

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 8, 2026
THIRD 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 Tricia Wilson / 11:00 am Linda Younger

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 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

"Cathedral Shadows"

Gilbert Martin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: **Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

*HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 446

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of all generations and protector of your people, we give you thanks and praise for how you have given us life and purpose. We celebrate your presence which gives us meaning and a role to pursue that which you have desired for us. Forgive us for seeking out other roles that would try to remove your impact on our lives as we try to do that which we think is best. Loving God, we surrender to you our lives so that you can shape us for your service. 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

Beth Feiler

ANTHEM

"Grace"

Carolyn Hamlin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 14:18-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 5:1-10

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"What's Your Role?"

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

No. 324

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Lamb of God"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

Pg. 14

*HYMN

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

No. 303

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A Minor"

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



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Who You Say I Am*
 Grace Alone
 I Surrender

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Genesis 14:18-20
 Hebrews 5:1-10

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"What's Your Role?"*

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Way Maker*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

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



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Randy Stettler and his family, on the passing of his mother, Linda Stettler.

March Deacons of the Month: Pam Johnson & Danielle Marsh

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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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 | 6:30pm | Trustee Meeting - Room 4 |

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 12

- 9am Toddler Gym - FH
2pm Food Pantry



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 Jett Jeremy Welk, great-grandson of LeRoy and Deb Welk, born on February 26, 2026 to Jarrett and Paige Welk.



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Rev. Michael Wilson as our guest preacher this Sunday.



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! Keep busy the rest of the winter 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.



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.

*March 17, Dinner

*March 20, Lunch

*April 17, Lunch

*April 21, Dinner

*May 15, Lunch

*May 19, 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.

-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 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Scripture: Colossians 1:28-29

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 5:11-14

SERMON SERIES: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
Sermon: "A Call to Maturity"

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.



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 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](#)

IGNITED March 29th
Lunch Sign-Up



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 11 ACTS Covenant Fellowship

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!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th • 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 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: _____