

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Lynda Margerum / 11am Tricia Wilson

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome!
Reformation Sunday

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

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever.

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord of all creation, of all times and seasons, we praise you for you made us to live within this world that you have created. You tell us that your vision for our future is one of hope and for our welfare. Forgive us for when we can only see the present and are overwhelmed with anxiety for what is about to come. Remind us to trust in your presence at all times and not worry about what is to come. 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

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

Lloyd Larson

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:32-37

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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SERMON	SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3 <i>"Jesus: The One Who Reforms Our Life"</i>	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i>	No. 260
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>"In Christ Alone"</i>	insert
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Meditation on <i>"All Creatures of Our God and King"</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, October 25, 2026

Welcome!
Reformation Sunday

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*
 I Speak Jesus
 Space

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Mark 13:32-37
 Ecclesiastes 3:1

Sermon SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3
 "*Jesus: The One Who Reforms Our Life*"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Trust In God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside
Dave DiFranco
Cheryl DuPrey
Christina Glastetter

Kevin Glastetter
Theresa Rineer
Kay Straley



Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Jenna Creighton and her family on the passing of her grandfather, Joe Wilt, on Sunday, October 18th.

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.

In Christ Alone

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

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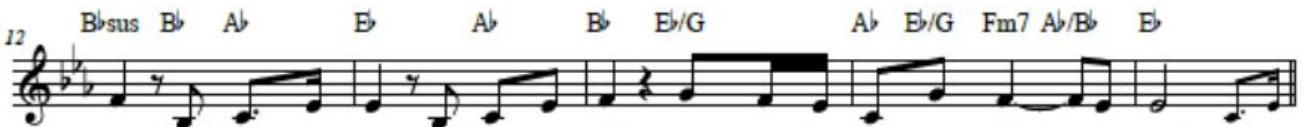
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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ASSISTANCE CORNER



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE ~ Each month this year, we have been collecting specific items for CWS that the children will pack into hygiene kits in November. We are in need of items that we have not yet received enough of over the course of the year.

Please see the needed items below as well as on the bulletin board outside room #5. If you choose, items can be purchased using the Amazon QR code found below, and delivered directly to the church. If you have questions, please see Beth Feiler.



- 10 toothbrushes (*1 per box – original packaging*)
- 66 travel size lotion (*3.4oz or less, fragrance-free*)
- 75 travel size deodorant (*3.4oz or less, non-aerosol*)
- 84 travel size toothpaste (*3.4oz or less (w/at least 1-year expiration)*)
- 92 travel size shampoo (*3.4oz or less*)
- 95 wide tooth combs (*6 in. minimum of teeth, no picks or pocket combs*)



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.

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

*Tuesday, December 15 – Dinner

*Friday, November 27 – Lunch

*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.

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: Tina Dansereau. **There are currently no hosts for next Sunday, November 1st.** 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.



Christmas is just around the corner and that means our annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is too! We are looking for adult volunteers to direct and to assist the children this year. Thank you to Ali Elias-Lizardo for directing for the past 6 years. Ali is stepping back as director to let someone else experience the opportunity to serve with the children. We also need **children** and **youth** to participate. **Practice will begin on Sunday, November 22nd during Sunday School time.** If you are interested in helping or being in the pageant please see Beth Feiler.





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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 **TONIGHT, Sunday, October 25th from 5-6:30pm**. It's not too late to have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by **4:30pm**. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfeiler@straspres.org.



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!

IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will take place on **Sunday, November 15th from 4-6pm at the L-S Practice Field**. Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) compete for the FFL trophy and bragging rights. Come on out to play or cheer from the sidelines! Bring a lawn chair and dress warm. Please RSVP to Kristin at kristin@straspres.org or 908-581-5050.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE "JOB TRAINING" The worship committee is looking to offer a training to the congregation on the different "jobs" worship has – ushers, readers, acolytes, and communion servers. Join us on **November 15th at 12:15pm (right after second service)**. This is an open invitation for those that already volunteer, as well as one for those that may have an interest but would like to know more. Please contact Maggie Nadu or Tricia Wilson with any questions!

CHURCH DECORATING DAY ~ On **Monday, November 23rd at 6pm**, we will be decking the halls and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the fun, have pizza and help us to decorate!



On **Wednesday, November 18th, at 12pm**, there will be a **training for food pantry, welcome desk volunteers, staff and anyone else that finds themselves regularly in the building**. At the training we will learn how to welcome people in a way that reflects our love for Christ while at the same time insuring that everyone knows the steps to take should a difficulty arise. Please contact Pastor Bob with any questions.



IGNITED Student Ministry of FPCS will be providing free to-go lunch meals on **Sunday, November 29th**. Register for a free to-go meal which can be picked up from **1-1:30pm on Sunday, November 29, 2026**, by using the following link OR QR Code. [IGNITED November 29 Lunch Sign-Up](#)





NOVEMBER 7

10am-10pm

JOIN US FOR A CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF FUN

ARRIVE ANYTIME DURING OPERATING HOURS AND
SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FIRST PRES. FRIENDS WHILE
ENJOYING ALL THE FALL ACTIVITIES AT CHERRY
CREST

CONTACT KRISTIN FOR DISCOUNTED TICKETS

NOTE: THE FARM IS CASHLESS

YOU CAN USE CASH TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS, IF NEEDED

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 25

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)

5pm Trunk or Treat



***IGNITED ♦ Trunk or Treat 4:30 – 7:30pm**

Tuesday, October 27

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, October 28

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 29

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

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room and Sanctuary

Friday, October 30

9am Toddler Gym

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2026

~ALL SAINTS DAY~

1st Scripture: I Corinthians 15:54-58

2nd Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:2

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

"A Time for Life and Death"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching