

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*101 South Decatur Street • Strasburg, PA 17579*

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*www.straspres.org*



**Sunday, February 23, 2025**  
**Preschool 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 Lillian Myers/ 11:00am Andrea 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

*"Prière à Notre Dame"*

Leon Böellmann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71

Leader: In You O Lord, I take refuge.

**People: For You O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth. My praise is continually of you.**

\*HYMN

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

No. 267

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, you love the little children of Strasburg and our country and our world. You welcome the smallest among us, no matter how loud or wiggly. You have made it your business to care for those who cannot care for themselves. And, the more success we experience, the less comfortable we are with the vulnerability of childhood. We grow less practiced at relinquishing our independence and trusting you for everything. Help us to resist the pressure to become or to associate with those who are certain how things work - for ourselves and others. Help us to avoid the temptation to mock and tease those who bear your image. 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

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children"*

Ken Medema

FIRST SCRIPTURE

II Kings 2:23-24

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:13-15

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| SERMON                                      | <i>"Let the Little Children Come Unto Me"</i> | Rev. Robert K. Bronkema |
| *HYMN                                       | <i>"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</i>          | No. 438                 |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER |   | Pg. 16                  |
| WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD                   |   |                         |
| OFFERTORY                                   | <i>"Let All Things Now Living"</i>            | arr. Lloyd Larson       |
| *DOXOLOGY                                   |   |                         |
| PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED         |   | Pg. 14                  |
| *HYMN                                       | <i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>                   | No. 306                 |
| *BENEDICTION                                |   |                         |
| *POSTLUDE                                   | <i>"Toccata"</i>                              | Leon 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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**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 23, 2025

*Welcome!*

11:00am Service

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Greeting and Announcements

\*Praise & Worship      *Cornerstone*

Prayer & Peace

Great Beginnings Preschool

Children's Message

Beth Feiler

\*Praise & Worship      *Graves Into Gardens  
Resurrecting*

Scripture                      II Kings 2:23-24  
   Matthew 19:13-15

Sermon                      *"Let the Little Children Come Unto Me"*                      Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship      *Here Again*

\*Benediction

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

Ray Frye - Hospice Care  
Emily Garber - U Penn Hospital - Philadelphia



*February Deacons of the Month:* Barb Groff and Heidi Zook-Payne

*March Deacons of the Month:* Bette Davis and Dawn Huber

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, February 23**

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)

6pm **IGNITED YOUTH OFFSITE** - Contact Kristin for details

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### **Tuesday, February 25**

9am Women's Bible Study - Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm IMPACT - Mick's (Willow Street)

7pm Women's Bible Study - Room 4

### **Wednesday, February 26**

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Room 4

7pm Praise Team - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, February 27**

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 28**

9am Toddler Gym

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

#### NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 2, 2025 ~ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: *"The Transfiguration According to Luke"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching



## 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!

**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) or 484-949-4514.



**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.

**CHILD SAFETY TRAINING • Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15pm and Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** we will be holding training for anyone who has their clearances, needs their clearances or is planning to work with children within the church. Please plan to attend one of these sessions. More information to follow.



### LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

**Lent is almost upon us!** Join us for weekly services here at First Presbyterian Church offered by the Strasburg Ministerium.



#### Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

◆ 6am with ashes      ◆ 12pm - High View Church of God      ◆ 6pm with ashes

#### 12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule with lunch

|          |                               |         |                         |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| March 12 | Strasburg Mennonite           | April 2 | Wesley United Methodist |
| March 19 | Acts Covenant Fellowship      | April 9 | First Presbyterian      |
| March 26 | St. Michael's Lutheran Church |         |                         |

*\*All services will be held in the sanctuary here at First Presbyterian Church. The noon services will be followed by a luncheon. Join us!*

## 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. Hosts for today: Pat Hess & Joy Corey. Hosts for next week: The Colvin Family. 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 [fcvfrineertheresa@yahoo.com](mailto:fcvfrineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



**FIRST STRASBURG IN MISSION** • As a church, we financially support a number of missionaries and agencies. Would you like to play a small part in helping our church better connect with one of them? Let Jen Eisenberg know ([jeisenberg@straspres.org](mailto:jeisenberg@straspres.org) or 717-201-1696) if you would enjoy making one phone call (or face to face meeting). Questions/script provided.

**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!



Does anyone have some extra time on your hands over these winter months? Would you like to do some sewing for our church? Denim and corduroy have been cut to make walker bags that our church donates to area retirement homes. If you'd like to help, contact Pat Hess at 717-786-4184.



**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.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE** • We have a new photographer and new dates for our 2025 First Presbyterian Pictorial Directory. Sittings for the directory will be **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Information on sign-ups to follow.



## 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

-Peanut Butter

-Canned Meats (Chicken or Spam)

-Potatoes (Canned or Instant)



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 Volunteers 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 at 717-875-0774 or [kstraley55@gmail.com](mailto:kstraley55@gmail.com) 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 these kits together 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 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.