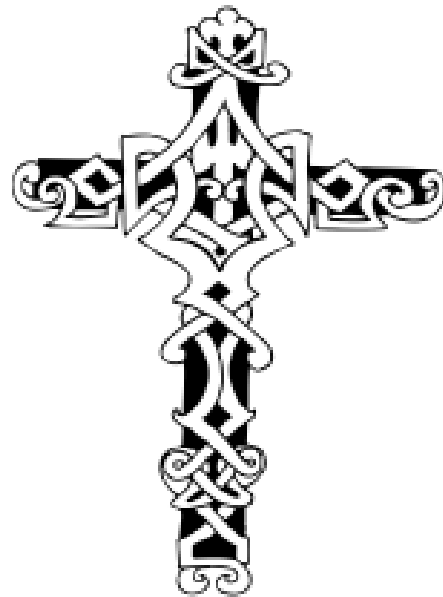


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Sunday, November 24, 2024 CHRIST THE KING

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 Theresa Rineer / 11am Jeff Marsh

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 *"We Gather Together"* Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes our salvation.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

*HYMN *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord God Almighty, You revealed your Son Jesus, the Christ, who comes in power, compassion, and service. We stand in awe! Forgive us, Lord. We stumble and fall, giving into our own interests. Lift us up and set our minds on Your ways. 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 Jen Eisenberg

SPECIAL MUSIC (Kidz JAM) *"This Little Light Of Mine"* arr. Mario Stallbaumer

FIRST SCRIPTURE Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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

*HYMN *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* No. 155

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
ANTHEM

"O, Give Thanks"

Joseph Martin

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"We Gather Together"

No. 559

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Marche Triomphale"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Sermon Notes



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: _____

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *God So Loved
Who You Say I Am
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Jen Eisenberg

Sacrament of Baptism *Traden J. Lebron Velez
Romel L. Lebron Velez*

Scripture Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14
Matthew 16:21-28

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Offering

*Praise & Worship *I Speak Jesus*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests: *Please keep the following in your prayers*

Linda Hook
Deb Keays
Jinny Russell
Bev Wiker



Comfort in Time of Loss

Pray for Elinor Rudy and family as they grieve the passing of her sister, Esther Shaubach.

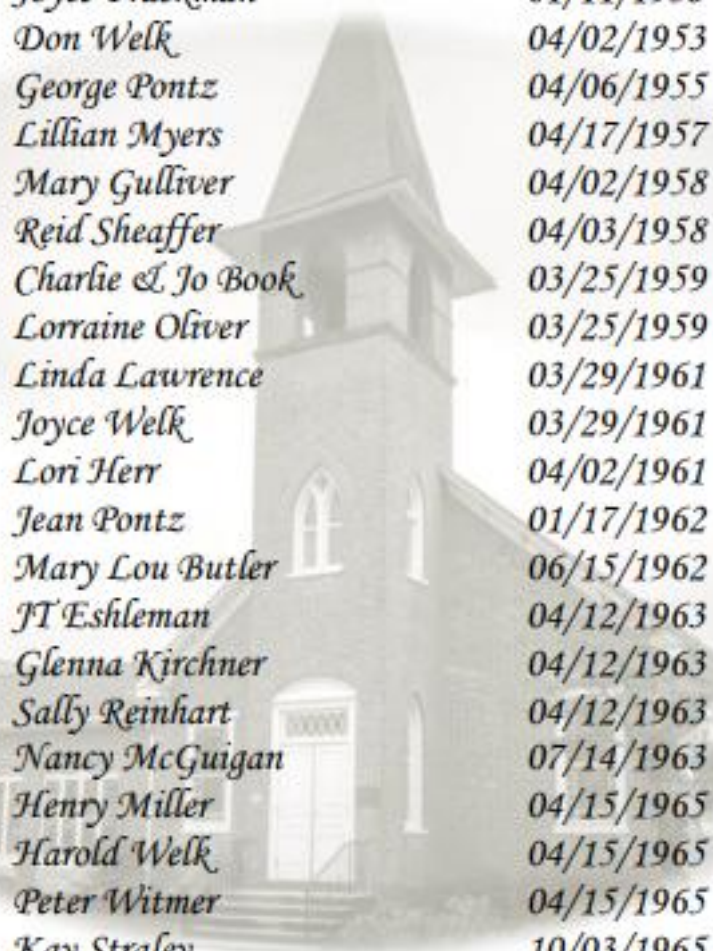
November Deacons of the Month: Lynda Margerum & Deb Welk

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

50+ Year Church Members

Church Members

Date Joined the Church



<i>Elinor Rudy</i>	<i>04/14/1940</i>
<i>Norma Weaver</i>	<i>04/21/1946</i>
<i>Sandy Bernstorf</i>	<i>04/14/1949</i>
<i>Bev Wiker</i>	<i>04/06/1950</i>
<i>Shirley Douts</i>	<i>04/10/1952</i>
<i>Joyce Frackman</i>	<i>01/11/1953</i>
<i>Don Welk</i>	<i>04/02/1953</i>
<i>George Pontz</i>	<i>04/06/1955</i>
<i>Lillian Myers</i>	<i>04/17/1957</i>
<i>Mary Gulliver</i>	<i>04/02/1958</i>
<i>Reid Sheaffer</i>	<i>04/03/1958</i>
<i>Charlie & Jo Book</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Lorraine Oliver</i>	<i>03/25/1959</i>
<i>Linda Lawrence</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Joyce Welk</i>	<i>03/29/1961</i>
<i>Lori Herr</i>	<i>04/02/1961</i>
<i>Jean Pontz</i>	<i>01/17/1962</i>
<i>Mary Lou Butler</i>	<i>06/15/1962</i>
<i>JT Eshleman</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Glenna Kirchner</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Sally Reinhart</i>	<i>04/12/1963</i>
<i>Nancy McGuigan</i>	<i>07/14/1963</i>
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Harold Welk</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Peter Witmer</i>	<i>04/15/1965</i>
<i>Kay Straley</i>	<i>10/03/1965</i>
<i>LeRoy Welk</i>	<i>03/24/1967</i>
<i>Red & Gwen Bortzfield</i>	<i>12/31/1967</i>
<i>John Esbenshade</i>	<i>04/02/1969</i>
<i>Blaine & Shirley Danner</i>	<i>12/08/1970</i>
<i>Linda Stoots</i>	<i>06/16/1971</i>
<i>Frank & Karen McCardell</i>	<i>04/18/1973</i>
<i>Mark Francis</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>
<i>Dale & Barbara Groff</i>	<i>11/18/1973</i>
<i>Tammy Scheurich</i>	<i>04/07/1974</i>
<i>Paul & Becky Mills</i>	<i>06/30/1974</i>

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 24

8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **FPC 192nd Birthday Brunch Celebration**
***No Sunday School classes**
11am **Worship** (Modern)
*No Confirmation Class

4pm Ministerium Thanksgiving Service – High View Church of God

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

Monday, November 25

6pm Advent Decoration Night

Tuesday, November 26

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4
2pm Food Pantry
7pm IMPACT – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving
12pm "Our Table" Thanksgiving Meal – FH (Doors Open at 8:45am)



Friday, November 29

Church Office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving
6pm Our Table – FH
*Food Pantry Closed

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME



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.



The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Esther Shaubach, who passed into eternal life on November 19, 2024.



Being baptized today are Traden J. Lebron Velez and Romel L. Lebron Velez, children of Angel Sanchez Lebron and Nashaly Velez Martinez. Godparents are Edbert Laboy and Reneyshka Crespo.



NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY, JOIN US TODAY FOR THE CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Hosts for next week: Terry & JoAnn Sweigart. 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 • If you enjoy singing beautiful, inspiring anthems, we invite you to join us for a one-hour rehearsal each Thursday at 7pm, (no rehearsal on 11/28) 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 or 484.949.4514.

Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me) choir rehearsal will continue next Thursday, December 5th, from 5:45pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. 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 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.



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!

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.

CHURCH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH ~ Join us on **TODAY 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. There will be no Sunday School or nursery care.



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

MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~ Join Christians from Strasburg at High View Church of God at **4pm TODAY** 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.

The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at 12:15pm (after second service) on Sunday, December 1st**. The purpose of this meeting is to review and act on the proposed 2025 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect New Officers for the terms starting in 2025, and to review and receive the 2025 Ministry Budget.

**NEXT WEEK ~ DECEMBER 1, 2024
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

1st Scripture: Malachi 4:2-6

2nd Scripture: Matthew 17:9-13

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"The Incarnate Redeemer"*

Jen Eisenberg, Preaching





Upcoming Advent & Christmas Programs



CHURCH DECORATING DAY ~ On **Monday, November 25th 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!

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT ~ Join us on **Sunday, December 1st 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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORGAN ~ Join us for an organ concert and Christmas carols on **December 8th at 7pm**, hosted by our very own Jonathan Jones.

COURTYARD CAROLS FEATURING COOKIES AND HOT COCOA ~ Join us on **December 15th at 7pm** in the courtyard for a fire as we sing carols led by our very own Walter Kondratowski.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE ~ **December 22nd at 3pm in the Sanctuary**

Sometimes the comfort and joy of the Christmas season also comes with grief, loneliness, and/or fatigue. Blue Christmas offers a pause from the busyness and pressures of Christmas to simply be with God Immanuel and to be met by His unfailing love.



Christmas Eve Schedule • December 24



Children's Christmas Pageant • 4:30 PM

Candlelight Worship Services • 8 PM & 11 PM



ASSISTANCE CORNER



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



CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| -Canned meats | -Canned soups | -Canned fruit | -Canned pasta |
| -Potato items | -Peanut butter | -Jelly | -Cereal |

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.

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





2024 SANTA'S HELPERS



This year FPS will again participate in the Santa's Helpers Program by having interested members of the congregation purchase a specific gift for a child in need. The Santa's Helpers program began over 30 years ago when the founders discovered a family that could not afford to buy Christmas gifts nor a Christmas meal for their family. The program has grown into a non-profit organization which partners with the L-S School District to provide Christmas for over 100 needy families. Our congregation joined this effort in 2011 and has purchased over 900 toys for children of needy families in our area since our participation began. To play a part in this valuable program all you need to do is:

- ❏ Sign-up to purchase a gift at the giving tree located next to the receptionist desk on either **Sunday, December 1** or **Sunday, December 8**.
- ❏ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
- ❏ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table.
- ❏ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
- ❏ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa's Helpers organization.

Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn or Terry Sweigart at 717-672-1427 or 717-606-6907.



Let's Celebrate!



You are invited to Celebrate the Ministry of
Michael Wilson at a Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 2 - 4pm

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg
101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579

RSVP by November 26th

Use the QR code below or call the
church office at 717-687-6030



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Contact Pastor Bob for information if interested.

CIVIL RIGHTS BUS TRIP

FOR ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS OF MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

March 8-15, 2025

\$1400/\$2000
PER PERSON
(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY/
SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tour key southern sites of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s-60s
- Listen to speakers who were involved first hand with the movement
- Meet in Atlanta, fly out of Memphis (airfare not included in price)
- Cost covers ground transportation, lodging, museums, speakers, books, & some meals



**SPONSORSHIP
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AVAILABLE!**

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION ON 11/21 AT 7:00 P.M.