

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 22, 2026
FIFTH 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 Linda Lawrence / 11:00 am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 22, 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

"Prière à Notre Dame"

Léon Böellmann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 485

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Patient and loving God, we know that your steadfast love endures forever and we are grateful. We celebrate that you have done all that is needed in order to free us from the power of sin. We confess that we have strayed from your path of grace and redemption and have looked to embrace guilt and fear. Forgive us for not trusting your power over our sin. Lead us back to your way of righteousness. 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

ANTHEM

"At The Cross"

arr. Patti Drennan

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 6:1-8

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Say So*
 Living Hope
 Trust In God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Deuteronomy 28:1-2
 Hebrews 6:1-8

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

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Flowers*

*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	Jim Law – Hospice
Donna Burkholder	Brenda Lutz
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)	Lois Mellinger – Hospice
Joyce Hollinger	Theresa Rineer
Dave Johnson	Hugh Smith



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for the family of Red Bortzfield on his passing on March 14, 2026.

The service for Vesta Herr will be held Thursday, March 26th at 2pm at the Strasburg Mennonite Cemetery.

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



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.

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The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Red Bortzfield, who passed into eternal life on March 14, 2026.
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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 new books, with 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, 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.

CARDS • One of the outreach ministries of the Deacons is sending cards to members of our church family and friends of FPC. Should you have any **BIRTHDAY CARDS** you would like to donate to this outreach, please place them in the Deacon mailbox. Thank you!



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. 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 Pineapple

-Grape Jelly

-Canned Pasta



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 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a

2nd Scripture: Mark 11:1-10

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
"The Triumphal Entry"

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.

Save the date for the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th**! To prepare, we will be **Stuffing Eggs on Saturday, March 28th**, 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 27th**. All items should be individually wrapped and NUT FREE!



IGNTED Student Ministry of FPCS will be providing free to-go lunch meals on Sunday, March 29th. 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 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 22

- 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)
12:15pm **KITCHEN CLEAN UP**

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 9am Women's Bible Study - Room 4
2pm Food Pantry
7pm IMPACT - Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, March 25

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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 | | |

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

- 9am Toddler Gym - FH
2pm Food Pantry



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th • 10 AM

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg • 101 S. Decatur St.



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 5th 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 26th**. 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: _____