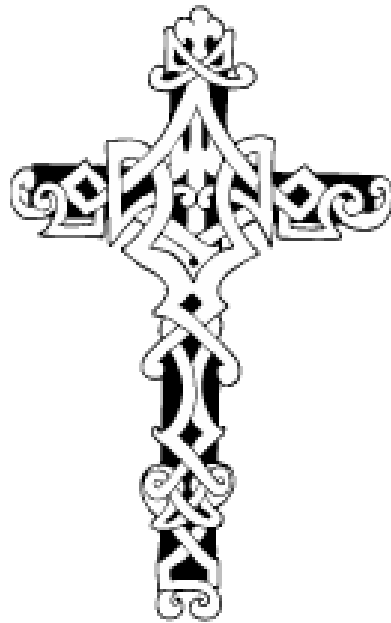


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

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 Sandy Wenger/ 11:00am Andrea Petrokonis

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 23, 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 "Sarabande" G. F. Handel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 75

Leader: I give you thanks, O God! I give you thanks! Your Name is near.

People: We proclaim your wonderful deeds!

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 298

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, our Good and Faithful Shepherd, we come this morning looking for your consolation and joy. We long for the prayers and the singing and the worship to lift our spirits. We confess, we are not fully prepared to accept your claim on your church. We are content with clean carpets and successful programming. You see more. You call us to trust you. You call us to serve and love our neighbors. 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 (Kidz JAM) "Here Is The Church" Kerry Pryor and Douglas Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE Hosea 13:14

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:17-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON "The Difference between Being Served, and Serving" Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN	<i>"Just as I Am, without One Plea"</i>	No. 370
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY (Chancel Choir)	<i>"I Will Rejoice"</i>	Joseph Martin
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"Rock of Ages"</i>	insert
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Menuet"</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

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



Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *I Thank God*
 What A Beautiful Name
 See A Victory

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message Jen Eisenberg

Scripture Hosea 13:14
 Matthew 20:17-28

Sermon SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 “The Difference between Being Served, and Serving” Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *So Will I (100 Billion X)*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.



Jo Book
Ron Lowe – Recovering from surgery
Sue Schenke

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, March 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)

12:15pm Child Safety Training – FH

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

Tuesday, March 25

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm IMPACT – Mick's Willow Street

Wednesday, March 26

12pm Lenten Service w/Luncheon

6pm Child Safety Training – Room 4

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

Thursday, March 27

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

5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal

6pm Food Pantry Committee - Library

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

9am Toddler Gym

6pm Our Table

2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 30, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Scripture: Psalm 146

2nd Scripture: Matthew 20:29-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "What Happens When You See?"

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.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Carolyn Groff & Pam Johnson. **There are currently no hosts for next week, March 30th.** 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 rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!



IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! We want you to be included in the new pictorial directory. **MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY** for **Wednesday, April 9th** or **Thursday, April 10th** by using the link

[MakeYourAppointmentHere!](#), scanning the QR code, signing up at church before and after Sunday services with Alice Eisenhooth or contacting Nicole Keays in the church office.



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? 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 make bags, 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, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.

LIBRARY NEWS • Easter is just around the corner! Easter books are on the table outside of the library, as well as on the table in the library. Hop on over to check them out!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to volunteer to help with VBS or donate any items/supplies.





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 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, 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.

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING • TODAY! Sunday, March 23rd at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall and Wednesday, March 26th at 6pm in room 4, 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.



Come and help us paint St. Michael's Fellowship Hall! We are looking for a few good men and women who like to paint and want to be in fellowship with other Christians from the area. The Strasburg Ministerium is sponsoring a painting party at St. Michael's to paint their Fellowship Hall. Our very own Dan Colvin is heading up the work crew. Sign up for one or more time blocks if available, on **March 28th, 29th, or 30th.** Sign up using the following link: [Painting St. Michael's](#) OR QR code to access the Sign-Up Genius. See Dan Colvin or Pastor Bob with questions.



LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

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



12 pm Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule with lunch

March 26	St. Michael's Lutheran Church	April 9	First Presbyterian
April 2	Wesley United Methodist		

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

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 717-224-3036 or ablack@straspres.org.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

February's month end numbers: We had 85 visits from clients; 8 new families found our food pantry and we distributed nearly 150 bags of food during the month. We could really use your help in continuing to supply our neighbors in need with items to face their food insecurities. Below you will find a list of most needed items as our stock is very much depleted. Thank you for considering!

-Canned fruits (peaches, pineapple, mixed fruit)
-Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
-Canned pasta (ravioli, Spaghetti-O's) or Dry Pasta

-Rice and black beans
-Mashed or canned potatoes



If you would like to make a monetary donation there are envelopes in the pew racks marked FOOD and one of our board members or volunteers will do the shopping. Lastly, please continue to pray for our neighbors in need.

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 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 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. **In March we are collecting unsharpened pencils with erasers AND handheld pencil sharpeners.** Please put your items in the basket outside room 5. 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 in addition to a volunteer from our team serving with you.

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 tlswweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 • 10 AM



Hippity, hoppity!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
and a chance to meet the
Easter Bunny!

Open to children ages 2 years
through the 5th grade.

Egg hunts are by age level.

*Crafts *Food *Games *Prizes

There are sign-up sheets under the TV in the welcome Area for anyone wishing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or to donate snack supplies.

Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flowers to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one. You may take your flowers if you wish, after the 11am service on Easter. Please place this form, along with payment, in the Office Administrator's mailbox (Nicole Keays) or drop off in the church office door mail slot. Deadline for orders & payments is **Sunday, April 13th**. Hyacinths and Tulips are 4" pots and Lilies 6" pots and all include foil.

Name: _____

No. of Easter Lilies @ \$15: _____

No. of Tulips @ \$5: _____

No. of Hyacinths @ \$5: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

