

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, June 14, 2026

Graduation Sunday

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Dale Groff / 11:00am Goggie Sween

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, June 14, 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

*"Psalm of Glory"
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

Lani Smith
arr. Don Hustad

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"God's Precious Children"

Andrew Hostetter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

*HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, we know that you are the same yesterday, today and forever, and yet we so look forward to your coming kingdom. Forgive us for thinking that this earth is all the hope we have, or that eternal life is all that matters. We know that you will come again to take us to your side, but until then, prepare us for your service. Make us people who are hungry for your Scripture and always desiring to love our neighbor as ourselves. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:7-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 9:23-28

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"Maranatha, come Lord Jesus"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

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Sunday, June 14, 2026

Welcome!

8:30am Service

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Jesus in the Morning"

arr. W. Winans

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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*HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A Minor"

Johann L. Krebs

**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, June 14, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission

"God's Precious Children"

Andrew Hostetter

*Praise & Worship

*Beautiful News
Living Hope
I Know A Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Graduation Recognition

Teresa Kondratowski

Scripture

Isaiah 53:7-12
Hebrews 9:23-28

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon

"Maranatha, come Lord Jesus"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship

Flowers

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Don Black

Charlie Book

Joy Corey

Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)

Jim Law - Hospice

Lois Mellinger

Ann Paparo

Jean Pontz

Theresa Rineer



June Deacons of the Month: JoAnn & Terry Sweigart

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.

~~We welcome Bruce Gerlach as our guest organist this Sunday. ~~

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Christian Education. **There are currently no hosts for next week, Sunday, June 21, Father's Day.** 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!



LIBRARY NEWS • We have a featured book in our library written by a Bronkema! Debra J. K. Bronkema, sister-in-law of Pastor Bob, has written a book entitled, "Finding Manna." Find it on the table in the library. Enjoy!

FLAT JESUS is back for the summer! If you are traveling, or just hanging out this summer, grab a child bag or a single flat Jesus to take on your adventures. Send pictures to bfeiler@straspres.org. Pick up Jesus and the bags in room #5.



CONSTRUCTION IS IN MOTION • If you will be accessing church **during the week**, you will need to access from the south. That means you will come from either Funk Street and turn left or drive north on S. Decatur Street. On the weekends there will be no restrictions.



GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN • We believe education should be a human right, not a luxury. For the last 25 years God's Precious Children has been following God in Bong County Liberia by supporting the education of children there. Half of the families live at or below the poverty line in Bong County, and financial hardships prevent children from going to school. Every year we find sponsors for roughly a thousand children and teens so they can finish their schooling. We are a 501c3 non-profit run by volunteers in Berks County and Lancaster County PA, and are always looking for more people who want to support our mission. If you want to learn more, please attend our Sunday School class today, talk with us after worship, or check out our website: godspreciouschildren.org.



ASSISTANCE CORNER



Celebrate America at The Barn at Paradise Station ~ Are you free **Friday, July 3rd** and interested in being a part of Celebrate America concert and fireworks at The Barn at Paradise Station? They need 6-8 volunteers for the evening from **6:30-10:15pm** to assist with parking. You will be fed! Please contact Nicole Keays in the church office if interested and available.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE ~ This year we are collecting different items each month for CWS, and the children will pack the items that are collected in November. 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 below, 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.



June items: -travel size deodorant stick (3.4oz or less)
 -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.

*Tuesday, July 14 – Dinner
*Friday, July 24 – Lunch

*Tuesday, August 11 – Dinner
*Friday, August 21 – 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 ~ Our Food Pantry families and staff are so thankful for your continued support and generosity. What a kind and thoughtful congregation.



Items currently needed are:

-Jelly -Pancake Syrup -Applesauce -Vanilla & Chocolate Pudding cups



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL AIDES for the 2026-2027 school year. We need an aide for Miss Heather's Monday morning Pre-K class. We are also in need of one person to assist Miss Brianna's Tuesday/Thursday 3-year old class. All morning aide shifts start at 9am and end at 11:30am. For more information or to express interest, please contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director, at hreynolds@straspres.org.

The **WELCOME DESK** is looking for someone for **Monday mornings** as well as a **Tuesday morning substitute until further notice**. Please contact Pam Johnson with any questions at 717-989-0998 or see me around our church. Thank you for considering!





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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."



VBS DECORATING DAYS • We will be decorating for VBS July 7th – 10th. Join us from 9am – 12pm to transform the church into scenic mountain areas.



Exciting News from the Food Pantry! We will be having a Community Drop-Off Food Drive here at First Pres in July. Be on the lookout for more detailed information coming soon! We thank you for our continued support!



MISSION TO ITALY BBQ SEND OFF • Join us on Sunday, June 28th at 12:15pm for a special BBQ send off for our students and leaders who are traveling to Italy for their mission trip. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and encouragement as we support and pray over those serving abroad. Everyone is welcome!



Anyone wanting to help, and we do need help, please contact Marta Troiani at debeachbound@aol.com, or sign up to provide food, drinks or supplies using the Sign-Up Genius Link [Italy BBQ Sign Up](#) or scanning the QR code shown. **If bringing non-perishable items prior to June 28, please put them in the Youth Room.**



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.



JOIN US AT OUR TABLE! Join us for a meal and a joyful celebration on Friday, June 26th at 6pm, as **Walter Kondratowski** is ordained as a **Minister of the Word and Sacrament** in the **Presbyterian Church (USA)**. Let us gather together to congratulate Walter and celebrate this special occasion at **St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E Main St.** All are welcome!



NEXT WEEK ~ JUNE 21, 2026
~FATHER'S DAY~

1st Scripture: Leviticus 16:20-22, 29-34

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 10:1-10

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"Once and for All..."

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Guest Preacher

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 14

- 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 – 12: Youth Room
 *Adult Sunday School Classes – Fellowship Hall
11am **Worship (Modern)**

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

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

- 2pm **Food Pantry**

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

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

Friday, June 19

- 2pm **Food Pantry**



* WELCOME NEW FPCS MEMBER *

Will Stimeling (wife Leslie and children Jack and Grace)

21 Clearview Dr, Strasburg, PA 17579

Hobbies, Skills & Interests: running, health & fitness, reading, music

will.stimeling@gmail.com



* Congratulations to Our Graduate! *



Teresa Joy Kondratowski

Graduate of: CHASE Academy Homeschool Co-op

Future Plans: Attend a four-year college for Missionary Work after attending HACC for an Associates Degree in Childhood Education

Hobbies & Interests: Singing, acting, drawing, dancing, making up stories with sisters, serving at her churches; interested in different cultures and histories

Comments: *"After 9, almost 10 years of going to this church, I have been loved and cared for, while also getting the opportunity to love and care for others. Whether on mission trips, being a deacon, or helping with church events. I love this church and I can't wait to come back as an adult after choosing to live my life for God. I remember my first mission trip; I went to Lynn, Massachusetts. The youth group may have been much smaller than it is now, but I was still shown love, being the little fish in the big pond, and this started my journey to live my life fully for Jesus."*

379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

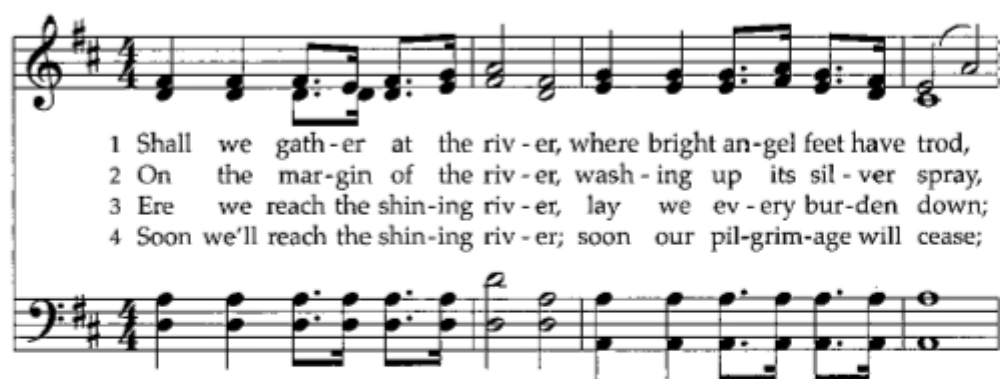
Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -

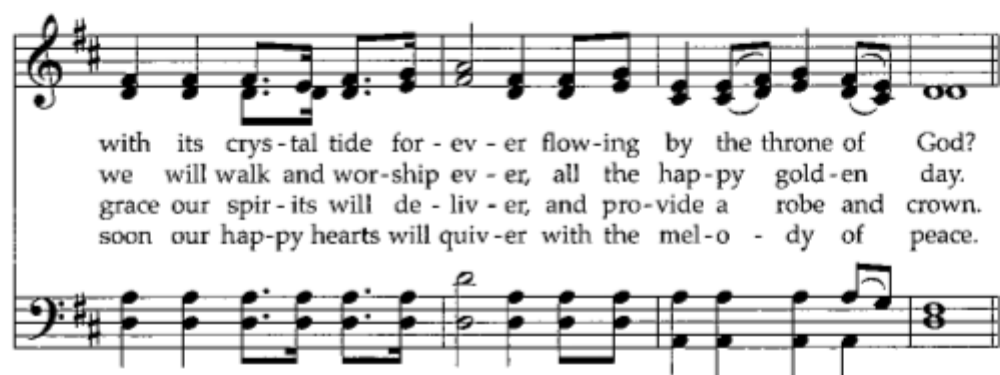
lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a work song aboard slave ships.

375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

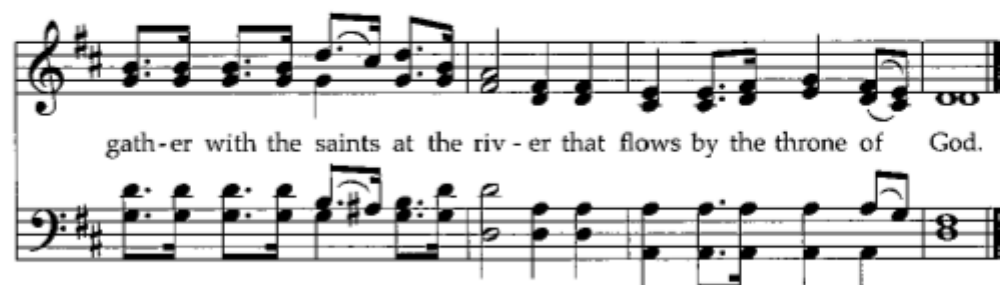


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



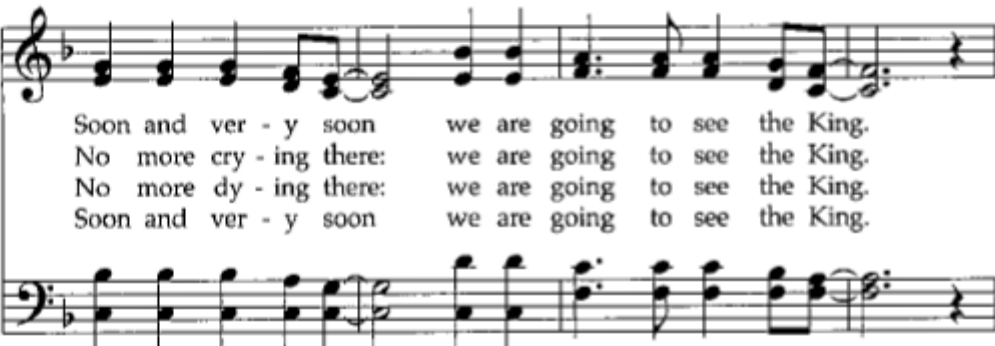
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

384 Soon and Very Soon



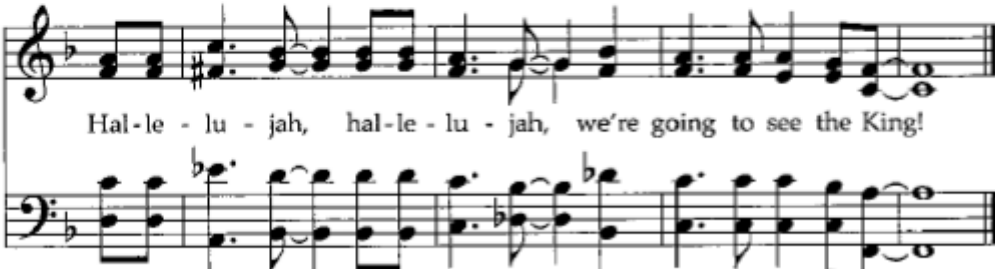
1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.