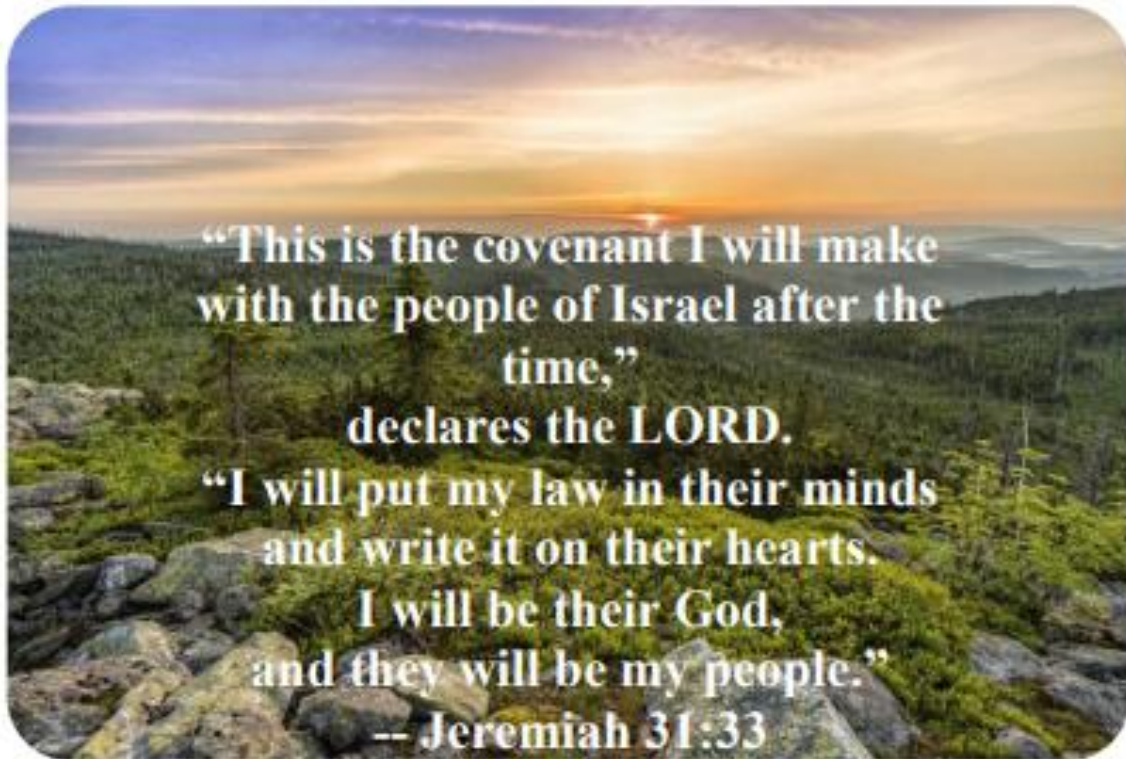


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 5, 2025 COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Bette Davis/ 11am Murray Miller

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Goodness of God*
 Gratitude
 Great Are You Lord

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture II Kings 23:1-3
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 "The Covenant Renewal" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *See A Victory*

*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.

Glenna Kirchner
Reub Stoltzfus - VA Hospital
Linda Hook
Clark Taylor
Ray Frye - Hospice Care
Jinny Russell



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 5

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

6pm Church Undecorating

***IGNITED ♦ Combined Youth Group: 6 – 8pm – Fellowship Hall**

Monday, January 6

6pm IMPACT Women's Bible Study – Youth Room

Tuesday, January 7

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Worship Committee - Library

6pm CE Meeting – Room 5

Wednesday, January 8

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

6:30pm Trustees Meeting – Room 4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

6pm Kids Clubhouse

Thursday, January 9

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>

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10

9am Toddler Gym

6pm Our Table – FH

2pm Food Pantry

Friday, January 10 – Sunday, January 12

IGNITED Youth Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 11

9am New Officer Training – Room 4

9:30am Martha Circle – Room 5

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. Hosts for today: David, Jim & Peter Witmer and Donna Burkholder. There are currently no hosts for next week. 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 preparing to sing in worship during the Classic service on February 12th. 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.



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!

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH • TODAY, Sunday, January 5th, at 6pm we will be undecorating the church together to bring down the Advent and Christmas decorations. Come join in the fun and grab some pizza while you’re here!

POINSETTIAS • Please feel free to pick up your poinsettias starting TODAY, January 5th and take them home or give them to someone who may enjoy them!



OFFICER TRAINING for all new incoming Elders, Deacons and Trustees will take place on **Saturday, January 11th** at 9am in room 4. Reach out to Pastor Bob with any questions.

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 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD AND CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY

1st Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 2nd Scripture: Romans 6:1-4 3rd Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: “*Baptism and Epiphany*”

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

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.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges

equipping communities of color. If you, in the congregation, feel led to make a contribution to this fund, you can make a notation on an Offering Envelope or Check stating **Christmas Joy Offering**, making your check out to First Presbyterian Church.

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

