

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 30, 2025
Fourth 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 Linda Younger/ 11:00am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 30, 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 *"Short Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"* J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 76

Leader: The God of Judah is glorious! More majestic than the everlasting mountains!

People: Indeed, You are awesome! Who can stand before you?

*HYMN *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* No. 478

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, You are full of the compassion and healing of the Triune God, we cry out to you this morning for your mercy. We cannot see what we need to see. Our perceptions of you, ourselves, and the world are distorted. Only you are able to restore our sight. Holy God, you give us a clear vision. So we pray, heal our eyes and show us what you see. 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 Kristin Kondratowski

ANTHEM *"Be Thou My Vision"* arr. Dan Forrest

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 146:5-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:29-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *"What Happens When You See"* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* No. 280

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Lamb of God” arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Pg. 14

*HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” No. 92

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Short Prelude and Fugue in A 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

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, March 30, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *Graves Into Gardens*
 Firm Foundation (He Won't)
 Spirit Of The Living God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Psalm 146: 5-10
 Matthew 20:29-34

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"What Happens When You See"*

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Yes And Amen*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Jo Book
Jim Law
Clark Taylor
Bev Wiker



March Deacons of the Month: Bette Davis and Dawn Huber

April Deacons of the Month: Ed and Linda Bredin

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 30

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)

1pm Painting St. Michael's Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, April 1

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

2pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Youth Dance Rehearsal

6pm CE Meeting – Room 5

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

7pm Worship Committee – Library

Wednesday, April 2

12pm Lenten Service w/Luncheon

1pm Knifty Knitters – Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4

5:30pm Youth Band Practice – Sanctuary

6pm Kids Clubhouse

7pm Praise Team – Sanctuary

7pm Deacon Meeting – Room 4

Thursday, April 3

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

*No Bible Study

5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 4

9am Toddler Gym

6pm Our Table

2pm Food Pantry

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 6, 2025 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Scripture: Judges 14:5-9

2nd Scripture: Matthew 21:18-22

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: *"Faith as a Marker of Lent"*

Jen Eisenberg, 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 message.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: The Lainhoff Family. Hosts for next week: Donna Burkholder and The Witmer Family. Volunteers are needed for April 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! There is still time to **MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT** for **Thursday, April 10th** by using the link [MakeYourAppointmentHere!](#), scanning the QR code, or contacting Alice Eisenhooth or Nicole Keys in the church office. Don't forget to arrive



on time to your scheduled appointment on **Tuesday, April 8th, Wednesday, April 9th or Thursday, April 10th**. Contact Alice Eisenhooth or Nicole Keys with questions regarding your appointment.



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 • JULY 13 – 18 • 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.



The Young(ish) Adult Group Men will be gathering at Rocky Springs Bowling Alley (1495 Millport Rd., Lancaster) on **Saturday, April 26th at 6:00pm** for bowling and fellowship. Food and drinks can be purchased at the bowling alley. Please RSVP to Danielle Marsh at 717-615-4321 if you are interested in attending.

We will be **Stuffing Eggs** for the Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 12th, starting at 9am in Fellowship Hall**. Please sign up under the TV by the welcome area. We need lots of hands to help! Also, you will find a sign-up sheet for items needed to fill the eggs. Please have all donations back to the welcome area by **Friday, April 11th**. All items should be individually wrapped and NUT FREE!



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

April 2 Wesley United Methodist April 9 First Presbyterian



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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	April 13	8:30am & 11am
Maundy Thursday	April 17	7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae	April 18	7pm
Community Easter Sunrise Service	April 20	6:30am - St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E. Main St.
Easter Sunday	April 20	8:30am & 11am

**All worship services will be held in the sanctuary.*



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

We continue to need your help in supplying 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 meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
-Applesauce

-Instant 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 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. In April we are collecting 2-pocket folders and 70-page wide spiral bound notebooks.** Please put your items in the basket outside room 5. If you have any questions, please see Beth Feiler.



Come TODAY and help us paint St. Michael's Fellowship Hall! The Strasburg Ministerium is sponsoring a painting party at St. Michael's to paint their Fellowship Hall. It's not too late to join us **TODAY, Sunday, March 30th from 1-5pm.** 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.



Painting St. Michael's

Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street Rescue Mission. These events 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

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.

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: _____