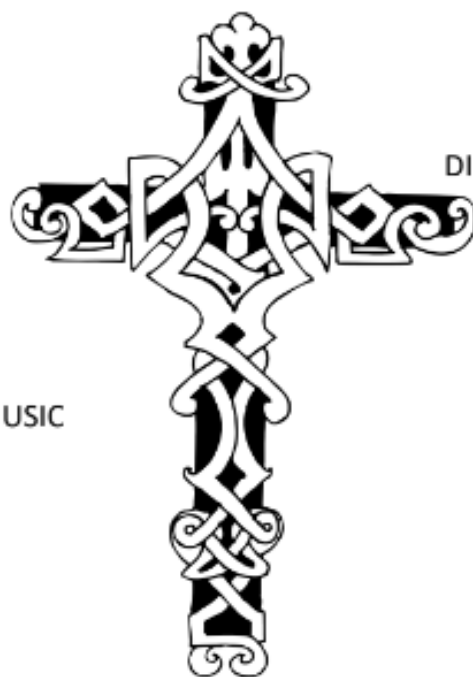


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**Sunday, June 23, 2024**



PASTOR  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER  
Dr. Bruce Gerlach

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC  
Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES  
Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH  
Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER  
8:30am Lynda Margerum  
11am Isla Marsh

**WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**

Sunday, June 23, 2024

*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

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

arr. D. Hustad

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43

Leader: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**People: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

\*HYMN

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd, we come to you today excited for what your future holds. We are grateful for your calling in our lives, and thankful that you choose us to work in your kingdom. Forgive us for those times that we refuse to listen to your Holy Spirit as it guides us to step out of our comfort zone. Bring us closer to your side as we step out in faith. 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

COMMISSIONING OF OUR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH TO RAYSAL, WV

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:9-14

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

*"We Are Called to Do God's Work"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sunday, June 23, 2024

*Welcome!*

8:30am Service

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\*HYMN                      *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*                      insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY                      *"Trust and Obey"*                      arr. Ovid Young

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN                      *"Here I Am, Lord"*                      No. 525

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *"Lord, You Gave the Great Commission"*                      arr. Gordon Young

*\*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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Sunday, June 23, 2024

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship                      *At Your Name*  
                                                         *Glory To God Forever*  
                                                         *Called Me Higher*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Ali Elias

Scripture                                      Psalm 23  
                                                         Matthew 12:9-14

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon                                      *"We Are Called to Do God's Work"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship                      *Build My Life*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Tim Ott

Angie McVey – Recovering at home from bypass surgery

*June Deacons of the Month:* Barbara Groff and Pam Johnson

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



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, June 23

- 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 - 12) - Youth Room  
Young Adults - Choir Room  
Wired Word - Library  
Young at Heart - Rm 3/4  
11am **Worship** (Modern)

**IGNITED** - Combined Youth Group - 6 - 8pm - Fellowship Hall

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### Tuesday, June 25

- 2pm Food Pantry  
7pm IMPACT - Youth Room

### Wednesday, June 26

- 1pm Knifty Knitters - Library  
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 3/4

### Thursday, June 27

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items  
6 pm Bible Study - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>

### Friday, June 28

- 2pm Food Pantry  
6pm Our Table - FH  
6pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

NEXT WEEK ~ JUNE 30, 2024

Rev. Doug J. Friant, Guest Preacher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://www.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-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

~We are pleased to welcome Jan Stauffer as our guest organist this Sunday. ~



**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us today in Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Gregory Family. Hosts for next week: Kathy and Dick Barge. Volunteers are needed. There are openings in July and thereafter. 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 email [rineertheresa@yahoo.com](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2024-2025 school year is open! Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org) or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



**CLEARANCES:** If you are planning on volunteering to help with any of our children or youth activities then you will need to make sure your clearances are completed. There is a link to the clearances on our church website under "Serve and Connect," or you can see Beth Feiler or Kyle Lainhoff for more information and help on completing the clearances.

**FLAT JESUS:** Take Jesus with you on your next vacation or day trip! Stop by room 5 for a kid/family bag filled with activities to do while you're away or pick up a Flat Jesus and pick your own activities. This is a great idea if you're traveling as a couple or with Grandkids. Take pictures with Flat Jesus wherever you go and send them to Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org).





## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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**WINGS & THINGS** • Gather with the men of FPCS for wings, or another dish of your liking **every first Sunday of the month**. Our next gathering will be **July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** at **"The Tavern"** at Springhouse.

**Vacation Bible School: July 14-19:** The registration form can be found on the church website under Learn-Children's Ministry-VBS. Paper copies can be found on the VBS table outside of room #5.



**"OUR TABLE" WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY** • **Every Friday Night Beginning at 6pm** • Got friends? Bring 'em along! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! 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!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WALK/RUN GROUP** • Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) we will meet at the church parking lot at 5:25am and take off at 5:30am sharp. We will embark on 3, one mile loops through town, each loop ending at the church before starting the next. All are welcome! You can walk, run, or both. You can do 1, 2, or all 3 miles and then some! Questions, or to be added to the text message update group please contact Dillon Sickler at 484-467-1587.



**VBS Decoration Days** • Join us to help transform our church into a magical under the sea space on **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm**.



### Save the Date!

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

National/Strasburg Night Out  
Annual Church Picnic  
Bluegrass Festival



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli)
- Potatoes (Boxed instant mashed or canned whole or diced)
- Canned fruit (mixed, pineapple, peaches, oranges)
- Prayers (for those facing food insecurities)

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Hamburger or Tuna Helper
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese



Monetary donations are gladly accepted. Kindly use the envelopes marked FOOD found in the pews. This allows the volunteers to purchase most needed items when our stock is depleted. Thank you for considering this request.

**NURSERY NEEDS:** The nursery is in need of goldfish crackers, baby wipes and Clorox wipes. Thank you for considering this request!

**USHERS** are needed for both first and second services. Please contact Andrea Petrokonis [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com) or Wayne Carr [waynec01@comcast.net](mailto:waynec01@comcast.net) if interested.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** For the month of June we will be collecting small plastic new water bottles, bowls, cups, utensils, hair brushes, hair ties, head bands, KIDS toothbrushes, sunglasses, nail clippers, lip balm, emery boards, adhesive bandages, small packs of tissues, flip flops, baseball caps and bandanas. The collection box is outside room #5.



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help on Sunday mornings in the Nursery, Children's Church and Sunday School. Please consider and pray about assisting in these rooms and getting to know the awesome children of our church family. There are sign-up sheets located on the wall racks by the welcome desk, or contact Beth Feiler or Amy Black.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** There are a few volunteer crew leader spots open for VBS. Crew leaders help lead the children around to their different activities. Sign up in room 5.



**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





# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* (C) (Em)  
 D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

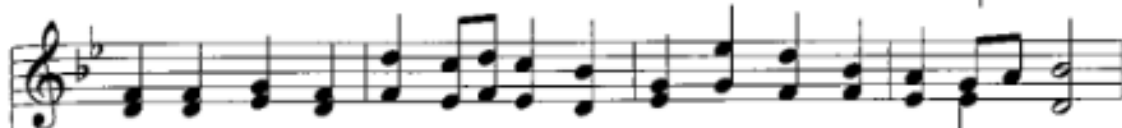
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

## Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.