

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, July 5, 2026

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 Lynda Margerum / 11:00am Goggie Sween

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, July 5, 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

"Rêverie du Soir"

arr. William Priestley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations;

People: Tell all the people of God's marvelous works.

Leader: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

People: God will judge the peoples with equity.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

"O for a World"

No. 386

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord God Almighty, you are from everlasting to everlasting and great is your name above all other names. By your word, you created heaven and earth and through your Word made flesh you have redeemed our lives and set us free. You guided Abraham and Sarah to a promised land and guided our ancestors to this new land. As we celebrate our nation, we ask your forgiveness upon us and our nation: for the divides we have put up between one another, for apathy and indifferences that have allowed wrongs to go uncorrected, for times we have been poor stewards of the gift entrusted to us, and for times when we have failed to follow your will. Lord have mercy upon us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-10, 13

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8:30am Service

SERMON

"A Story to Live By"

Rev. Doug Friant

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

arr. Keith D. 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



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Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Grace Alone*
 God You're So Good
 Trust In God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Genesis 12:1-7
 Matthew 5:1-10, 13

Sermon *"A Story to Live By"*

Rev. Doug Friant

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Gratitude*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

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



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for the family of Lois Mellinger on her passing on June 24, 2026. A memorial service will be held here at FPC on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00pm.

July Deacons of the Month: Dawn Huber & Danielle Marsh

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 Ethan Goss as our guest pianist this Sunday.

We welcome Rev. Doug Friant as our guest preacher this Sunday.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Lois Mellinger, who passed into eternal life on June 24, 2026.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Carolyn Groff. Hosts for next week: Wired Word. 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 • Men and father figures are invited to visit the church library and browse the selection of inspirational books on the table in the hallway. Also, stop in our library to check out the individual books on discovering the books of the Bible. We invite you all to 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.



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.

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)!



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 deodorant stick (3.4oz or less)
 -travel size lotion (3.4oz or less fragrance free)

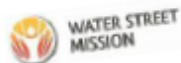
WATER STREET RESCUE MISSION ~ There are opportunities for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street Rescue Mission. These events will require around 2.5 hours of your time serving meals to the Mission's residents and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you.

*Tuesday, July 14 – Dinner

*Tuesday, August 11 – Dinner

*Friday, July 24 – Lunch

*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.



FPC's Food Pantry is having a Summer Food Drive! We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand with accepting donations, sorting food and delivering it to our inventory shelves on **Saturday, July 25th from 8am – 1pm**. Look for the signup sheet in the Well. Let's get our neighbors involved in helping those in our community who are in need. Look for the bulletin insert for more information. Thank you SO much for your continued and generous support of our ministry!



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.



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!



WELCOME! We want to welcome Charles (Charlie) Kelsay to our church family as our custodian, who started on Monday, June 22nd. Please introduce yourself if you get the chance and welcome him to First Pres! We're excited to have him on board!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 5

- 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)**

NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP

Tuesday, July 7

- 9am VBS Decorating
2pm Food Pantry
7pm Worship Committee – Library

Wednesday, July 8

- 9am VBS Decorating
1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, July 9

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
9am VBS Decorating
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

Friday, July 10

- 9am VBS Decorating
2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ JULY 12, 2026

Rev. Andy Meiser, Guest Preacher



Summer Food Drive



Saturday, July 25 from 8am-1pm

Convenient drop-off in the parking lot of
First Presbyterian Church ~ drive up and a
volunteer will meet you under the portico to
receive your donations!

101 S. Decatur St, Strasburg

Most needed items include:

Canned fruit (pineapples, sliced peaches, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail)
Potatoes (box instant or canned)
Meal Helpers (hamburger or tuna)
Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)
Canned soups
Dry Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Canned Pasta (Raviolis, SpaghettiOs)
Macaroni & Cheese
Oatmeal
Boxed Cereal
White or Brown Rice
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pancake/Waffle Mix
Syrup

Our food pantry serves Strasburg & surrounding areas.

- Donations will supply our food pantry and help those facing food insecurities.
- Questions, please call the church office 717-687-6030

Help us ~ help our community!



**Would you like to give to our
Mission Week?**

**Eggs or Sausages
Apples or Oranges
Carrots or Cucumbers
Cereal or Granola Bars
Ham or Turkey
Cheese or Chips
Meatballs or Nuggets
Sauce or Dressing
Buns or Bread**

**sign up outside the youth room
PLACE ALL ITEMS IN THE KITCHEN BY JULY 25TH**