

# *First Presbyterian Church*

101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579

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## Sunday, July 14, 2024



PASTOR

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

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DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER

8:30am Bette Davis

11am Linda Younger

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

Sunday, July 14, 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

*"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"  
"Largo" (from New World Symphony)*

arr. D. Hustad  
A. Dvorak

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 44

Leader: We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old.

**People: You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.**

\*HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

No. 488

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Jesus Messiah, we praise you for your sacrifice which has given us eternal life. You call us your children and the sheep of your pasture, remind us to be grateful for your protection and safety. Forgive us for relying upon culture to provide us with guidance which takes us away from your path. Lead us closer to you and further away from sin. 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

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:23-24

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:22-32

SERMON

*"Jesus Messiah"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Jesus Messiah"*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"I Am His and He is Mine"* arr. H. Colvin

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN *"Our Great Savior"* insert

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* arr. G. 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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**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



Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *He Is Faithful  
Same God  
Jesus We Love You*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Scripture      Ezekiel 34:23-24  
Matthew 12:22-32

Sermon      "*Jesus Messiah*"      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Jesus Messiah*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Tim Ott  
Angie McVey – Recovering at home from bypass surgery

*July Deacons of the Month:* Bette Davis and Cheryle Thomas

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



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, July 14**

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)

**VBS WEEK** • July 14 - 19 • 6pm - 8:15pm

**IGNITED** • VBS After Party • July 14 - 19 • 8:30 - 10pm

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### **Tuesday, July 16**

2pm Food Pantry

### **Wednesday, July 17**

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 3/4

### **Thursday, July 18**

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

\*No Bible Study This Evening

### **Friday, July 19**

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

**NEXT WEEK ~ JULY 21, 2024**

Scripture: Matthew 25:37-40

Mission Trip Sharing

## 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.

*Flowers provided today to the Glory of God are blessings for all the volunteers and the children that will grace our church halls during VBS week.*



**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: Ron and Sandy Lowe. Volunteers are needed! 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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**IMPACT** ~ We will pick back up on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kristin to hear about special get togethers in July.

**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 **August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at "The Tavern" at Springhouse**.

**"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.



### 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)
- Canned fruit (mixed, pineapple, peaches, oranges)
- Prayers (for those facing food insecurities)

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- 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. If interested, please contact Wayne Carr at [waynec01@comcast.net](mailto:waynec01@comcast.net) for first service or Andrea Petrokonis, [petrokonisandrea@gmail.com](mailto:petrokonisandrea@gmail.com) for second service.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** For the month of July 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.

### Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities for our congregation to serve meals at the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster this summer. These events will require around 2.5 hours of your time serving meals to the Mission's residents. Our church has 2 slots reserved for each of the following meals and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you:

Tuesday, August 13	Dinner	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 14	Breakfast	6:00 am to 8:30 am
Friday, August 23	Lunch	11:00 pm to 1:30 pm



**WATER STREET  
MISSION**

If you are interested in serving or if you would like to learn more about these serving opportunities reach out to Terry Sweigart at 717-606-6907 or by email at [tLsweig@gmail.com](mailto:tLsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



# 17 Our Great Savior

*Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, gave Himself for us. Titus 2:13-14*

F F<sup>4</sup> F F<sup>4</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F C C<sup>4</sup> C E C<sup>7</sup> F E G<sup>m</sup> E C<sup>7</sup> F

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find;

F F<sup>4</sup> F F<sup>4</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F C C<sup>4</sup> C E C<sup>7</sup> F E G<sup>m</sup> E C<sup>7</sup> F

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.  
 Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

*Refrain*

F C<sup>7</sup> E F C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> E C<sup>7</sup> C F C<sup>7</sup> E C<sup>7</sup> F C

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

E F E C<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> F E F C E C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> E B<sup>b</sup> E C<sup>7</sup> F

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman  
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness;  
 Choral ending by Ken Barker  
 A lower setting may be found at No. 309

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