

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Ethan Goss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Brianna Davis / 11:00am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, July 26, 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

"God's Gracious Love"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 135

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; give praise, O servants of the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for he is gracious.

*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 361

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Faithful God, we praise you and worship you because you are worthy of all praise and worship. We celebrate your gift of faith which provides us with a personal relationship with you that changes lives and changes actions. We confess that we have been slow to claim this gift. We prefer to act on our own, without your guidance. We prefer to speak rashly, not obeying your commandments. We prefer to judge others based upon their status in life, while expecting you to embrace us within your covenant. Forgive us, we pray, and reveal to us once again the faith that you have gifted us. 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

Ali Elias-Lizardo

COMMISSIONING OF OUR YOUTH FOR BASECAMP MISSION WEEK

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 2:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:32-39

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"Living by Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN	<i>"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"</i>	No. 372
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</i>	No. 383
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"</i>	arr. Rowley

**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, July 26, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Praise
It Is Well
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Commissioning of our Youth for Basecamp Mission Week

Scripture Habakkuk 2:1-4
 Hebrews 10:32-39

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"Living by Faith"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Way Maker*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book
Joy Corey
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)
Jim Law – Hospice
Theresa Rineer
Joe Wilt (grandfather of Jenna Creighton)



July Deacons of the Month: Dawn Huber & Danielle Marsh

August Deacons of the Month: Terry & JoAnn 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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Nadu Family. **There are currently no hosts for next Sunday, August 2nd.** 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 • Stop in to visit the church library and browse the selection of books on we have available in the library. Explore our collection and check out a book!

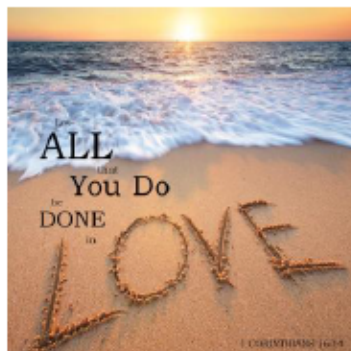
FLAT JESUS is back for the summer! If you are traveling, or just hanging out this summer, grab a child bag or a single flat Jesus to take on your adventures. Send pictures to bfeiler@straspres.org. Pick up Jesus and the bags in room #5.



Feel Like Sharing Your Vacation? Pick out a few favorite summer vacation (or staycation) pics and send them to Mark Feiler for display in The Well later this summer. Send them to Mark.S.Feiler@gmail.com (and don't forget to take Flat Jesus)!



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS • There are a number of items that have made a home in the lost and found! If you are missing clothing, cups, containers, or other items, please check the lost and found, located on the coat rack in the foyer before your items are donated!



ASSISTANCE CORNER

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.



July Items: -travel size shampoo (3.4oz or less)
 -travel size lotion (3.4oz or less fragrance free)

WATER STREET MISSION ~ There are opportunities for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street 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, August 11 – Dinner

*Friday, August 21 – Lunch

*Tuesday, September 15 – Dinner

*Friday, September 25 – 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 ~ We continue to thank God for His never-ending provisions for our Food Pantry through your thoughtful generosity. Our current needs are:



-Cereal

-Jelly

-Applesauce

-Canned Pasta



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL AIDES for the 2026-2027 school year. We are in need of one person to assist Miss Brianna's Thursday 3-year old class. All morning aide shifts start at 9am and end at 11:30am and runs from mid-September through the end of May. 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!



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 school year has openings in the 3-year-old classroom. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at 717-617-9501 or hreynolds@straspres.org, scan the QR code, or pick up an application at the church office.



FAMILY FUN DAY • Join us on **Saturday, August 1st from 12-3pm** to celebrate **55 Years of Preschool at FPCS!** Enjoy bounce houses, balloon animals, face painting, games, food and other entertainment. It's free and open to the public so invite your friends and family! The parking lot will be closed to accommodate the party. Parking has been arranged at the Methodist/ACTS church, Bachman/Snyder Funeral Home, and St. Michael's, all just a short walk to the action!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship on **Sunday, August 16th at 12:30pm at Tinney Pavilion.** There will be a corn hole tournament, bingo and kids' games! Pulled pork, hotdogs, beverages and paper products provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share!



STRASBURG COMMUNITY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT • Join us and the Strasburg Borough PD, other emergency service providers and local civic organizations for an evening of fun, community and family friendly activities! There will also be **FREE FOOD & FIREWORKS!** Don't miss your chance to test your aim at the **DUNK TANK**, where you will find both **Pastor Bob and Kristin** in the hot seat! Stop by and see if you can send them splashing into the water! This free event will be held from **6-9pm on Tuesday, August 4th**, at Strasburg Jaycee Park.

**RYAN SMITH
MEMORIAL BLOOD
DRIVE AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
2PM - 7PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

▶ APPOINTMENTS

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code, call the Blood Donor Center Team at **717.544.0170, Option 1** or visit us online at PennMedicine.org/GiveBloodLGH



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 26

- 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
*Young Adults - Choir Room
*Wired Word - Library
*Young at Heart - Room 4
11am **Worship (Modern)**

♦IGNITED ♦ Base Camp Mission Week ♦ July 26 - August 1

Tuesday, July 28

- 2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

- 2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, August 1

- 12pm Family Fun Fest - Preschool 55th Anniversary Celebration

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 2, 2026

1st Scripture: Psalm 33:1-8

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



LAY READERS ARE NEEDED FOR SECOND SERVICE



If you are willing and able to sign up to read for one or more Sunday services please include your name and email address on this sheet and put in the collection plate or the mailbox of Andrea Petrokonis.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

You may also use the link below or scan the QR code to sign up. Middle school or older children are more than welcome to participate as well!

[FPC Worship Leader 2nd Service Sign Up](#)

