

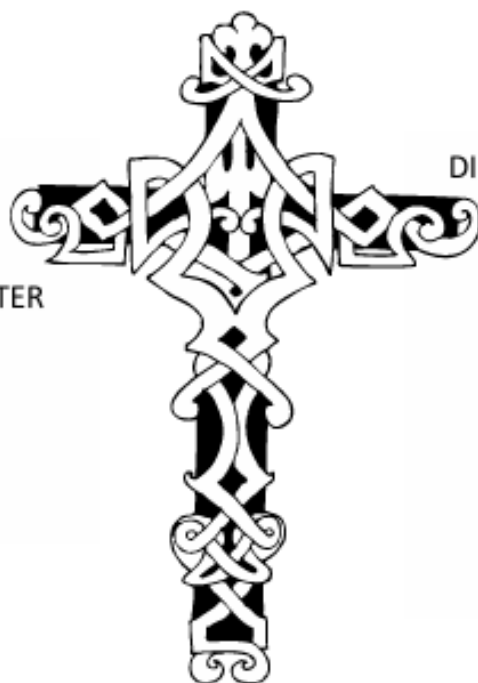
# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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## **Sunday, August 18, 2024**



**PASTOR**  
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

**INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER**  
Jonathan Jones

**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**  
Walter Kondratowski

**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**  
Beth Feiler

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH**  
Kristin Kondratowski

**WORSHIP LEADER/READER**  
8:30am Bette Davis  
11am Linda Younger

**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 *"Prelude in C Major"* J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION *"Boy with a Ball"* Melissa Long

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 49  
Leader: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
**People: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

\*HYMN *"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"* No. 430

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, we come before you grateful that you still speak to us today. We confess that we do not listen to your Word, but rather follow that which seems most appealing to us. We confess that we do not listen to your commandments, but rather obey the sway of culture and society. Forgive us and turn us back to remember your faithfulness throughout the ages. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 78:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-35

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"The Parables of Jesus"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN                                    *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*                                    No. 341

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER                                    Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY                                    *"Let All Things Now Living"*                                    arr. Lloyd Larson

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN                                    *"Live Into Hope"*                                    No. 332

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                    *"Toccata"*                                    Léon Böellmann

*\*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, August 18, 2024

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission                      "Boy with a Ball"                      Melissa Long

\*Praise & Worship                      *House Of The Lord*  
*Battle Belongs*  
*Yes I Will*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Scripture                      Psalm 78:1-4  
   Matthew 13:31-35

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon                      *"The Parables of Jesus"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship                      *I Speak Jesus*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Emily Garber  
Bev Wiker  
Shirley Douts – The Glen



Comfort in Time of Loss: Pray for the family of Paul Kendlehart as they grieve his passing on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

*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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, August 18

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)

12:30pm **Annual Church Picnic** - Tinney Pavilion

**\*No IGNITED Youth Group Tonight**

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### Tuesday, August 20

2pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, August 21

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 3/4

7pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

7pm Session Meeting - Room 3/4

### Thursday, August 22

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

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

### Friday, August 23

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

### NEXT WEEK ~ AUGUST 25, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Daniel 2:44-45

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 13:44-50

Sermon: *The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## 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 are provided this weekend to the glory of God from Norma Weaver in memory of her loving husband Bob.*



*The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Paul Kendlehart, husband of Robin Kendlehart and father of Ali Elias-Lizardo and Erin Adams, who passed into eternal life on August 11, 2024.*



**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: 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 [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!

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



**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](mailto: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!

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ~ TODAY ~** Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship **TODAY 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, o to be added to the text message update group please contact Dillon Sickler at 484-467-1587.

**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](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 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 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. These events will require around 2.5 hours of your time serving meals to the Mission's residents and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you.



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 [tsweig@gmail.com](mailto:tsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



## **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**

