

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, May 10, 2026**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

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 Donna Law / 11:00 am Jeffrey Marsh

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

Sunday, May 10, 2026

*Welcome ~ Happy Mother's Day*

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

*"Berceuse"*

Louis Vierne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

**Leader:** When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;

**People:** Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

\*HYMN

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

No. 473

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we are grateful that you desire to gather us as a mother hen gathers her flock. Forgive us for wandering away from you and scattering toward temptations that break your heart. We think that being in your safe presence might lead us away from the attractions of the world. And yet time after time you prove to us that under your wings you provide blessings that are new each morning. Call us back to your side and instill within us a peace that only you can provide. 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

*"Come and Worship"*

arr. Patti Drennan

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 22:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:23-28

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8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON      *"What We Need – and What We Think We Need..."*      Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

\*HYMN      *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*      No. 145

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER      Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY      *"Count Your Blessings"*      arr. Kenon Renfrow

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED      Pg. 14

\*HYMN      *"Now Thank We All Our God "*      No. 555

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *"Fanfare"*      Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

*\*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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**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



Sunday, May 10, 2026

*Welcome! ~ Happy Mother's Day*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *So So Good*  
                                 *God You're So Good*  
                                 *Build My Life*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture                      Leviticus 22:1-6  
                                      Hebrews 7:23-28

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon      *"What We Need – and What We Think We Need..."*

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *In Christ Alone*

\*Benediction

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

Don Black  
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)  
Joyce Hollinger  
Dave Johnson  
Jim Law – Hospice

Brenda Lutz  
Lois Mellinger  
Theresa Rineer  
Hugh Smith



*Comfort in Time of Loss:* Please pray for Joyce Welk, and her children Donald Jr. and Daniel, along with their families, on the passing of their husband and father, Donald Welk, Sr., on May 6, 2026.

*May Deacons of the Month:* Caroline Grossmann & 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: [straspres.org](http://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 sermon.

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*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Donald Welk, Sr., who passed into eternal life on May 6, 2026.*



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

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**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: Sandy & Ron Lowe. Hosts for next week: June Stum & Sandy Wenger. 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 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](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org), or pick up an application at the church office.



The Trustees we would like to thank each and every adult, youth, and child for coming out to help mulch on Saturday morning, May 2. Well over 40 of you gave of your time to help beautify the church grounds. It was amazing!



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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**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.



May item:            -toe nail clippers  
                          -individually packaged toothbrushes

**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](mailto:tLsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration!

**FOOD PANTRY** ~ The Food Pantry Committee and volunteers continue to serve those in need, but only with your help. We all say, "Thank you," and continue to be amazed at your kind generosity. We have on going needs of items for the pantry.



Items currently needed are:

-Canned Chicken

-Applesauce

-Whole Canned 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](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org).



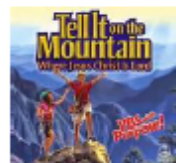


## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will continue **next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 next **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** 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. Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last Toddler Gym for the school year. 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](mailto:agregory@straspres.org).



**MEMORIAL DAY** • Join First Presbyterian Church and **IGNITED Youth** in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Walk along with us and represent the church throwing out candy. Gather on Mindy Ave at 8:45am for the start of the parade at 9am. A free hot dog roast will follow after the parade and service.



We’re also excited to feature the **Shopper Chopper**, a 10-foot tall grocery cart which will be highlighting our church’s food bank ministry! We have extra space on the Shopper Chopper to showcase other ministries and activities happening in our church. This is a great opportunity to spread the word about what God is doing in our church for the community. **Interested in showcasing a ministry or activity of the church?** Please contact the church office or Leo Petrokonis to reserve a spot!



NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 17, 2026  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Isaiah 58:9b-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40

*“A Body in Motion”*

Walter Kondratowski, Guest Preacher

## WEEK AT A GLANCE



### Sunday, May 10

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)  
9:30am **Coffee Hour**  
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)

**\*NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP**

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### Monday, May 11

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

### Tuesday, May 12

- 1pm Food Pantry Committee - Room 4  
2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Outreach - Room 5

### Wednesday, May 13

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters - Library  | 6pm    | Praise Team - Sanctuary   |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4 | 6:30pm | Trustees Meeting - Room 4 |

### Thursday, May 14

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

### Friday, May 15

- 9am Toddler Gym - FH  
2pm Food Pantry



## **Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees**

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

When submitting names for consideration, you may include the names of congregation members as well as your own.

Please submit names to be considered for nomination to Linda Lawrence and Leo Petrokonis or to the church office by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Elder:

Deacon:

Trustee: