

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 27, 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 Bill Hosker / 11am Goggie Sween

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, September 27, 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

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 142

Leader: With my voice I cry to the Lord; with my voice I make supplication to the Lord.

People: Give heed to my cry, for I am brought very low. The righteous will surround me, for you deal bountifully with me.

*HYMN

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

No. 476

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of righteousness and grace, we praise you and adore you because you show us every day how much you love us. We find our needs met and our ability to see the future clearly, and that is a blessing. Forgive us in those times when we are struggling if we were to turn our back on you. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you, even as we stumble along trying to understand how to hear you. You are faithful, and for that we give you thanks. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-8

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"What Does Righteousness Look Like?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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8:30am Service

*HYMN	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>	No. 306
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>"Lead On, O King Eternal"</i>	No. 447
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Meditation on Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	Howard Zwick

**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, September 27, 2026

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *We Praise You
Head To The Heart
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Psalm 118:1-9
 Hebrews 13:1-8

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"What Does Righteousness Look Like?"*

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Offering

*Praise & Worship *Yes And Amen*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside

Jim Law – Hospice

Joy Corey

Theresa Rineer

Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)

Joe Wilt (grandfather of Jenna Creighton)

Lori Ford – Lancashire Hall

Jim Yinger – The Glen, Hospice

September Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff & Deb Welk

October Deacons of the Month: Caroline Grossmann & Liz McVey-Calunod

Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Taylor Sarian and her family on the passing of her grandmother, Elaine Ream, on Tuesday, September 15th.

In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

Contact Information for Michele Steele, daughter of Gladys Masoner.
1088 Sorber Mountain Road E.
Noxen, PA 18636



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

BIBLE CHALLENGE • Began Monday, September 7th! **It's not too late to join us for a 90-day read through the gospel Challenge.** Each day you are given an opportunity to read one chapter from the gospels and to reflect on it with a journal. You can also find the blog post here on our website: <https://www.straspres.org/category/bible-reading-challenge-blog/>. Challenge journals are 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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Please mark your calendars! We started a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 22nd**, and **it's not too late to join us!** Classes are held at 9am and 7pm in room 4. All are welcome! This fall, we are using a study by Kristi McLelland entitled "The Gospel on the Ground - The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." For any questions please contact Linda Bredin, Stacy Bronkema, or Sandy Wenger.



TODDLER GYM is back! Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 – 10:45am (Sept. – May)** for playtime for ages 1 – 6 with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public and follows the Lampeter Strasburg School Calendar. For more information, contact Alyssa Gregory at 717-495-3939 or agregory@straspres.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT at FPCS will be held this year from **5-6:30pm on Sunday, October 25th**. Sign up at the table under the TV in the welcome area and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by **4:30pm**. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items should sign-up under the TV in the Welcome Area. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfeiler@straspres.org.



Join us for a special coffee hour on **October 18th** for church leaders and teachers of Sunday School, Children's Church and Nursery. Please join us as we thank these folks for their dedication and time to help spread God's love.

HIS MERCIES
NEW EVERY
morning

LAMENTATIONS 3:25

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. We will have coffee and drinks only this week. Hosts for next week: Don & Beth Smith. 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 • There is some house cleaning going on in our church library! Some books are very "old" and some have never been read by church members. So, we have decided to remove these OLD books and give them away or donate them. Feel free to take a look on the bottom of the bookshelf in the hallway; these books are for the taking!

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!



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!

CLUBHOUSE HELPERS: Another year of Clubhouse is here and **WE NEED YOU!** Clubhouse is a monthly program for children preschool through 5th grade that meet from 6 – 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, September – May. The children are from our church family, preschool family, and the community. The program is Christian theme incorporating music, crafts, games and Bible stories. Volunteers are involved with these activities and "shepherd" a group of children to these activities as a group leader. You certainly don't need to commit to each month. Please see Beth Feiler or Amanda Allison if you are interested. **The next Clubhouse is Wednesday, October 7th.**



Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE ~ Each month this year, we are collecting specific items for CWS that the children will pack into hygiene kits in November. These kits 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.



September Item: travel size toothpaste (3.4oz or less)

October Item: sturdy wide-tooth comb (6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks)

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, October 13 – Dinner

*Friday, October 23 – Lunch

*Tuesday, November 17 – Dinner

*Friday, November 27 – 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



The **CHURCH NURSERY** and **TODDLER GYM** need you! The nursery is in need of dry snacks such as animal crackers, pretzels, crackers and goldfish, etc. If you are able to donate any of these or similar items, please drop them off in the nursery. The nursery and toddler gym are looking for gently used baby toys.

Please drop items off in the nursery and reach out to Alyssa Gregory with any questions at 717-495-3939 or agregory@straspres.org.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 27

- 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 – 7: Room 5
-Grades 8 – 12: Youth Room
*Young Adults – Choir Room
*Wired Word – Library
*Young at Heart – Room 4
11am **Worship** (Modern)
12:15pm Confirmation Class – Library

***No IGNITED Youth Group**

Monday, September 28

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room & Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 29

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 2pm | Food Pantry |
| 1pm | Golf with Pastor Bob | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

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| 9am | Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall | 6pm | Our Table |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | |

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 4, 2026
~WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY~

1st Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 13:12-16

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