

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, October 18, 2026

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
DIRECTOR OF MODERN WORSHIP: Goggie Sween
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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Linda Lawrence / 11am Andrea Petrokonis

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Rowley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 144

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, my rock and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge.

People: **Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall; happy are the people whose God is the Lord.**

*HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 469

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord God, thank you for blessing us and keeping us under your protective presence. We rejoice that we serve a God whose intent is for our good and our welfare, and not for our harm. Forgive us when we seek out only our own good, often at the expense of the protection and safety of others. Correct us when our actions impact those around us negatively and we live in ways that do not reflect your expectations of us. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lainey Kay Boyer

ANTHEM

"I Will Give Jubilant Thanks"

Words by J. Paul Williams
Music by Michael Barrett

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Numbers 6:24-26

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:20-21

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8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

SERMON

"A Blessing"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

No. 417

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

No. 151

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Meditation on *"How Great Thou Art"*

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





Baptism

Being baptized today is Lainey Kay Boyer, daughter of John & Katelyn Boyer.

Second Grade Bible Presentation

Everlee Jo Bresset, daughter of Ryan Bresset and Michelle Wertz, presented by her father, Ryan Bresset. Verse: Joshua 1:9

Quinn Grace Gregory, daughter of Seth and Alyssa Gregory, presented by her mother, Alyssa Gregory. Verse: Matthew 22:9-10



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Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Head To The Heart
God I Look To You
Space*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Second Grade Bible Presentation

Scripture Numbers 6:24-26
 Hebrews 13:20-21

SERMON SERIES: HEBREWS: A LETTER FOR US TODAY

Sermon *"A Blessing"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *The Blessing*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Charlie Book – Lakeside
Dave DiFranco
Cheryl DuPrey

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.

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*)



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.

CHURCH WHEELCHAIR ~ FPC previously had a wheelchair available for use when needed, and we believe it may have been borrowed. If you have the wheelchair, we kindly ask that you return it to the church. If it is still being used, please let the church office know so we can keep track of it. Thank you for your help!





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!



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 **THIS Sunday, 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!



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!

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: The Feiler Family. Host for next week: Tina Dansereau. 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.



Be Still
and know that I am
God.

Psalms 46:10



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 18

- 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 20

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room & Sanctuary |

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

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

**NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 25, 2026
~REFORMATION SUNDAY~**

1st Scripture: Mark 13:32-37

2nd Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

"Jesus: The One who Reforms our Life"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching