, 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 Steve Szczesniak / 11:00 am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, February 8, 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Joel Ranev

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Italy Mission Trip"

Ephram Claycomb

Lily Underhill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 115

Leader: You, who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

People: May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 487

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of glory and God of grace, we come before you today grateful for your presence in our lives.

Your glory guides us and we adore you for your complete faithfulness. Forgive us for our insecurity, our hesitancy to understand your desire to be in relationship with us. Turn us closer to you day by day. 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

"Lord God, We Worship Thee"

J.S. Bach

arr. Hal Hopson

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Numbers 12:5-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 3:1-6

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON	<i>"Jesus More Worthy than Moses"</i>	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"This Is My Father's World"</i>	No. 293
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Liebestraum/Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	arr. Dino Kartsonakis
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>	No. 281
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Short Prelude and Fugue in G Major"</i>	J. S. Bach

**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

Minute for Mission

"Italy Mission Trip"

Lily Underhill

Ryan Hagerich

*Praise & Worship

*My Hands Are Open
The Christ And Cornerstone
Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture

Numbers 12:5-9
Hebrews 3:1-6

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon

"Jesus More Worthy than Moses"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship

Trust In God

*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

Joyce Frackman

Vesta Herr – Hospice

Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz – Lancaster Rehab

Lois Mellinger - Hospice

Ramon Elias Rodriguez

Barb Stoltzfus – Recovering from surgery



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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Stacy Bronkema and Alice Eisenhooth. Hosts for next week: The Colvin Family. 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.



Congratulations to Alicia Eltman for winning FPC's Fantasy Football! She will be presented with her green jacket today, February 8th during coffee hour. All past champions and current players should be present!



Who's getting excited about the Mission to Italy Benefit Auction?! **AUCTION BUYERS**, stop by and see Pam Johnson and Linda Lawrence during coffee hour this **Sunday, February 8th** and next **Sunday, February 15th**, to sign up for your buyer number! Sign up ahead of time to avoid waiting in line the evening of the auction!

Don't forget to check out the catalog and the event on the Facebook Page, using the QR codes on the insert in the bulletin.



ASSISTANCE CORNER

COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE (CIC) – We are in desperate need for people who are willing to process applications for those in need and seeking assistance from the church. The funding is in place, however we recently received an abundance of applications and they need reviewed. Please reach out to Alicia Eltman at aeltman@straspres.org or Pastor Bob if you are willing and able.

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
*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 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, we are 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. 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: nursery glider, play doh, magnetic tiles, classic quality baby and toddler toys (chunky puzzles, animal figurines, activity cube, shape sorter, ring stacker, etc). We are also in need of items for Toddler Gym, including a large foldable play mat for babies, large baby gate for playyard, and baby toys. Please contact Alyssa Gregory with any questions at 717-495-3939 or agregory@straspres.org.



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 agregory@straspres.org.

"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 are 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.



TODAY, Sunday February 8th is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Get those soup cans ready! The children of our church will be collecting soup and other canned goods to be donated to our food bank. Let's see how many soup pots we can fill!

BLANKET SUNDAY ~ February 15th ~ 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 15, 2026 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ~ BLANKET SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Mark 9:2-8

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 3:7-19

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
Sermon: "God Revealed in Jesus Christ"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 8 *Souper Bowl Sunday

- 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)

NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP

Monday, February 9

- 6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5
6:30pm CIC – Room 4

Tuesday, February 10

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Outreach Committee – Room 5
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

Wednesday, February 11

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

- 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



Italy Auction
Catalog 2026



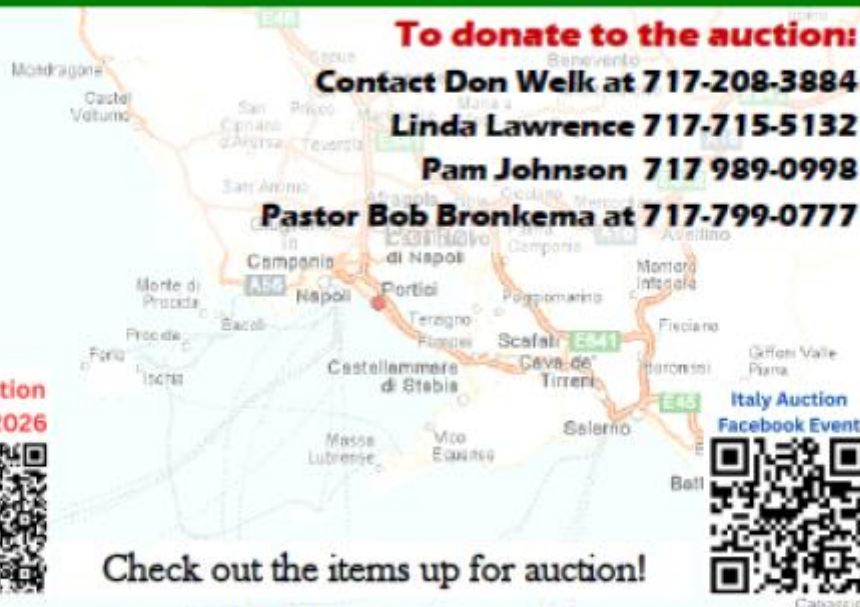
To donate to the auction:

Contact Don Welk at 717-208-3884

Linda Lawrence 717-715-5132

Pam Johnson 717-989-0998

Pastor Bob Bronkema at 717-799-0777



Italy Auction
Facebook Event



Check out the items up for auction!

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!*

