

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

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WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Alice Eisenhooth / 11am Jeffrey Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome!
World Communion 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

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 143

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

People: **Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 263

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we come before you today grateful for your sacrifice and your never-failing love. You shelter us under your protective presence. You comfort us when we feel the most abandoned. We adore you for you created us and continue to show your love for us. Forgive us for prioritizing legalism over compassion. Forgive us for setting our priorities of security over your priority of justice. Reveal to us again what it means to be your disciple. 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

ANTHEM

"Come, My Way"

R. Vaughan Williams

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:12-16

8:30am Service

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

No. 513

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Phillip P. Bliss
arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

*ALLELUIA

***BENEDICTION**

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



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11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Come To The Cross*
 Great Are You Lord
 I Know A Name

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Scripture Micah 6:6-8
 Hebrews 13:12-16

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"What Does the Lord Require?"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Goodness Of God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

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

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

Comfort in Time of Loss: Please pray for Tina Dansereau and her siblings and their families on the passing of her father Jim Yinger on Friday, September 25th.

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 Jim Yinger, who passed into eternal life on September 25, 2026.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for this week: Don & Beth Smith. Hosts for next week: Ray & Carol Reinmiller. 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 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 this Wednesday, October 7th.**



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, 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 ~ It has been a busy summer 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.

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16



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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY We started a new Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 22nd**, but **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. **no Toddler Gym on October 9th**

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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 4 * World Communion Sunday

- 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

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

Tuesday, October 6

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 7pm | Worship Committee – Library |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |
| 6pm | CE Meeting – Room 5 | | |

Wednesday, October 7

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| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library | 6pm | Praise Team – Sanctuary |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4 | 7pm | Deacons Meeting – Room 4 |
| 6pm | Kids Clubhouse | | |

Thursday, October 8

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library
6pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room & Sanctuary

Friday, October 9

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 11, 2026

Rev. Doug Friant, Guest Preacher