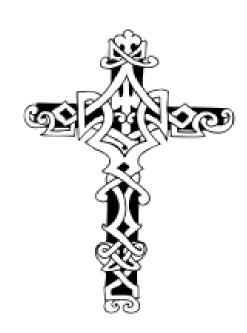
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 13, 2024

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Walter Kondratowski

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Dale Groff / 11am Walter 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 "A Meditative Improvisation"

Stanley Vann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 56

Leader: Come! Praise the Most High, who collects our tears in a bottle.

People: We give you thanks, O God, for you have delivered my soul.

*HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 466

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

We give you glory and honor and praise! Through your Word, you set us on right paths and you lighten our hearts. And still, sometimes we resist listening to your Word. We get distracted. We put it off for later. Or slowly, other voices take priority. Forgive us and soften our hearts to your Voice. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*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 Jen Eisenberg

ANTHEM "Thy Perfect Love" John Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:6-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:1-9

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON "Tradition and the Word of God" Jen Eisenberg

^{*}ASSURANCE OF PARDON

^{*}SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE [Please share Christ's peace with one another.]

*HYMN	"Amazing Grace"	No. 280
PRAYERS OF THE PEOF	PLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"		arr. Kenon D. Renfrow
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH	: APOSTLES CREED	
*HYMN	"We Will Go Out with Joy"	insert
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Praise to the Lord the Almighty	Michael Bedford
*You are invited to stand i	f you are able during those places in the worshi	ip service marked with an asterisk.
Sermon Notes		

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 Grace Alone

Battle Belongs Yes And Amen

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Jen Eisenberg

Scripture Colossians 2:6-8

Matthew 15:1-9

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon "Tradition and the Word of God" Jen Eisenberg

Offering

*Praise & Worship You Keep Hope Alive

*Benediction

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

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Emily Garber Elinor Rudy – The Glen



October Deacons of the Month: Morgan Murphy and Donna Stettler In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 13

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 – 7: Room 5 -Grades 8 – 12: Youth Room

*Young Adults – Choir Room *Wired Word – Library

*Young at Heart - Rm 3/4

11am Worship (Modern)

*No Confirmation Class

IGNITED • Combined Youth Group: 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 14

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

7pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, October 15

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study - Room 3/4

Wednesday, October 16

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

7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

7pm Session Meeting – Room 3/4

Thursday, October 17

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

6pm Food Pantry Committee - FH

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, October 18

9am Toddler Gym – FH 2pm Food Pantry 6pm Our Table – FH





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

"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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Join us for Tuesday Bible Study! Classes are held at **9am** and **7pm**. All are welcome! We are using a study called "Now That Faith Has Come" by Beth Moore & Melissa Moore – A study of Galatians. For any questions please contact Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

TODDLER GYM is back! Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 - 10am (Sept. – May**) for playtime for ages 1 – kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or <u>ablack@straspres.org</u>.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin on **Sunday October 20th at 3pm.** Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

TRUNK OR TREAT ~ Trunk or Treat at FPCS will be held this year from 5-6:30pm on Sunday, October 27th. Sign up at the table under the TV in the welcome area and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items should sign-up at the table in the welcome area. For more information, contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfc.30pm.

NEXT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 20, 2024				
1st Scripture: Isaiah 56:6-8	2 nd Scripture: Matthew 15:10-20			
III	u Are What You Say" 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.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: Alice Eisenhooth. Hosts next week: The Allison Family. 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. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

CHANCEL CHOIR • It's never too late to join the Chancel Choir! If you enjoy singing beautiful, inspiring anthems, we invite you to join us for a one-hour rehearsal each Thursday at 7:00 pm, in the Choir Room, and then again each Sunday at 8:00 am, in the Sanctuary choir loft, for a 15-minute rehearsal. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jonathan Jones, ijones@straspres.org or 484.949.4514.

Kidz JAM Children's Choir • Great news, parents! Kidz JAM is a new choir that will be forming and open to children of all ages. A short Meet & Greet is planned for Sunday, October 20th, immediately after the postlude for the Classic service, in Fellowship Hall. A table will be set up with information and registration forms. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones, jiones@straspres.org or 484.949.4514.

LIBRARY NEWS ~ There are some new children's books that have been purchased for our library. Each book tells the story of two biblical persons. The new books are located on the bookshelf outside the library door. After signing the card, put the card in the box outside the library for take outs. Enjoy! We thank Beth Feiler for donating these books to our church. It is so appreciated Beth!

FLAT JESUS: If you have a still have a kid's bag, please return it to Room #5.

Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities this fall for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street Rescue Mission. 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, November 5	Dinner	4:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday, November 15	Lunch	11:00am to 1:30pm
Friday, December 20	Lunch	11:00pm to 1:30pm



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.

ASSISTANCE CORNER



CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

we are in urgent need of canned soups

The month of October you will have an additional opportunity to donate to the pantry. **Harvest Home Collection** will be held on **Sunday, October 20th**. A list of our most needed items that our neighbors can use can be found in the insert in this bulletin.



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: We will be collecting small toys, new beanie babies, tissue packs, small writing tablets, crayons 24 pack, bandanas, ball caps, small reading books, small crafts, plastic bowls, small new plastic water bottles, plastic reusable utensils, socks, mittens, and small tote bags (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.

FABRIC NEEDED ~ The ladies of 1st Pres. Strasburg are in need of more fabric to make walker bags to be distributed. They are looking for thicker and heavier material such as upholstery fabric, denim, corduroy or other heavy material. If you have questions about material, etc., see Kay Straley or Pat Hess. Fabric can be dropped off in Room 3/4. Thank you!

FPCS Hurricane Helene Relief ~ The Session of our Church has approved contributing \$2,500 each to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Mennonite Disaster Service. If you, in the congregation, feel led to make an additional contribution to this Relief Fund, you can make a notation on an Offering Envelope or Check stating "Hurricane Helene Relief," making your check out to First Presbyterian Church.



We Will Go Out with Joy

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- 1 We will go out with joy
- 2 Now an y one who's born
- 3 We will go out with joy
- in the Spir-it; we will go out with God. of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy. in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.





We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God. Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy. We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.





Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

Harvest Home

Sunday October 20th

Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 20th or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.







A list of most needed items

Peanut butter, Jelly (grape or strawberry)

Cereal

Pancake mix or syrup

Canned fruit (peaches, pineapples, mixed)

Applesauce

Potatoes (box instant or canned sliced/diced)

Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)

Helpers (hamburger or tuna)

Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)

Canned soups

Canned pasta (Ravioli's, SpaghettiOs's)

Macaroni & Cheese

Instant Oatmeal

Individual snack items (crackers, granola bars)

Monetary donations also accepted.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors, we are GRATEFUL for your GENEROUS donations. The FPC Food Pantry Committee