

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 26, 2026
FOURTH 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 Bette Davis / 11:00 am Alicia Eltman

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 *"Cathedral Shadows"* Gilbert Martin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION *"Community Impact Committee"* Alicia Eltman

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 124

Leader: Blessed be the Lord

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*HYMN *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* No. 446

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Generous and loving God, we approach your throne of grace today grateful for your abundant and overflowing presence in our lives. We are filled with joy because you have created us and you continue to sustain us. Forgive us for looking elsewhere for our sustenance. Forgive us for relying upon our material goods, our health, our way of life as that which can give us meaning. Help us to always turn to you as you have promised to provide faithfully. 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 *"Praise The Lord, O Jerusalem"* John Henry Maunder

FIRST SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 14:22-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE Hebrews 7:1-10

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON	<i>"Tithing, a Way of Life"</i>	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"</i>	No. 387
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>	arr. Carol Tournquist
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	No. 276
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"God of Grace"</i>	Paul Manz

**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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: 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.

Flowers are provided this weekend to the glory of God by Marcy Russell, in memory of Robert Russell, brother-in-law of Sally Reinhart.



The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Gwen Bortzfield, who passed into eternal life on April 22, 2026.



CUSTODIAN NEEDED • We are searching for a part time custodian. If you or someone you know may be interested, please check our website, or contact Linda Younger or Sandy Wenger.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Johnson Family. Hosts for next week: The Young Adult Sunday School class. 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 ~ There is an ongoing need for us to support those in our community with donations of food and other necessary items as they face challenging times. We thank you so much for your continued support. You have been so loyal in providing donations of food and funds and our families are so grateful.



Items currently needed are:

-Canned Fruit

-Jelly

-Boxed Mashed Potatoes

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 sign-up sheet underneath the TV in the Welcome Area. Any questions please see Beth Feiler.



NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin on **Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm**. Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend! Childcare will be provided!

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.”



PENTECOST ~ Join us in worship on **May 24th** and **wear red** to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

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 ~ MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 7:15-22

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS – A LETTER FOR US TODAY

“The Better Covenant Part 1”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 26

- 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**

Tuesday, April 28

- 2pm Food Pantry
7pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, May 1

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH
2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, May 2

- 9am Mulch Day

