First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 11, 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 Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER
Amanda Allison
Addy Edwards
Harper Keays
Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

arr. Gilbert Martin

(Sacred Harp 1864)

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (Welsh Melody)

arr. Paul Manz

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 48

Kristin Kondratowski

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. People: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 276

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Amanda Allison

Loving God, we come before you today grateful for how you give us responsibilities to go out into the world and let people know of your love. We come humbled before you by the privilege of being able to go with youth and adults to do work which makes a difference. We praise you because we are able to learn about your grace and your love from others who are in need even more than we are able to bring your grace and your love. Teach us again to serve you without ceasing. 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

Joshua 1:5-9

Harper Keays

SECOND SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 1:7

Addy Edwards

IGNITED YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP SHARING

Sunday, August 11, 2024	Welcome!	8:30am Service
*HYMN Led by Tessa	"Light the Fire" Kondratowskí and Came	insert ron Straley
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AN	D THE LORD'S PRAYER	
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY	"Coming Home"	Joseph Martin
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOS	TLES CREED	
*HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	No. 467
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE "Christ is	Made the Sure Foundation" (English melody) arr. Gerald Near
*You are invited to stand if you are	e able during those places in the wo	rship service marked with an asterisk.
Sermon Notes		

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship King Of All The Earth

All The Poor and Powerless

Your Glory

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Scripture Joshua 1:5-9 Harper Keays

II Timothy 1:7 Addy Edwards

IGNITED Youth Group Mission Trip Sharing

Offering

*Praise & Worship Light The Fire

Led by Tessa Kondratowski and Cameron Straley

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Emily Garber Shirley Douts – The Glen Dotty Wood – Recovering from surgery



August Deacons of the Month: Janice Bowers, Tessa Kondratowski & Lynda Margerum

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

^{*}Benediction

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 11

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

Monday, August 12

7pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, August 13

12pm Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall 7pm IMPACT - Youth Room

2pm Food Pantry 7pm Outreach Committee - Room 5

6:30pm Community Impact Committee - Room 3/4

Wednesday, August 14

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

7pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 15

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

6pm Food Pantry Committee Meeting - FH

6 pm Bible Study - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg

7pm Choir "Meet and Greet" - The Well and Choir Room

Friday, August 16

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2pm Food Pantry 6pm Our Table – FH

NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 18, 2024

1st Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4 2nd Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35

Sermon: The Parables of Jesus
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: 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-5th grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.



We are pleased to welcome Donna Burkholder 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: Mark & Beth Feiler. Next week hosts: Mary Lou Butler & Lynda Margerum. 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 <u>rineertheresa@yahoo.com</u>. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - On Sunday, August 25 at both services we will be blessing the backpacks as kids and teachers head off to school. Make sure you or your child brings your backpack with you as you come to church that Sunday.





CHOIR "MEET & GREET" • Join us on Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 pm in The Well for a brief reception together with light refreshments. At 7:30 pm, we will move to the choir room so that we may get to know one another better as a choir, blend our voices with a few warm-ups and enjoy singing a few songs. Please save the date and invite anyone you know who may be interested in joining the Chancel Choir. We need sopranos, altos, tenors and basses! Feel free

to contact Jonathan Jones with questions at 484-949-4514 or ijones@straspres.org. The first fall chancel choir rehearsal will be Thursday, September 5th at 7pm.



FLAT JESUS: If you have a kid's bag, please return it to Room #5 so that others can take Flat Jesus on vacation. Send your pictures with Flat Jesus to Beth Feiler at bfeiler@straspres.org. If you haven't already taken Jesus with you, 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.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

IMPACT ~ We are back this Tuesday, August 13th!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC • Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship on Sunday, August 18th at 12:30pm at Tinney Pavilion. There will be a corn hole tournament, bingo and kids games! Pulled pork, hotdogs, beverages and paper products provided.

Please bring a side or dessert to share!



COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP – Gather with all the churches of Strasburg for worship at the Strasburg Park on Sunday, September 22nd at 10am. There will be no worship here at FPC, so come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ from Strasburg to worship on this day. In the event of rain, service will be held at Strasburg Mennonite Church.

"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.

BLOOD DRIVE • Register to donate blood in memory of Ryan Smith on Tuesday, August 13th here at FPC from 12 – 6pm. You must be age 16 to 79 to donate blood and those age 16 will required a signed parental consent. To register, scan the QR code.



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



ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Potatoes (canned or boxed)
- -Canned meat (Chicken, Spam, Tuna)
- -Rice (white, brown or Rice-A-Roni)
- -Helpers (Hamburger or Tuna)
- -Canned Peaches or Pineapples



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. We wouldn't be able to meet these needs if it wasn't for you! We thank you for being a vital part of this ministry with your donations and support.

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 for first service or Andrea Petrokonis, petrokonisandrea@gmail.com for second service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: For the month of August we will be collecting small stuffed animals, ragdolls, beanie babies, plastic cups, plastic bowls, small plastic new water bottles, reusable plastic utensils (all items can be purchased at the dollar store). 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 Children's Ministry 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



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. Thanks for your consideration.

LIGHT THE FIRE

I stand to praise You But I fall on my knees My spirit is willing But my flesh is so weak

Light the fire
(light the fire)
In my soul
(in my weary soul)
Fan the flame
(fan the flame)
Make me whole
(make my spirit whole)
Lord, You know
(Lord, You know)
Just where I've been
(where I've been)
So light the fire
In my heart again

I feel Your arms around me
As the power of
Your healing begins
Your spirit moves through me
Like a mighty rushing wind

Light the fire
(light the fire)
In my soul
(in my weary soul)
Fan the flame
(fan the flame)
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(make my spirit whole)
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Just where I've been
(where I've been)
So light the fire
In my heart again

Light the fire in my heart again Light the fire in my heart again

Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.
When submitting names for consideration, you may include the names of congregation members as well as your own.
Please submit names to be considered for nomination to Carolyn Groff and Linda Younger or to the church office by September 3.
Elder:
Deacon:
Trustee:



STRASBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL Featuring

Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

With Guests J-Time Bluegrass & Gospel Band

SATURDAY August 31 AT 6:00PM
Strasburg Community Park
151 Precision Ave, Strasburg
Bring your lawn chair and a friend!
Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg

