



## *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

*Easter Sunday*

*Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Peter Witmer / 11:00am Alicia Eltman

**WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am**

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

*Welcome*

8:30 AM 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: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* Healey Willan

AMAZING GRACE / RINGING OF THE BELL / UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

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\*HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* No. 123  
*"At Calvary"* insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and triumphant God, we thank You and praise You for freeing us from the bondage of sin. Hallelujah! We confess that we do not know how to live fully in this new life. Forgive us when we allow anything to keep us from achieving our full potential as Your reconciled people. On this triumphant day, open our minds to the transformative power of the Resurrection. As we welcome Your Spirit, strengthen us to serve Your kingdom here, and in so doing, may You be glorified. We pray together joyfully in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE [*Please share Christ's peace with one another.*]

\*HYMN *"Christ Arose"* Verse 1 and Chorus

**Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with His saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

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*Welcome!*

8:30 AM Service

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

No. 118

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM

*"Easter Festival"*

Michael S. Bryson

\*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Toccata"*  
*(from Symphony #5)*

Charles-Marie Widor

*\*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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## At Calvary

579

WORDS: William R. Newell, 1895

MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1895

CALVARY

99.94 with Refrain

1. Years I spent in van - i - ty and pride, car - ing not my Lord was  
 2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned; then I trem - bled at the  
 3. Now I've giv'n to Je - sus ev - 'ry - thing; now I glad - ly own Him  
 4. O the love that drew sal - va - tion's plan! O the grace that brought it

cru - ci - fied, know - ing not it was for me He died on Cal - va - ry.  
 law I'd spurned, till my guilt - y soul im - plor - ing turned to Cal - va - ry.  
 as my King; now my rap - tured soul can on - ly sing of Cal - va - ry.  
 down to man! O the might - y gulf that God did span at Cal - va - ry!

## Refrain

Mer - cy there was great and grace was free; par - don there was mul - ti -

plied to me; there my bur - dened soul found lib - er - ty, at Cal - va - ry.

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\*Praise & Worship

*Beautiful News  
I Know A Name  
King of Kings*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

First Scripture

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Second Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*This Is Our God!*

\*Benediction

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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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 message.

**COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Leo & Andrea Petrokonis. Hosts for next week: IGNTED Youth. 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



**LIBRARY NEWS** • Spring is here! 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. In addition to many books in the hallway for your Easter reading enjoyment! Keep busy with a good book this spring!

**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!



### Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

**MULCH DAY** • Join us on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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.



### RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN PA



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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."



## 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: -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.

\*April 17, Lunch

\*May 15, Lunch

\*June 16, Dinner



\*April 21, Dinner

\*May 19, 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!

**FOOD PANTRY** ~ We welcome June Stum to the role of president. She brings vast knowledge and experience of the pantry, to this role. We thank Donna Stettler for her many years of leadership to the food pantry which has seen tremendous growth over the years.



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

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

Don Black

Gwen Bortzfield – Hospice

Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)

Joyce Hollinger

Dave Johnson

Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz

Lois Mellinger – Hospice

Theresa Rineer

Hugh Smith



*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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Easter Sunday, April 5

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

9:30am **COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!!**

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

\*No Wired Word Class

\*Young at Heart – Room 4

11am **Worship** (Modern)

**\*No IGNITED Youth Group**



### Monday, April 6

\*In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed today.

6:30pm IMPACT Young Adult Women's Bible Study – Youth Room

### Tuesday, April 7

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

6pm Christian Education – Room 5

1pm Food Pantry Committee – Room 4

7pm Worship Committee - Library

2pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, April 8

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

6pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

6pm Youth Sunday Dance Practice – FH

6pm Trustee Meeting – Room 4

7pm Youth Sunday Band Practice – Choir Rm

### Thursday, April 9

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library

6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

### Friday, April 10

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

2pm Food Pantry

### Saturday, April 11

3pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal

NEXT WEEK ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026  
YOUTH SUNDAY ~ CONFIRMATION



Scripture: Galatians 5:13-15

*Youth Preacher*  
*Kasen Fasnacht*



## 2026 Easter Flowers

Charles Book	In Memory of Josephine E. Book
Ed & Linda Bredin	In Memory of Ted & Jane Bredin and Bob & Elsie Hundley
Donna Burkholder	In Memory of David Witmer
Mary Lou Butler	In Memory of Marie & Jack Austin and Alma & Carl Butler
Tina Dansereau	In Memory of Shirley Yinger
John & Glenna Kirchner	In Memory of Anne & Glenn Esbenshade and Tyler Zook
Linda Lawrence	In Memory of parents LeRoy & Ruth Welk and son Jason Lawrence
Lynda Margerum	In Memory of Ed Margerum
Shawn Murphy, Jr.	In Memory of Shawn Murphy, Sr.
Patricia Nissley	In Memory of Dorothy & Joseph Hinton and Avery Hinton
George & Jean Pontz	In Memory of parents Bob & Marie Pontz and Bill & Sallie Steller
Ray & Carol Reinmiller	In Memory of our parents
Jim & Nancy Smith and Family	In Memory of our parents Martin & Hazel Smith and Carl & Virginia Mosebach and In Honor of our children Jim, Andy & Amy
Barbara Stoltzfus	In Memory of husband Reuben and son Jeffrey
June Stum	In Memory of parents William & Ruth Stum and brothers Bill, John & Dannie
Barb Szczesniak	In Memory of sister Irene Szczesniak
Steve & Donna Szczesniak	In Memory of father Stefan Szczesniak
Norma Weaver	In Memory of husband Bob
Harold & Karen Welk	In Memory of our parents and brother





*He is risen;  
he is not here.* MARK 16:6