

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Lynda Margerum / 11:00 am Wendy Hess

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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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

"Sarabande"

Georg Friedrich Händel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens.

People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*HYMN

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

No. 359

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Faithful, loving, and righteous God we praise you for your promises which always come true. We read in your Holy Word that all things work together for good for those who trust in you, and yet we see our trust failing. We want to believe in your promises, but we confess that at times they seem unrealistic. We sin by wanting to take on our problems on our own terms and in our own time. Help us to release the desire to control our lives and turn them over to you completely. 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

ANTHEM

"Sing a New Song"

Joseph Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22:15-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 6:13-20

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"God's Promises Always Come True"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN	<i>"O Jesus, I Have Promised"</i>	No. 388
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Lift High The Cross"</i>	arr. Larry Shackley
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"</i>	No. 341
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Praise The Lord with Drums and Cymbals"</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**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 *Graves Into Gardens*
God You Are
Goodness Of God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Sacrament of Baptism *Averi James Bresset*

Scripture Genesis 22:15-18
 Hebrews 6:13-20

Sermon SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
 "God's Promises Always Come True" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *For A Moment*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black	Jim Law – Hospice
Gwen Bortzfield – Hospice	Brenda Lutz
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)	Theresa Rineer
Joyce Hollinger	Hugh Smith
Dave Johnson	



April Deacons of the Month: Liz McVey-Calunod & Carol Reinmiller

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.

Being baptized today is Averi James Bresset, daughter of Ryan Bresset and Michelle Wertz.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today Alice Eisenhooth. **There are currently no hosts for next Sunday, April 26th.** 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 rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

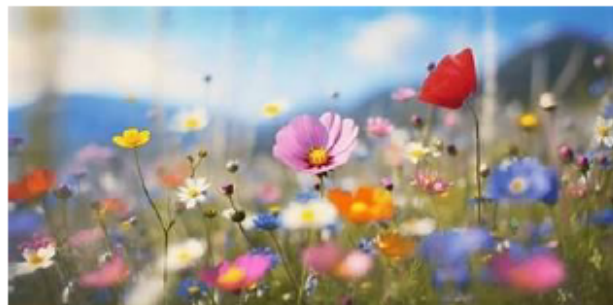


CARDS • One of the outreach ministries of the Deacons is sending cards to members of our church family and friends of FPC. Should you have any **BIRTHDAY CARDS** you would like to donate to this outreach, please place them in the Deacon mailbox. Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS • Spring is here! Check out the books on the table in the library of the Women in the Bible. We also have youth books in the hall by the library and more great reading on the shelves for our youth and everyone to enjoy!



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.



ASSISTANCE CORNER

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE ~ This year we are collecting different items each month for CWS. 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.



April item: -nail clippers
 -bath size bar of soap (in original packaging)

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.

*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!

FOOD PANTRY ~ 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

GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL AIDES for the 2026-2027 school year. There are openings for the returning PM Pre-K class which runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 12:30-3pm. We are also in need of a morning aide for the 3's class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11:30am. If you have weekly availability and interest in being a teaching assistant, please contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director, at 717-617-9501 or hreynolds@straspres.org.





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

MULCH DAY • Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd** beginning at **9am**, for our Annual Mulch Day. Help is greatly needed to freshen the mulch on all the flower beds, both here at the church and surrounding properties. All are welcome! Bring any supplies you may have such as a wheel barrow, rake, shovel, gloves, etc.



MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING • If you are a volunteer with our youth/children, one of the clearances you must complete is **Mandated Reporter Training**. We will be offering a group training session, **May 3rd at 12:15pm**. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Room 5. Any questions please see Beth Feiler.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 12 – 17 • There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to volunteer to help with VBS. Our theme this year is “Tell It on the Mountain.”



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.

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Scripture: Deuteronomy 14:22-29

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 7:1-10

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS – A LETTER FOR US TODAY
“Tithing, A Way of Life”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 19

- 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 Italy Meeting - Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

- 2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

- 9am Toddler Gym - FH
2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, April 25

- 9am Deborah Circle - Library

