

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 11, 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 Mary Lou Butler / 11am Goggie Sween

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Col 3:12-15

Leader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

People: Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Leader: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

People: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. And be thankful!

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

No. 483

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Oh Lord God, we have come to your house- into your holy sanctuary- where we hope earth and heaven will meet. Open our eyes to your presence in our lives and remind us of your overflowing grace and transforming love. Open our ears to your Word and remind us of the path we walk as disciples. Forgive us for the times we have failed to appreciate the gift of your grace. Forgive us for the times we have failed to live as your people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. 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

Beth Feiler

ANTHEM

"Cantate Deo"

Anna Laura Smith

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14

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SERMON	<i>"What to Wear to the Party?"</i>	Rev. Doug Friant
*HYMN	<i>"Our God, to Whom We Turn"</i>	No. 278
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>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	No. 467
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Meditation on <i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	

**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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11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Who Is Like Our God
Flowers
You Keep Hope Alive*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon *"What to Wear to the Party?"*

Rev. Doug Friant

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Good Good Father*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside
Theresa Rineer
Kay Straley
Joe Wilt (grandfather of Jenna Creighton)



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

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.

We welcome Rev. Doug Friant as our guest preacher this Sunday.

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are provided to the glory of God by Linda Lawrence, in loving memory of her son, Jason Robert Lawrence.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for this week: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. Hosts for next week: The Feiler Family. 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!

CLUBHOUSE HELPERS: Another year of Clubhouse is here and **WE NEED YOU!** Clubhouse is a monthly program for children preschool through 5th grade that meets 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 this Wednesday, November 4th.**



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.



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.



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, November 17 – Dinner

*Friday, November 27 – Lunch

*Tuesday, December 15 – Dinner

*Friday, December 18 – 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 ~ It has been a busy time for the Food Pantry and there is a constant need to replenish our shelves.

Current needs:

-Jelly -Canned Chili -Canned pasta
-Soups: Tomato and Vegetable



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.

The joy of
the Lord
is my
strength

Nehemiah 8:10



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

BIBLE CHALLENGE • We began Monday, September 7th, but **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.



WATCH FOR IT!! Saturday, November 14th. It's a really BIG day for our Food Pantry. It's the **Annual Boy Scouts Food Drive**, and all donations support our FPC ministry. We are so thankful for our local communities' generosity.

We will need **lots** of help from **9am -12:30pm** to sort, date and stock all the food that is delivered. Please consider helping us. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for donating a bit of your valuable time.



TODDLER GYM is back! Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 – 10:30am (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.

CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH Join us after the 8:30am service on **Sunday, November 8th** to recognize, celebrate and honor the 50+ year members with a special brunch in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving breakfast casserole, fruit and sweets. As in the past, we will need volunteers to bake and bring a breakfast casserole to church on Sunday morning. All ingredients and materials will be provided, including the recipe, making it easy to participate! **Fellowship Hall decorating** will take place on **Saturday, November 7th at 9am**. There will be **no Sunday School or nursery care** during the brunch on Sunday, November 8th. Please contact Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 to volunteer or if you have questions. Thank you!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 11

- 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)

***IGNITED** • Youth Group: 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 12

**In observance of Columbus Day, the church office will be closed today.*

6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, October 13

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 6pm | Outreach Committee – Room 5 |
| 1pm | Food Pantry Committee – Room 4 | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | |

Wednesday, October 14

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library | 6:30pm | Trustee Meeting – Room 4 |
| 6pm | Praise Team – Sanctuary | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room & Sanctuary |

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

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

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 18, 2026

1st Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26

2nd Scripture: Hebrews 13:17-25

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

"A Blessing"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching