

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, November 10, 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 Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Lillian Myers / 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 *"Berceuse"* Louis Vierne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 60  
Leader: Give victory with your right hand, and answer us, so that those whom you love may be rescued.

**People: With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.**

\*HYMN *"How Firm a Foundation"* No. 361

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, You provide for us day and night. Day after day, we have all that we need, from Your hands. And still, we get lost and confused. We need Your care, and Your help to remember, to follow and to believe. 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 Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM *"Every Time I Feel The Spirit"* Larry Shackley

FIRST SCRIPTURE I Kings 17:4-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:5-12

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"Now What?"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *"Take My Life"* No. 391

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Come, Christians Join to Sing"*

arr. Becki Mayo

\*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

\*HYMN *"Best Be the Tie That Binds"*

No. 438

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Menuet"*

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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### Memorial Poinsettias



Orders are now being taken for memorial poinsettias for the upcoming Advent season. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox or drop off in the church office mail slot.

**Deadline for orders & payments: December 15, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pots \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, November 10, 2024

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship                      *Grace Alone*  
   *I Thank God*  
   *Battle Belongs*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture                                      I Kings 17:4-7  
   Matthew 16:5-12

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon                                        *"Now What?"*                                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship                      *King Of Kings*

\*Benediction

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***Prayer Requests***

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

Emily Garber  
Elinor Rudy  
Jinny Russell – QPRC  
Deb Keays  
Gladys Masoner



*November Deacons of the Month: Lynda Margerum & Deb Welk*  
*In Need of the Prayer Chain? Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.*

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, November 10**

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 - Room 4  
11am **Worship** (Modern)  
12:15pm Confirmation Class - Room 5  
12:15pm New Member Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

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

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### **Monday, November 11 \*Veteran's Day**

6:30pm Community Impact Committee - Room 4                      7pm Mission & Finance - Room 5

### **Tuesday, November 12**

9am Women's Bible Study - Room 4                      7pm Outreach - Room 5  
2pm Food Pantry                      7pm IMPACT - Youth Room  
5:30pm Personnel - Library

### **Wednesday, November 13**

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library                      6:30pm Trustees - Room 4  
3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4                      7pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, November 14**

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items  
5:45pm Kidz JAM Choir - Fellowship Hall  
7pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
\*No Bible Study

### **Friday, November 15**

9am Toddler Gym - Fellowship Hall                      6pm Our Table - FH  
2pm Food Pantry

**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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME



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.

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Barb Szczesniak and Joy Corey. Hosts next week: Debbie & Dave DiFranco. 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!

**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 7pm, in the Choir Room, and then again each Sunday at 8am, 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 contact Jonathan Jones: [jjones@straspres.org](mailto:jjones@straspres.org) or 484.949.4514.

**Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me)** choir rehearsals will continue this Thursday, November 14th, from 5:45pm to 6:30pm. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to sharing this music ministry with children of all ages. Parents are welcome to stay for rehearsal. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones at [jjones@straspres.org](mailto:jjones@straspres.org) or 484.949.4514.

**LIBRARY NEWS** • Our library this month is featuring author Max Lucado. Some of his books are on the table in the library and on the hallway table. More Lucado books are found under Christian Growth #4.



The birthday of our church is coming soon! Would you like to know more about First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg? Rev. Brad Davis wrote a book of our church history. Copies of this book are on the table in our library for you to "check out." Enjoy!

**SEWING GROUPS** • Would you like to learn to sew, quilt or knit? The Stitching Sisters and Knifty Knitters would love to help you! If interested, contact Bette Davis or Pam Johnson. There is no age/gender requirement!



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** • Every Sunday until Christmas you might be lucky enough to find a painted rock with an inspirational message. Keep it or pass it on to someone who needs a hug. The children made these rocks to go along with their Sunday school theme, living as Christians.





## 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.

**TODDLER GYM ~** 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 and follows the Lampeter Strasburg School District schedule. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or [ablack@straspres.org](mailto:ablack@straspres.org).

**IGNITED STUDENTS ANNUAL FAMILY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will take place on Sunday,**



**November 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at the L-S Practice Field.** Adults vs. Students (Grades 6-12) compete for the FFL trophy and bragging rights. Come on out to play or cheer from the sidelines! Bring a lawn chair and dress warm. We’ll provide the hot cocoa, flags, and pigskin. Please RSVP to Kristin at [kristin@straspres.org](mailto:kristin@straspres.org) or 908-581-5050.

**CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~** Join us on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** (after the 8:30am service) to celebrate 192 years together and to recognize, celebrate and honor the 50+ year members with a brunch in Fellowship Hall. This year’s menu is baked French toast, sausage and fruit. As in the past, we will need volunteers to bake and bring to church on the 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be provided with all ingredients and materials necessary, including the recipe. We are also in need of help to set up Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 23rd. There will be no Sunday School or nursery care during the brunch on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Alice Eisenhooth at 717-725-2675. Thank you!



### NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Jeremiah 23:5-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: “*On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

## More Upcoming Events!

**MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE** ~ Join Christians from Strasburg at High View Church of God at **4pm on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a community and give thanks to God for God's provision. This is sponsored by the seven churches of Strasburg in the Ministerium.



**CHURCH DECORATING DAY** ~ On Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, we will be decking the halls and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the fun, have pizza and help us to decorate!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT** rehearsals will start on **November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 in room 12**. If anyone has a child/grandchild that would like to participate please see Beth Feiler.



**FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT** ~ Join us on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7pm!** All church family members are welcome (young and not so young, kids and no kids)! There will be a sign-up sheet on the information table in The Well. If anyone would like to donate Christmas cookies there will be a sign-up sheet there as well.



## ASSISTANCE CORNER

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned soups
- Canned meats



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

**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.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PACKAGING:** Join in the fun of stuffing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. We are also in need of help on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am** to set up tables and items for packaging of the shoeboxes. Please see Beth Feiler for any questions.

