

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD AND CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER & INTERIM DIRECTORY OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Angie McVey/ 11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Welcome

8:30am Worship

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

"Arioso"

Noel Rawsthorne

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65

Leader: Praise you, O God in Zion! You answer prayer. To You, all flesh will come.

People: You forgive our transgressions. We will be happy with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 473

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O Lord! The depth of Your wisdom and knowledge! Who can know Your mind, O God? We confess, we are reluctant to be shaped by Your counsel. We prefer to stick to our own plan when we can. We resist becoming the people You want us to be. Shake us up. Spur us to live into graced and renewed lives of faith, hope and love. 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

Beth Feiler

ANTHEM (Kidz JAM)

"Be A Light"

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"Baptism and Epiphany"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* No. 442

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
ANTHEM *"Down to the River to Pray"* arr. Sheldon Curry

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN *"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"* No. 392

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Marche"* Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

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

Sermon Notes

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *When You Walk Into the Room*
Rest On Us
Holy Spirit

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

Scripture Romans 6:1-4
 Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"Baptism and Epiphany"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Spirit Of The Living God*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Glenna Kirchner
Linda Hook
Clark Taylor
Ray Frye - Hospice Care
Jinny Russell
Dottie Wood
Elinor Rudy - LGH



Comfort in Time of Loss:

Please pray for Barb and Keith Stoltzfus, and their family as they grieve the passing of Reub on January 6th. There will be a private graveside service in the future.

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 12

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)

*No Confirmation Class

***IGNITED ♦ No Youth Group due to Winter Retreat**

Monday, January 13

6:30pm CIC Meeting - Room 4

Tuesday, January 14

2pm Food Pantry

7pm

IMPACT - Youth Room

6pm CE Meeting - Room 5

7pm

Outreach - Room 5

Wednesday, January 15

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 16

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

5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal

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

6pm Food Pantry Committee - Library

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17

9am Toddler Gym

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

Saturday, January 18

9am Deborah Circle - Library



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!

POINSETTIAS • Please feel free to take a poinsettia home or give them to someone who may enjoy them!



OFFICER/STAFF RETREAT will take place on **Friday, January 24th** in room 4 and **Saturday, January 25th** in Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Sunday, January 26th the church will have our annual meeting to elect two Members-At-Large to serve on the 2025 Church Officer Nominating Committee, approve the revised FPCS Bylaws, and review and receive the FPCS 2024 Annual Report.

SAVE THE DATES! Sittings for the new **2025 First Presbyterian Pictorial Directory** will be: Monday, April 7th, Wednesday, April 9th, and Saturday, April 12th. We have reserved these dates with the photographer, John Powl. Sign-ups will begin March 2nd. Questions, see Alice Eisenhooth.

**NEXT WEEK ~ JANUARY 19, 2025
MLK WEEKEND ~ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

1st Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5

2nd Scripture: Matthew 18:1-5

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
Sermon: *“Lifting Valleys and Leveling Mountains”*
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.

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The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of Reub Stoltzfus, who passed into eternal life on January 6, 2024.
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COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Tina Dansereau. Hosts for next week: Sandy Wenger and June Stum. Volunteers are needed for January and after! 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!

Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me) • We are thrilled that this young choir is growing each week! We are excited to sing in worship today, January 12th, during the Classic service. Come and join us on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm, in the Sanctuary each week for our rehearsal. We look forward to building this music ministry with boys and girls of all ages! If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Jones at jjones@straspres.org.

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 or 484.949.4514.



LIBRARY NEWS • Did you know that a member of our congregation is a published author? MJ Lau has written several books and we now have one in our library written by him and his daughter Fiona. "The Borrowed Daughter" is great for middle grade children to read. But you can read it too!

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!



GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2025-2026 school year opened on January 2, 2025 for First Presbyterian Church members and current preschool families. Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at hreynolds@straspres.org or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.

ASSISTANCE CORNER



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help on Sunday mornings during both services and Sunday school. Please consider helping at least one time per month. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall racks by the welcome desk, or contact Amy Black at ablack@straspres.org or 717-224-3036.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-Canned pasta -Meats (Chicken, Spam) -Canned Fruit (pineapple, peaches, mixed)

This past month the pantry has seen more than double the numbers of client visits; a lot of food has left our shelves. Monetary donations are also 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.



We are looking for drivers to help with transportation for medical appointments or other appointments. Typically we get requests from LS School District and would love to be able to help out. Please reach out to Nicole Keays in the church office at nkeays@straspres.org or 717-687-6030 if you are willing and able to be added to this list.

Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities 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.

2/11/25	Tuesday	Dinner
2/21/25	Friday	Lunch
3/11/25	Tuesday	Dinner
3/21/25	Friday	Lunch
4/8/25	Tuesday	Dinner
4/18/25	Friday	Lunch



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.

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

