

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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 Seth Gregory / 11am Tricia Wilson

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, August 23, 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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Youth Mission Fund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

Leader: Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

*HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 485

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God and provider of salvation and a future of hope, we come before you today so grateful for the path that you set before us which leads to our welfare. Forgive us for being weighed down in our journey with that which distracts and draws us away from you. Teach us again what it means to follow you unencumbered with the concerns of this world, even as we live in this world. 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Prayer Insert

FIRST SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 4:6-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON	<i>"Run the Race"</i>	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"Fight the Good Fight"</i>	No. 307
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>"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"</i>	No. 142
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"</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, August 23, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Youth Mission Fund

*Praise & Worship *Come To The Cross
Who Is Like Our God
What A Beautiful Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Ali Elias-Lizardo

Blessing of the Backpacks Prayer Insert

Scripture II Timothy 4:6-8
Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY
"Run the Race" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Grace Alone*

*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 Korznieceki-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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for this week: Donna Orsag. Hosts for next week: June Stum & Sandy Wenger. 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 we have available. 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!

GOLF ANYONE? Join Pastor Bob at Meadia Heights for golf on September 29th at 1pm. The cost is \$75 and there are 8 open spots. Let him know if you are interested!



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.

*Tuesday, September 15 – Dinner

*Friday, September 25 – Lunch

*Tuesday, October 13 – Dinner

*Friday, October 23 – 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!



COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP • Gather with all the churches of Strasburg for worship at the Strasburg Park on **SUNDAY, September 20th at 10am**. There will be no worship here at FPC, so come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ from Strasburg to worship on this day.

BIBLE CHALLENGE • Beginning **Monday, September 7th**, join us for a 90-day read through the gospel Challenge. Each day you will be given an opportunity to read one chapter from the gospels and to reflect on it with a journal. There will also be a blog post on our website. Challenge journals will be available on the table under the TV in the Well and on the glass table in the foyer.



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.



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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 23 * Blessing of the Backpacks

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 ♦ Combined Youth Group: 6 - 8pm - Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, August 25

2pm Food Pantry

7pm IMPACT - Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, August 26

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4

6pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 30, 2026

1st Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-12

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 12:3-11

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"The Discipline of God"

Jen Eisenberg, Guest Preacher

Blessing of the Backpacks: A Prayer

Leader: O God, we ask that you place a blessing on each of these backpacks – and more importantly on each person who carries them: students and teachers, nurses and bus drivers, aides and administrators, and all.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that today will stand as a constant reminder that you go with all of those gathered here as they enter this new school year. We ask that you would calm all fear and anxiousness that may arise in them and in their parents.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that the knowledge of your presence with them would give your people the ability to learn well, and grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that in large ways and in small you would lead your people here to show the love they have received from you, and the change you have made in their lives.

People: Lord, bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray that as a whole congregation we would be reminded to pray for our students and all who guide and help them throughout the year, constantly asking for your blessing in them, through their learning and study and growth.

People: Lord, Bless these backpacks.

Leader: We pray all this to the God who does infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, and we pray again,

All: Lord Bless these backpacks, and all those who carry them, Amen.