

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 3, 2026
FIFTH 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 Barb Szczesniak / 11:00 am Danielle Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, May 3, 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

"Prélude (Op. 18)"

César Franck

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 125

Leader: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

People: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.**

*HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

No. 417

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, Your world is beautiful, and we thank You for making it. Your love is real, and we thank you for giving it to us in Jesus Christ. Your world is broken, too. We seek your forgiveness and healing for ourselves and our world. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

ANTHEM

"Let The Alleluias Resound"

Mark Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:15-22

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Welcome!

8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"The Better Covenant Part 1"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Carillon de Longpont"

Louis Vierne

**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



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Who You Say I Am*
King Of Kings
You Keep Hope Alive

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
Hebrews 7:15-22

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"The Better Covenant Part 1"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Trust In God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black
Caroline Creighton
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)
Joyce Hollinger
Dave Johnson

Jim Law - Hospice
Brenda Lutz
Lois Mellinger
Theresa Rineer
Hugh Smith



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 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.



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 Young Adult Sunday School class. Hosts for next week: Sandy & Ron Lowe. 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.



NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MOTHER'S DAY

1st Scripture: Leviticus 22:1-6 2nd Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-28

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS – A LETTER FOR US TODAY
"What We Need – and What We Think We Need..."

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Guest Preacher

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.



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. 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!

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, **TODAY, May 3rd at 12:15pm**. Any questions please see Beth Feiler.

RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN PA



NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin **TODAY, 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. Friday, May 15th 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.



MEMORIAL DAY • Join First Presbyterian Church and **IGNITED Youth** in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. 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!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 3

- 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 Mandated Reporter Training – Room 5
3pm New Member's Class – Library

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

Monday, May 4

- 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study – Youth Room

Tuesday, May 5

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Christian Education – Room 5
7pm Worship Committee – Library

Wednesday, May 6

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| 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library | 6pm Kids Clubhouse |
| 3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4 | 7pm Deacons Meeting – Room 4 |
| 6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary | |

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

- 9am Toddler Gym – FH
2pm Food Pantry

