First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 15, 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 Bette Davis / 11am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 15, 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 *"Invocation"* Arthur G. Colburn
arr. Rob Roy Perry

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148
Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* No. 376

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
God of joy and thanksgiving, we come before you today grateful that we serve One who celebrates the relationship that we have with the creator. We thank you that we were made to love you as you faithfully and unconditionally love us. Forgive us for focusing on that which we see as wrong in our lives as opposed to that which provides joy. Forgive us for dragging others along with us as we shut you out of our daily lives. 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 Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM *"God is My Shepherd"* Gordon Young

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11

SECOND SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:4

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **Welcome!** 8:30am Service

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

SERMON	*"The Bridegroom Is with Us"*	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*	No. 262
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	*"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*	No. 370
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*"In Remembrance"*	Anna Priscilla Risher

**You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk.*

Sermon Notes

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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, November 15, 2026 *Welcome!* 11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Graves Into Gardens*
Living Hope
Holy Spirit

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Tina Dansereau

Scripture John 2:1-11
Ecclesiastes 3:4

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

Sermon *"The Bridegroom Is with Us"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Yes And Amen*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.



Charlie Book – Lakeside
Ed Bredin
Cheryl DuPrey
Christina Glastetter
Kevin Glastetter
Kent Holmes
Theresa Rineer
Kay Straley

November Deacons of the Month: Addison, David & Melissa Edwards

In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

ASSISTANCE CORNER



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're 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 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!



Your help is needed during FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT! Join us on **Sunday, December 6th** for a night of fun! If you are able to help with any of the following volunteer positions, please see Beth Feiler.

-set up before the event
-general help during the event
-kitchen help during the event
-clean up after the event



Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups Are Open! Children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant! We have a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles available for all ages. Children can sign up for the role they'd like to play, although some roles may be adjusted based on participation. **Practice will begin on Sunday, November 22nd during Sunday School time.** If you are interested in helping or have questions, please see Jozlyn Grodski or Danielle Marsh. Sign up using the link or QR code below. We look forward to sharing the Christmas story together! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA4A722A5FAC43-67240042-first.

Memorial Poinsettias

Orders for memorial poinsettias are now being accepted for the upcoming Advent season. **Cost is $8 per plant.** Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox (Nicole Keays) or drop off in the church office mail slot. **Deadline for orders & payments: Sunday, December 6, 2025.**

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE "JOB TRAINING" The worship committee is offering a training to the congregation on the different "jobs" within the scope of worship services, including worship technical support. Worship includes ushers, readers, greeters, acolytes, praise team, choir and communion servers, and technical support which includes media, audio, cameras/directing. Join us **TODAY, 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!

IGNITED STUDENTS' ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will take place TODAY, 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. All are welcome!





On **Wednesday, November 18th, at 12pm**, there will be **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 ensuring that everyone knows the steps to take should a difficulty arise. Please contact Pastor Bob with any questions.

IGNTED 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



Knifty Knitter – Learn to Knit & Crochet! Knifty Knitter's is hosting a class and ALL are welcome, those with no experience and those who wish to refresh a hidden talent. Join us on **Saturday, November 21st from 10am-12pm in Fellowship Hall**. All supplies will be provided. If you have hooks or needles you wish to use, feel free to bring them along. Who knows? You may have some homemade gifts in your future!! For questions please contact Carolyn Groff or Carol Reinmiller.



The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at 12:15pm (after second service) on Sunday, December 6th.** The purpose of this meeting is to review and act on the proposed 2027 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect New Officers for the terms starting in 2027, and to review and receive the 2027 Ministry Budget.

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.

PRESBYTERY MEETING INVITATION • The congregation is invited to attend the upcoming Presbytery meeting on **Tuesday, November 17th, at First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville,** 145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460. This will be a special occasion, as it will be the final Presbytery meeting that Pastor Bob presides over as Moderator of the Presbytery. The gathering begins at **9:30 a.m.**, with the worship service starting at **9:45 a.m.** We hope you will join us in supporting Pastor Bob and celebrating his service and leadership!

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Joyce Charles & Bobbe Ryder. Hosts for next week: The McFarland 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!



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.



Let's See Your Beautiful Front Door! Find a few pics of your front door all decked out for Christmas and send them to Mark Feiler for display in The Well later in December. They can be from this year or previous years. Send them to mark.s.feiler@gmail.com.



Did you know that OUR TABLE is back at FPCS on Friday Nights Beginning at 6pm?! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! Got friends? Bring 'em along! The meal is followed by an interactive Bible study, worship songs, and prayer. Eat and run or stay for the fun; we're just happy you showed up. *There's always room at Our Table!*



*Join us on Thanksgiving Day! Doors open at 8:45am for coffee, pastries and the Macy's Parade and at noon we will gather for a Thanksgiving feast! Save a seat and register using the QR code.



DISCIPL[IN]E

A TEN WEEK PARENTING COURSE LED BY KRISTIN KONDRATOWSKI

How do we raise children so they don't turn away from God when faced with adult decisions? How can we walk with them through pain, suffering, and seemingly impossible choices?

Barna Research tells us that almost 80% of US Christian parents are worried their children may leave the faith. Let's turn this statistic around.

Join us for a new course on discipleship designed for parents who want to see their children full of faith that will move mountains.

WEDNESDAYS
6-7:30PM
JANUARY 6 TO MARCH 10



For more information, email
kristine@straspres.org

Join FPCS on

Friday, November 20

as we participate in

Strasburg's Third Friday

event series!



We'll be teaming up with Wesley UMC on Main Street and offering:



FREE Hot Chocolate



Goodies



Blessing Bags

As we head into the colder months, we want to help equip our community with practical ways to support neighbors experiencing food or housing insecurity. Our Blessing Bags will include helpful items such as socks, mittens, snacks, hygiene products, and encouraging handwritten notes.

Plus, we'll have free crafts and activities for children and families!

So there's something for everyone!

Stop by to enjoy the Third Friday festivities, grab a cup of hot chocolate, and bring your friends.

Interested in volunteering with this outreach initiative?
Please reach out to Jenna Creighton at jcreighton@straspres.org.

Family Advent Night

Comfort & Joy

DECEMBER | 6 | 4:30-7PM

Who: Families, grandparents, church family and friends.

"Good News of great joy that will be for all people." According to Jesus' birth announcement, joy is the outcome of Jesus' arrival-it's the gift of Christmas for Christmas!

What: Our evening will start in the sanctuary with a short advent program. We will head to fellowship hall for dinner, crafts, a family picture in front of a Bethlehem backdrop, create a Christmas song, decorate your own dessert, and many more surprises!

***Where*:** First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg. Start in the sanctuary and end in fellowship hall.

How to sign up: There is a signup sheet under the TV in the Welcome area.

**Joy is a delightful gift that comes from knowing and trusting Jesus. Please accept joy from Jesus this Christmas season.*





Join us

as we celebrate the installation of

Rev. Brett Foote

as the new pastor of

Leverington Presbyterian Church

Friday, January 15, 2027
at 6:00 PM

Leverington Presbyterian Church
6301 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19128

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 15

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages
*Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: FH CWS Kits
*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 Worship Job Training – Fellowship Hall

***IGNITED FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE** • 4PM – LS PRACTICE FIELD

Tuesday, November 17

2pm Food Pantry
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

Wednesday, November 18

12pm Training – Staff, Food Pantry, Welcome Desk, etc.
1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
7pm Session Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall
2pm Food Pantry
5-7pm 3rd Friday in Strasburg – Wesley UMC
6pm Our Table

Saturday, November 21

9am Learn to Knit and Crochet – Fellowship Hall

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 22, 2026
~CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY~

1st Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 2nd Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:5

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3
"It Is a Time for Embracing"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching