



First Presbyterian Church

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November 21, 2021

189th Birthday of First Presbyterian Church

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel
DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Danny Miller
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Alice Eisenhooth

We welcome Donna Burkholder who will be serving as organist this Sunday.

WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Welcome

8:30 AM 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:

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Setting by Robert A. Hobby
Setting by Paul Manz

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness.**

*HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

No. 551

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus, you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We confess to you that we have made other people and other items in our lives hold more sway over us than you do. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness. We praise you that as King you protect us, you forgive us, you give us eternal redemption and hope. Help us to live our lives as a response to your promises and your boundless love. 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

ANNIVERSARY LITANY

Insert

*ANTHEM

“A Song of Thanksgiving”

Sleeth

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

II Samuel 23:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE:

John 18:33-37

SERMON

“Jesus, the King”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 555

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN

“We Gather Together”

No. 559

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J.S. Bach
Arranged by Virgil Fox

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers for Healing:

- Wayne Carr’s mother – In hospice care
- Ed Bredin – Recovering from surgery at home
- Ray Reeder - Recovering from surgery at home
- Olivia Guise
- Scott Guise – Battling cancer



Comfort in Time of Loss

Pray for the family of Alice Mihan who passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2021.

In Need of the Prayer Chain?

Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-687-7276 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676

November Deacons of the Month: Pat Hess and Lillian Myers

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship

God So Loved
Great Are You, Lord
King of My Heart

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Ali Elias

Anniversary Litany

Insert

First Scripture:

II Samuel 23:1-7

Second Scripture:

John 18:33-37

Sermon:

“Jesus, the King”

Rev. Robert Bronkema

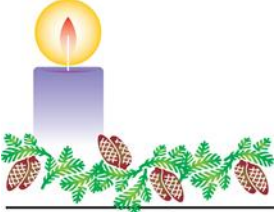
*Closing Song:

Emmanuel

*Benediction



NEXT WEEK
November 28, 2021



ADVENT SERMON SERIES: JESUS, THE BABY
First Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Title:
“Jesus, the Baby Born Out of Wedlock”
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We are glad to see you here today! If you are visiting or new to the area, please fill out a visitors’ card located in the pew pockets in front of you and check our website (www.straspres.org) under the “Happenings” tab for the current church events. Be sure to like us on Facebook.

ORGAN CORNER

After screening various options for a new organ for First Presbyterian Church, the committee chairman, Peter Witmer, has forwarded requests for proposals from two firms and for three instruments. The anticipated bids should be received by the end of November. At that time the committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to Session for their consideration and decision. Please be aware that once a proposal has been selected the new instrument will not be installed for a minimum of six months to a year. Any questions at this time can be forwarded to either Peter Witmer or Pastor Bob.

Happening Today – Immediately Following the 8:30 AM Service

EXPERIENCE THE REASONS • Are you curious about this organ search and how it relates to our present instrument? Today, Sunday, Nov. 21 after the first service, Donna will offer a short 15-minute demo at the organ while you gather around the choir area to listen and ask questions - “here is what we have” and “here is what we need.” Stop by before you head to Coffee Hour!

CHURCH ORGAN FUND: The session wanted to give people the opportunity to contribute to a newly formed church organ fund. We recognize people might have the opportunity to give before the end of the year and this would be a way in which to do that. In the New Year, we will have more information as to the progress and the plans for a new church organ.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: AJ Petrokonis, 8 Country Ln, New Providence PA 17560
Email: ajpetrok1@gmail.com • Please brighten his day with a card, email or note.

STEWARDSHIP • Please contribute your tithes and offerings using one of the following methods:

- 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



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 21

- 8:30 am **Worship** (Traditional) - In person or virtually online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
<http://www.straspres.org/home-2>
<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>
- 9:30 am **Coffee Hour**
- 10 am **Sunday School Class** for all ages - In person only
Young Adults - Choir Rm Wired Word - Rm 6 Young at Heart - Rm 3/4
- 11 am **Worship** (Contemporary) - In-person and virtually online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>
<http://www.straspres.org/home-2>
<https://www.facebook.com/robert.bronkema>
- 5:30 pm **FPC youth group tonight**

Tuesday, November 23

- 9 am Priscilla Shirer Bible Study - Room ¾ **NO MEETING TODAY**
- 2 pm Food Bank
- 7 pm Priscilla Shirer Bible Study - Rm ¾ **NO MEETING TODAY**

Wednesday, November 24

- 1 pm Knifty Knitters - **NO MEETING TODAY**
- 3 pm Stitchin' Sisters - **NO MEETING TODAY**

Thursday, November 25 Happy Thanksgiving!

In observance of Thanksgiving the church office will be closed today.

Friday, November 26

- In observance of Thanksgiving the church office will be closed today.
- 2 pm Food Bank



Memorial Poinsettias

Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$8.00. Place the form below in the offering plate or drop off at church office.

Name: _____

Number of Pots _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Deadline for Ordering: Sunday, December 5, 2021

We Are Decorating the Church for Advent This Week!

All Volunteers Who Wish to Help Out Are Welcome

Time: Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 1 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY • November 21 • We are celebrating the 189th birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg today, Sunday, November 21st.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: John & Janet Fitzgibbon. Hosts for next week: Debbie DiFranco. There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to help with *Coffee Hour*. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • December 5 • 12:15 PM Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to Elect New Officers, to approve the 2022 Pastor Terms of Call, and to Review and Receive the 2022 Ministry Budget. The in-person meeting will be held in the sanctuary.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND ADVENT PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE • Today! Nov. 21 • 6:30 PM

The Strasburg Ministerium is holding a Thanksgiving Community Service at Strasburg Mennonite Church, 1514 Village Rd, Strasburg on November 21 at 6:30. Come and join the community in giving thanks to God for God's provision. The service will also be live streamed at this link: <https://vimeo.com/645294814/003fb78aee>

"JOY TO THE WORLD" SERVANT STAGE PRESENTATION • Nov. 28 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

Get into the spirit of the season with Servant Stage's *Joy To The World*. This heartwarming, original Christmas revue pays tribute to dozens of traditional and modern holiday favorites, tracing the magical spirit of the season to its source - the Miracle of the Nativity. With stunning arrangements and soaring vocals, *Joy To The World* is sure to fill your cup with Christmas cheer! This show will also be live streamed.

FAMILY ORNAMENT NIGHT • Sunday, December 5 • 6 PM • Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of ornament making, wreath making, cookie eating, and FUN! Please pre-register at the welcome desk. If you have any fresh greenery that you are willing to donate please contact Beth Feiler.

FIRST CAPITAL BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT • December 12 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE • December 19 • 7 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE • Children's Pageant at 4:30 PM • Candlelight Services at 8 PM & 11 PM

Anniversary Litany (based on Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
We are standing within your gates.

We are thankful for this church and community it serves.
Here in the house of God.

We are thankful for the faith of our forbearers, who built this sanctuary and made it their home, and who call to us from the past to keep the faith.
Here in the house of God.

We remember the Great Commission to proclaim the Good News to all of creation. From this place we continue to be guided by the Word We come here to feast on God's promises so we can take up the work of the Lord.
Here in the house of God.

As the church, we are a living witness to what has come, and to what is yet to be. Walking together, working together, witnessing together, strengthening each other,
Here in the house of God.

May peace be within your walls, and security within your towers. For the sake of our relatives and our friends we say "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek your good.
Here in the house of God.

Prayer:

O Lord, we long for the day when our feet will stand within the gates of the New Jerusalem – the eternal city of God. Until then, as we celebrate together, guide and protect your church: be our unity, clothe us in truth, and keep us in your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

50+ Year Church Members

<i>Church Members</i>	<i>Date Joined the Church</i>	<i>Church Members</i>	<i>Date Joined the Church</i>
<i>Elinor Rudy</i>	<i>04/14/1940</i>	<i>John Esbenshade</i>	<i>04/02/1969</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>04/21/1946</i>	<i>David Penman</i>	<i>01/25/1970</i>
<i>Clayton Frackman</i>	<i>07/13/1947</i>	<i>Helen Penman</i>	<i>01/25/1970</i>
<i>Sandy Bernstorff</i>	<i>04/14/1949</i>	<i>Blaine Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Bev Wiker</i>	<i>04/06/1950</i>	<i>Shirley Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Shirley Douts</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>	<i>Linda Stoots</i>	<i>06/16/1971</i>
<i>Louise Witmer</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>		
<i>Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>01/11/1953</i>		
<i>Don Welk</i>	<i>04/02/1953</i>		
<i>George Pontz</i>	<i>04/06/1955</i>		
<i>Don Burkhardt</i>	<i>03/28/1956</i>		
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>04/17/1957</i>		
<i>Lois Anne Risser</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>		
<i>Mary Gulliver</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>		
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>04/03/1958</i>		
<i>Charlie & Jo Book</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>		
<i>Lorraine Oliver</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>		
<i>Joyce Welk</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>		
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>		
<i>Sue Rohrer</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>		
<i>Lori Herr</i>	<i>04/02/1961</i>		
<i>Jean Pontz</i>	<i>01/17/1962</i>		
<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>06/15/1962</i>		
<i>JT Eshleman</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>		
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>		
<i>Sally Reinhart</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>		
<i>Nancy McGuigan</i>	<i>07/14/1963</i>		
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>		
<i>Harold Welk</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>		
<i>Peter Witmer</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>		
<i>Kay Straley</i>	<i>10/03/1965</i>		
<i>LeRoy Welk</i>	<i>03/24/1967</i>		
<i>Red & Gwen Bortzfield</i>	<i>12/31/1967</i>		

