

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 9, 2025
First 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 June Stum/ 11:00am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, March 9, 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

"Fantasia"

Simon Clark

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 73

Leader: It is good to be near our God.

People: The Lord God is our refuge and we declare all your works!

*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

No. 143

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus, the Holy One of God, we praise you for your faithfulness, in season and out of season. We confess your ways are beyond our understanding. In trying times, we wonder if you will keep your promises. When our silos and bank accounts are full, we beam with pride. It slips away from us: all good things come from you. Focus our gaze on only you. Be glorified in our thinking and our life together. 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

Tina Dansereau

ANTHEM

"Lord God, We Worship Thee"

J. S. Bach (arr. Hal Hopson)

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:17-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:16-30

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SERMON	SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS <i>"The First Will Be Last and the Last Will Be First"</i>	Jen Eisenberg
*HYMN	<i>"O God, You Are My God"</i>	No. 198
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pg. 16
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Beneath the Cross of Jesus/Lead Me to Calvary"</i>	arr. Don Wyrzten
*DOXOLOGY		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Pg. 14
*HYMN	<i>"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"</i>	No. 379
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Carillon de Longpont"</i>	Louis Vierne

**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 9, 2025

Welcome!

11:00am Service

Greeting and Announcements

*Praise & Worship *How He Loves*
 Good Good Father
 I Can Only Imagine

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture Habakkuk 3:17-19
 Matthew 19:16-30

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"The First Will Be Last and the Last Will Be First"*

Jen Eisenberg

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Revelation Song*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.



Comfort in Time of Loss:

Pray for Mark Guise and family as they grieve the passing of his mother, Judy L. Guise.

Pray for Sandy Frye as she grieves the passing of her husband, Ray Frye, on February 28, 2025.

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 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)

5pm **IGNITED Youth Mission Trip Training** – Fellowship Hall
***IGNITED • Combined Youth Group: 6 – 8pm** – Fellowship Hall
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Monday, March 10

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| 6:30 | CIC Meeting – Room 4 | 7pm | Mission & Finance – Room 5 |
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Tuesday, March 11

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| 9am | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 | 7pm | Outreach Meeting – Room 5 |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Room 4 |
| 5:30pm | Personnel – Library | | |

Wednesday, March 12

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| 12pm | Lenten Service w/Luncheon | 6:30pm | Trustee Meeting – Room 4 |
| 1pm | Knifty Knitters – Library | 7pm | Praise Team – Sanctuary |
| 3pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 4 | | |

Thursday, March 13

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| 6:30am | Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library | *No Bible Study Tonight |
| 5:45pm | Kidz JAM Rehearsal | |
| 7pm | Choir Rehearsal | |

Friday, March 14

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| 9am | Toddler Gym | 6pm | Our Table |
| 2pm | Food Pantry | | |

NEXT WEEK ~ MARCH 16, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Scripture: Genesis 42:1-16

2nd Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "*How's Your Life Going?*"

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, 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 Ray Frye, who passed into eternal life on February 28, 2025.



COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Dawn & Troy Huber and Joyce Hollinger. Host for next week: Beth Feiler. 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.



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 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 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!



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 • Sunday, March 23rd at 12:15pm and Wednesday, March 26th 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.



Join the Strasburg Ministerium as we paint St. Michael's Fellowship Hall. 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.



Painting St. Michael's

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 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!*

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

-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 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. **Each month our congregation will collect specific items to go in the kits that we will put 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. **In March we will be collecting unsharpened pencils with erasers AND handheld pencil sharpeners.** Please put your items in the basket next to 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 and there will be someone from our volunteer 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 tlswieg@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.