First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 8, 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 Karen Welk / 11am Goggie Sween

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, November 8, 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 *"Legend"* Chester Nordman
arr. Vernon Lane

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147
Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*HYMN *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No. 210

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
God of all nations and rulers of all people, we give you thanks for reminding us today that you hold all of creation in your hand. We praise you for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Forgive us for placing our trust upon that which we have built and which we have fashioned. Remind us of our calling in Jesus which is to be those who repair the broken and bring good news to the lost. Give us joy in that mission. 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 Beth Feiler

ANTHEM *"Let Us Rejoice and Sing"* Larry E. Schultz

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:6-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:3

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SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

SERMON	*"Repairers of the Breach"*	Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
*HYMN	*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*	No. 280
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	*"How Firm a Foundation"*	No. 361
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*"Faith"*	G. O. Hornberger

**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 8, 2026 *Welcome!* 11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Who You Say I Am*
Hear Our Praises
Desert Song

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Beth Feiler

Scripture Isaiah 58:6-12
Ecclesiastes 3:3

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3

Sermon *"Repairers of the Breach"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Resurrecting*

*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
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.

50+ Year Church Members

Church Members	Date Joined the Church
Norma Weaver	04/21/1946
Sandy Bernstorf	04/14/1949
Bev Wiker	04/06/1950
Shirley Douts	04/10/1952
Joyce Frackman	01/11/1953
George Pontz	04/06/1955
Lillian Myers	04/17/1957
Mary Gulliver	04/02/1958
Reid Sheaffer	04/03/1958
Charlie Book	03/25/1959
Lorraine Oliver	03/25/1959
Linda Lawrence	03/29/1961
Joyce Welk	03/29/1961
Lori Herr	04/02/1961
Jean Pontz	01/17/1962
Mary Lou Butler	06/15/1962
JT Eshleman	04/12/1963
Glenna Kirchner	04/12/1963
Sally Reinhart	04/12/1963
Henry Miller	04/15/1965
Harold Welk	04/15/1965
Peter Witmer	04/15/1965
Kay Straley	10/03/1965
LeRoy Welk	03/24/1967
John Esbenshade	04/02/1969
Blaine Danner	12/08/1970
Frank & Karen McCardell	04/18/1973
Mark Francis	11/18/1973
Dale & Barbara Groff	11/18/1973
Tammy Scheurich	04/07/1974
Becky Mills	06/30/1974
Bette Davis	01/26/1975

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 on **November 15th**. We are still 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. **Items are needed by November 14th.** 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)***

IT'S ALMOST HERE!! Saturday, November 14th is 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.



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!



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.



NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY, JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Join us next Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for next week: Joyce Charles & Bobbie Ryder. 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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH Join us **TODAY, Sunday, November 8th**, after the 8:30am service on to recognize, celebrate and honor the 50+ year members with a special brunch in Fellowship Hall. This year's menu is breakfast casserole, **fruit and sweets.** There will be **no Sunday School or nursery care** during the brunch TODAY.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE "JOB TRAINING" The worship committee is looking to offer 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 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!

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.





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 insuring 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

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!

Scouting for Food

FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026



All donations from the Scouting for Food Drive go to FPC's food pantry to help people in our community facing food insecurity.

****Look for your bag on November 7. The Scouts will come back to pick up your donations on November 14**

DROP-OFF LOCATION

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg
101 S. Decatur St., Strasburg, PA 17579

ITEMS NEEDED

- Canned chicken
- Dry pasta
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned vegetables
- Pudding cups
- Black & kidney beans
- Tomato sauce
- Other shelf-stable foods

For More Information : Contact First Pres. @ 717-687-6030 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.*



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 8
8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **FPC 194th Birthday Celebration**
***No Sunday School Classes**
11am **Worship** (Modern)
12:15pm Confirmation Class – Library

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

Monday, November 9
6pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, November 10
9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4
1pm Food Pantry Committee – Room 4
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Outreach Committee – Room 5
7pm Worship Committee – Library
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

Wednesday, November 11 *Veteran's Day
1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4
6pm Praise Team – Sanctuary
6:30pm Trustee Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, November 12
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 13
9am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall
2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table

Saturday, November 14
8am Boy Scouts Annual Scouting for Food Drive

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 15, 2026

1st Scripture: John 2:1-11 2nd Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:4

SERMON SERIES: A JOURNEY THROUGH ECCLESIASTES 3
"The Bridegroom is with Us"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching