

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, March 15, 2026**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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, March 15, 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 "Sonata #3 (2nd. movt.)" Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 120

Leader: In my distress I cry to the Lord, that he may answer.

People: Deliver me, O Lord, I am for peace.

\*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 276

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Redeemer God, loving Savior, we come before you today full of expectations for what you have in store. We rejoice in another day that you have given us, and adore you for including us in your plan of salvation. We confess that we have been slow to be grateful, quick to be critical, and unaware of your presence that sustains us. Forgive us, empower us to live for you, and help us to celebrate your presence in our lives. 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 "Ave Verum" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

FIRST SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:28-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE Hebrews 5:11-14

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON "A Call to Maturity" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN                                    *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*                                    No. 171

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER                                    Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY                                    *"Beneath The Cross of Jesus/Lead Me To Calvary"*                                    arr. Don Wyrzten

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED                                    Pg. 14

\*HYMN                                    *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*                                    No. 473

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                    *"Sonata #3 (1st. movt.)"*                                    Felix Mendelssohn

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

## Sermon Notes

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**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, March 15, 2026

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Graves Into Gardens*  
*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*  
*Build My Life*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture                      Colossians 1:28-29  
   Hebrews 5:11-14

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon                      *"A Call to Maturity"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

\*Benediction

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

Don Black	Jim Law - Hospice
Red Bortzfield - Hospice	Brenda Lutz
Donna Burkholder	Lois Mellinger - Hospice
Joyce Hollinger	Theresa Rineer
Dave Johnson	Hugh Smith



*Comfort in Time of Loss:* Please pray for the family of Vesta Herr on her passing on March 12, 2026.

*March Deacons of the Month:* Pam Johnson & Danielle Marsh

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?* Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.



*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Lainey Kay Boyer, daughter of John and Katie Boyer, born on March 4, 2026.*

*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Vesta Herr, who passed into eternal life on March 12, 2026.*



**COFFEE HOUR** • There will be no coffee hour this month of March (until further notice) due to the kitchen being under construction.



**LIBRARY NEWS** • Spring is on the horizon! Check out the new arrivals in our church library! There are many great books including lots of books for children and youth, including books by C.S. Lewis and Brian Jacques. Keep busy with a good book and spring will be here before you know it!



**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](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org), or pick up an application at the church office.



**CLEARANCES** • If you work or are thinking about working with the children or youth in our church, you are required to have your Pennsylvania clearances. Here at church, we are asking you to obtain five different clearances. If you already have your clearances, you might be required to update these, which needs to be completed every 5 years. You will be getting a notice in your mailbox. If you do not have your clearances, please see Beth Feiler to get the information that you will need to help you begin the process.



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

**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.

\*April 17, Lunch  
\*April 21, Dinner

\*May 15, Lunch  
\*May 19, Dinner

\*June 16, Dinner  
\*June 19, Lunch



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](mailto: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.

- Applesauce
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken
- Spam
- Syrup



This year 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.

**March items:**    -toe nail clippers        -finger nail clippers

NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 22, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Deuteronomy 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-8

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY  
*"Once Saved Always Saved"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



**TODDLER GYM** • 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](mailto:agregory@straspres.org).



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** • We are in the midst of a new Bible Study! Classes are held on **Tuesdays** in room 4 at **9am or 7pm**. All are welcome! We are 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.

Save the date for the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**! To prepare, we will be **Stuffing Eggs on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 9am in Fellowship Hall. Please look for sign ups under the TV by the welcome area. We will need lots of hands to help! There are also sign-up sheets for items needed to fill the eggs. Donations will need to be back by **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. All items should be individually wrapped and **NUT FREE!**



**IGNITED Student Ministry of FPCS** will be providing free to-go lunch meals on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Register for a free to-go meal which can be picked up from 1-1:30pm on Sunday, March 29, 2026, by using the following link or QR Code. [IGNITED March 29 Lunch Sign-Up](#)

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### LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

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

#### 12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule with lunch

March 18 First Presbyterian

March 25 Lampeter UMC



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

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	March 29	8:30am & 11am
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae	April 3	7pm
Community Easter Sunrise Service	April 5	6:30am - <i>St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E. Main St.</i>
Easter Sunday	April 5	8:30am & 11am

*\*All worship services will be held in the sanctuary.*



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 15

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)  
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)

\*IGNITED OFF SITE ♦ 6 – 8pm ♦ Contact Kristin for details

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### Monday, March 16

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

### Tuesday, March 17

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



### Wednesday, March 18

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|------|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 12pm | Lenten Service w/Luncheon  | 6pm | Youth Sunday Dance Practice – FH |
| 1pm  | Knifty Knitters – Library  | 6pm | Praise Team – Sanctuary          |
| 3pm  | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4 | 7pm | Session Meeting – Room 4         |

### Thursday, March 19

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library  
1pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting – Room 4  
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Friday, March 20

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH  
2pm Food Pantry



# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> • 10 AM



## Hippity, hoppity!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt  
and a chance to meet the

## Easter Bunny!

Open to children ages 2 years  
through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Egg hunts are by age level.

\*Crafts \*Food \*Games \*Prizes

*There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or to donate snack supplies.*

### Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flowers to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one. You may take your flowers if you wish, after the 11am service on Easter. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox (Nicole Keays) or drop off in the church office door mail slot. Deadline for orders & payments is **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. All flowers are 6" pots and all include foil.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Easter Lilies @ \$15: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tulips @ \$15: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Daffodils @ \$10: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_