

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 13, 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 / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, September 13, 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

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Jennifer Cook

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 141

Leader: I call upon you, O Lord, come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you.

People: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we come to you in worship today grateful for your overwhelming presence in our lives. We understand that our chief end is to glorify you and to enjoy you forever. That is why we gather today in worship, to carry out our chief end. Forgive us for seeing worship as a box that we have to check and not a way in which we live with you. Put us on the path that creates a strong desire to see your presence in worship, even when we don't feel as if we can. 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

ANTHEM

"Forever Blest Is He"

G.F. Handel

arr. Royal Stanton

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Haggai 2:4-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:25-29

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SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY		
SERMON	<i>"Worship That is Acceptable to God"</i>	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"</i>	No. 288
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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	No. 356
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Meditation on Be Thou My Vision"</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



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Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *At Your Name*
 Firm Foundation (He Won't)
 Build My Life

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Haggai 2:4-9
 Hebrews 12:25-29

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"Worship That is Acceptable to God"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *King Of Kings*

*Benediction

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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)

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

Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside

Joy Corey

Sherry Defelice (daughter of Joy Corey)

Bill Koch

Jim Law – Hospice

Elaine Ream (grandmother of Taylor Sarian)

Theresa Rineer

Joe Wilt (grandfather of Jenna Creighton)

Jim Yinger – The Glen

September Deacons of the Month: Barb Groff & Deb Welk

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. Hosts for this week: Terry & JoAnn Sweigart. No Coffee Hour on September 20th due to Community Wide Worship at Strasburg Park. **There is currently no one signed up for Sunday, September 27th.** 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



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP • Gather with all the churches of Strasburg for worship at the Strasburg Park next **SUNDAY, September 20th at 10am**. Bring a lawn chair or other comfortable chair or a blanket for seating during the service. 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. In case of rain, we will worship at Strasburg Mennonite at 10am.

BIBLE CHALLENGE • Began this past 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 that we will be starting a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 22nd**. Classes will be 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 starting **Friday, September 18th!** 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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 13

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, September 14 *Great Beginnings Preschool Begins This Week*

6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

6:30pm CIC - Virtual

Tuesday, September 15

2pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 16

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

7pm Session Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, September 17

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

6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

Friday, September 18

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall

2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Community Wide Worship in the Park

Gather with all the churches of Strasburg
for worship at the Strasburg Park at **10am**.