

First Presbyterian Church

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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Sunday, August 9, 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 Leo Petrokonis

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 Will Walk With Jesus"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 137

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon – there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

People: How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Leader: If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right-hand wither.

People: Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

*HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 466

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Sending God, we come before you asking for humility as we seek to do your work. We praise you for allowing us to be your children. We ask that we might have the faith of a child, always curious, always asking questions. Forgive us for thinking we have all the answers. Forgive us for pretending that you speak to us alone. Help us to rejoice in our salvation while opening our hands to give. 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

Matthew 28:19-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16

SERMON

IGNITED YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP SHARING

*HYMN	<i>"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"</i>	No. 430
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>"Come, Christians, Join to Sing "</i>	No. 150
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Come, Lord Jesus"</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 *My Hands Are Open*
 Build My Life
 Flowers

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 28:19-20
 Matthew 5:14-16

Sermon IGNITED Youth Group Mission Trip Sharing

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Good Good Father*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – The Glen
Joy Corey
Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)
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 rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Linda Hook, who passed into eternal life on July 27, 2026.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for this week: Jeff & Wendy Stoltzfus. Hosts for next week: Mary Lou Butler & Lynda Margerum. 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 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.

*Tuesday, August 11 – Dinner

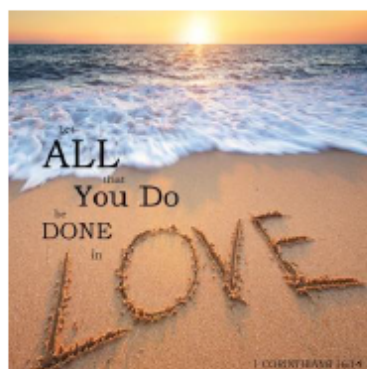
*Friday, August 21 – Lunch

*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!





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 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!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS • On **Sunday, August 23** 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.

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, August 9

- 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**

Monday, August 10

- 6pm Mission & Finance - Room 5
6:30pm CIC - Virtual

Tuesday, August 11

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| 1pm | Food Pantry Committee - Room 4 | 6pm | Outreach Committee - Room 5 |
| 2 - 7pm | Ryan Smith Memorial Blood Drive - FH | 7pm | Worship Committee - Library |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | |

Wednesday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 13

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

Friday, August 14

- 2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 16, 2026

1st Scripture: I Kings 17:17-24

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"A Cloud of Witnesses to 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](#)





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

