

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

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DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Andrea Petrokonis / 11am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increase my strength of soul.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

*HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 482

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of today and of the generations, we praise you for the cloud of witnesses that went before us and paved the way for the faith that we now have. We give you thanks that we do not have to walk this journey of faith alone. Forgive us for thinking that we are isolated in our faith, and for thinking that the men and women of faith who went before us do not matter. We offer our lives to you as living sacrifices so that you can use them for your kingdom. 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

Kristin Kondratowski

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I Kings 17:17-24

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:32-40

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"A Cloud of Witnesses to Faith"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"</i>	No. 138
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>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>	No. 263
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</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



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *So So Good*
 Heart Of The Father
 Make Room

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture I Kings 17:17-24
 Hebrews 11:32-40

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"A Cloud of Witnesses to Faith"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Gratitude*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside
Joy Corey
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)
Bill Koch – LGH
Shelly Korzniecki-Denlinger - LGH

Jim Law – Hospice
Theresa Rineer
Joe Wilt (grandfather of Jenna Creighton)
Jim Yinger – The Glen



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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are provided to the glory of God by Lillian Myers, in loving memory of husband Gary and sister Nancy.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for this week: Mary Lou Butler & Lynda Margerum. Host for next week: Donna Orsag. 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 here for the rest of 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.



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!

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)!



FRESH PRODUCE!! Is your garden producing more vegetables than you can use? Bring your extra produce to church and share it with friends and fellow church members. Your abundance could be a blessing to someone else!

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.



August 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.

*Friday, August 21 – Lunch

*Tuesday, October 13 – Dinner

*Tuesday, September 15 – Dinner

*Friday, October 23 – Lunch

*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 ~ Our families are so grateful for your generous contributions! We thank God for your continued support!



CURRENT NEEDS:

*Canned Fruit

*Pudding Cups

*Applesauce

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT,
I, THE LORD, WILL MAKE IT

Happen

Isaiah 60:22





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.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship **TODAY, 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!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS • On Sunday, August 23rd at both services we will be blessing the backpacks as kids, teachers and school staff head off to school. Make sure you or your child brings your backpack with you as you come to church that Sunday.



SUMMIT HILL
Bluegrass Band

STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Featuring
Summit Hill Bluegrass Band
With Guests Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band
Saturday September 5 at 6:00PM
Strasburg Community Park
151 Precision Ave, Strasburg
Bring your lawn chair and a friend and come hungry
Dinner provided by Ignited Youth Ministries
Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg



Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 16

- 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)
12:30pm **Church Picnic – Tinney Pavilion**

NO IGNITED YOUTH GROUP

Monday, August 17

- 6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5
6:30pm IMPACT Young Adult Bible Study – Youth Room

Tuesday, August 18

- 2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 19

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
7pm Session – Room 4

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

- 2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 23, 2026

1st Scripture: II Timothy 4:6-8

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"Run the Race"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching