

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

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

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Jen Eisenberg/ 11am Leo Petrokonis

**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 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to His name! His name is the LORD; let us exalt Him.

**People: He is Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. He establishes the lonely in a family.**

\*HYMN

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

No. 446

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, Author of Peace and Lover of Unity: Though we long to belong to Your Body, we shy away from the call of Christ to love one another. We become fearful of rejection. We judge instead of lovingly confront. We falter and miss the mark. Help us to listen with humility and speak with grace. Heal us and reconcile us. 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

ANTHEM

*"Feed Me, Lord"*

Patrick Liebergen

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32:1-2

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

*"The church is supposed to do what...?"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

No. 513

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

arr. John Carter

\*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"*

J. S. Bach

*\*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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**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



Sunday, February 2, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*  
                                 *Grace Alone*  
                                 *Death Was Arrested*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Jen Eisenberg

Scripture                      Psalm 32:1-2  
   Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon                      *"The church is supposed to do what...?"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Battle Belongs*

\*Benediction

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

Sue Schenke – Recovering from surgery  
Ray Reinmiller Sr. – Recovering from surgery  
Ray Frye – Hospice Care



*February Deacons of the Month:* Barb Groff and Heidi Zook-Payne  
*In Need of the Prayer Chain?* Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, February 2**

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

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

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### **Monday, February 3**

6pm IMPACT Young Adult Women's Bible Study - Youth Room

### **Tuesday, February 4**

9am Women's Bible Study - Room 4

7pm Women's Bible Study - Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Worship Committee - Library

6pm CE Meeting - Room 5

### **Wednesday, February 5**

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

6pm Kid's Clubhouse

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, February 6**

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions - Library

5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, February 7**

9am Toddler Gym

6pm Our Table

2pm Food Pantry

### **Saturday, February 8**

9:30am Martha Circle - Room 5

#### NEXT WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 9, 2025 \* SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "How Could You?"

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](mailto:ablack@straspres.org) or 717-224-3036.

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-Canned Pasta

-Canned Meats

-Tomato Sauce

-Canned Soup



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.

**Welcome Desk Volunteer Needed** We would love to find someone who might be willing to volunteer on Thursday mornings from 9-12 and one or two people who might be willing to jump in when one of our regulars might be out. Contact Kay Straley if interested and available!



**We are looking for drivers** to help with transportation for medical appointments or other appointments. We often get requests from within our community and we would love to be able to help out. Please reach out to Nicole Keays in the church office at 717-687-6030 or [nkeays@straspres.org](mailto:nkeays@straspres.org) if you are able and willing to be added to this list.



**The Church World Service Kids Kit** ministry program provides much needed school supplies to children in their time of need. We will be collecting very specific school items to put together these kits in November. Once assembled, these CWS Kids Kits will be sent to their main warehouse and distributed to children who have been affected by natural disasters. These kids kits will provide not only basic school supplies, but hope. Each month our congregation will collect specific items to go in the kits. Please put your items in the basket next to room 5. **In February we will start with a box of 24 crayons and a box of 12 colored pencils. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.**



### 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.

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](mailto:tlsweig@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Host for today: Robin Kendlehart. Hosts for next week: Steve, Donna & Barb Szczesniak. Volunteers are needed for March 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](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



**IGNITED Student Ministry** has a merch store! If you'd like to purchase clothing or hats with an embroidered logo, please visit the following website <https://premierscreenprinting.tuosystems.com/stores/ignited> or scan the QR code.



**Kidz JAM (Jesus and Me)** • We are thrilled that this young choir is growing each week! 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](mailto: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](mailto:jjones@straspres.org) or 484.949.4514.



**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 is open for all! Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at 717-617-9501 or [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org), or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



Congratulations to Dan Smith on winning the FPCS Fantasy Football SERIE A Division. His green jacket will be presented during Sunday School hour on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Also congratulations to Chris Johnson for winning SERIE B Division.



## 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!



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY •** Please mark your calendars that we have started new Bible Studies on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Classes are held in room 4 at **9am and 7pm**. All are welcome! The morning class is using a new 7 session study by Kristi McLelland called "Luke in the Land" (Walking with Jesus in His First Century World). The evening class is using a 7 week study called "Jesus and Women," also by Kristi McLelland. For any questions please contact Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

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



Get those soup cans ready! **Souper Bowl Sunday is next Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>!** The children of our church will be collecting soup and other canned goods to be donated to our food bank. If you plan to watch the big game or maybe just the cool commercials or if you plan on doing something else that Sunday, bring a canned good to donate. Let's see how many soup pots we can fill!

**BLANKET SUNDAY ~ February 16 ~** Save the date and stay tuned on how to help us help our neighbors in need through Church World Service. This organization provides blankets, hygiene and school kits, cleanup buckets, and more, and offers warmth and essential supplies to people here at home and all over the world who are facing challenging times. Please pray about your contribution to this offering and make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with **"Blanket"** on the memo line of your check or online giving memo, or use **the envelopes marked for Blanket Sunday** that are provided in the pews.



**Join us at the theater! Jesus Christ Superstar** is playing at the Fulton Theater and we are going! On **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** a group of FPCS members are going to the show and one of them could be you! We have 20 tickets available so if you would like to go, please let Nicole Keays in the church office know at [nkeays@straspres.org](mailto:nkeays@straspres.org) or 717-687-6030. **Cost is \$32 and required to hold your spot!**

**Please make any checks out to FPCS with Fulton Theater in the Memo.** We will be carpooling from FPCS parking lot, leaving at 7pm. Any questions reach out to Nicole Keays or Pastor Bob.