

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after the 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 Linda Lawrence/ 11am Isla Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*
 Breathe
 In Christ Alone

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Ali Elias-Lizardo

Scripture Genesis 50:15-21
 Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon *“How Could You?”* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *It Is Well*

*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.

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



Comfort in Time of Loss:

~Pray for the family of David Witmer as they grieve his passing on February 2, 2025. Services will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11am, here at FPCS.

~Pray for Carol Reinmiller and her family as they grieve the passing of her father, Daniel Krieger, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

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 9

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 IGNITED Students Mission Trips Meeting – Fellowship Hall

6pm Super Bowl Watch Party – Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 10

6:30pm CIC – Room 4

7pm Mission & Finance – Room 5

Tuesday, February 11

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

5:30pm Preschool Open House

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Outreach – Room 5

5:30pm Personnel – Library

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

Wednesday, February 12

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

6:30pm Trustee Meeting – Room 4

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 13

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 14

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

9am Toddler Gym

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table

NEXT WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ BLANKET SUNDAY

1st Scripture: Deuteronomy 24:1-4

2nd Scripture: Matthew 19:1-12

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"What Does the Bible Say about Divorce?"*

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.

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the resurrection of David Witmer, who passed into eternal life on February 2, 2025.



Being baptized today is Peyton Eva Boyer, daughter of John and Katelyn Boyer.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Steve, Donna & Barb Szczesniak. Hosts for next week: Kathy & Dick Barge. 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. 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.

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.



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, 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 16th. 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!



Join us **TONIGHT, Sunday, February 9th** to watch the big game! **Doors open at 6pm.** Stay for the whole game or as much as you would like. Feel free to bring a dish or snack to share if you're able. RSVP to Kristin Kondratowski for seats and food at 908-581-5050 or kristin@straspres.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~ We have started new Bible Studies and classes are held in room 4 at **9am and 7pm on Tuesdays.** All women 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.



Get those soup cans ready! **Souper Bowl Sunday is TODAY, Sunday February 9th!** 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, 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 28th at 8pm** a group of FPCS members are going to the show and one of them could be you! Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to go, please let Nicole Keays in the church office know at 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.

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 -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 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 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 717-687-6000 or 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 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 tlweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G $Fm7$ A^b/B^b

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

8 E^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G B^b sus B^b E^b/G A^b $Cm7$

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 B^b sus B^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G $Fm7$ A^b/B^b E^b

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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