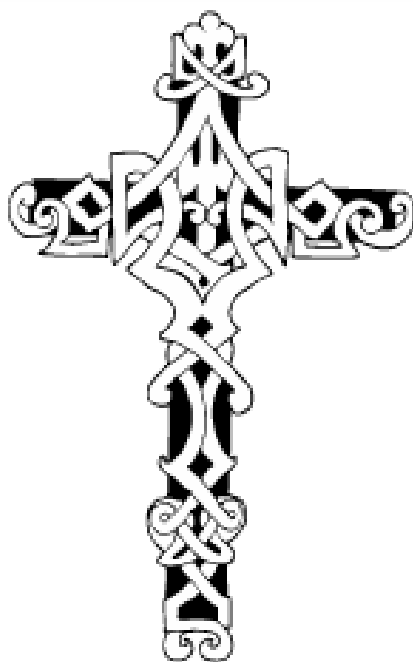


First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth 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 Wayne Carr / 11:00am Terry Sweigart

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, April 6, 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

"Aria"

Jonathan Jones and Donna Burkholder – Piano Duet

J. S. Bach

arr. Howard Helvey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 77

Leader: In the day of trouble, I seek You, Lord. In the night, my hand reaches out to You in prayer.

People: Help us remember the ancient wonders of God and the kind deeds of the Lord.

*HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, by the power of the Spirit, the one living God became incarnate in Jesus Christ, living in the world, dying for the world, and raised again to new life. We confess the claim you make on our lives to be faithful is difficult to accept. We set out to follow You, but we become distracted by other things. Our one, true love gets divided. Help us be wholeheartedly Yours. 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

"Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep"

Philip Ledger

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Judges 14:5-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:18-22

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON

"Faith as a Marker of Lent"

Jen Eisenberg

*HYMN *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"* insert

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Prelude on Resignation"* arr. Charles Callahan
 Jonathan Jones, Organ + Donna Burkholder, Piano

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Chorale"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**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 *House Of The Lord
Battle Belongs
In Christ Alone*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Tina Dansereau

Scripture Judges 14:5-9
Matthew 21:18-22

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon *"Faith as a Marker of Lent"*

Jen Eisenberg

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offering

*Praise & Worship *Holy Forever*

*Benediction

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Prayer Requests Please keep the following in your prayers.

Jo Book
Jim Law
Clark Taylor
Ron Lowe – Recovering from surgery
Murray Miller – Recovering from surgery



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, April 6

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)

***IGNITED • 5pm Mission Trip Training**

6 – 8pm • Combined Youth Group – Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 7

6pm IMPACT Young Adult Women's Bible Study – Youth Room

Tuesday, April 8 **Pictures for Photo Directory – Library, Youth Room and Choir Room*

9am Women's Bible Study – Room 4

5:30pm Youth Dance Rehearsal

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 4

5:30pm Personnel Committee

7pm Outreach Committee – Room 5

Wednesday, April 9 **Pictures for Photo Directory – Library, Youth Room and Choir Room*

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, April 10 **Pictures for Photo Directory – Library, Youth Room and Choir Room*

6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – George's Restaurant – Willow Street

5:45pm Kidz JAM Rehearsal

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

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

9am Toddler Gym

6pm Our Table

2pm Food Pantry

Saturday, April 12

9am Easter Egg Stuffing – Fellowship Hall

NEXT WEEK ~ APRIL 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY • ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

1st Scripture: Psalm 8

2nd Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sermon: "Out of the Mouth of Babes"

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 message.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Donna Burkholder and The Witmer Family. Hosts for next week: Leo & Andrea Petrokonis. 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! We've added appointment times for **Wednesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 10th**, so make your appointment today by using the link [MakeYourAppointmentHere!](#), scanning the QR code, or contacting Alice



Eisenhooth or Nicole Keays. 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 Keays with questions regarding your appointment.



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 • Check out the new books in the library just in time for Easter!

~"Jesus is Risen," by David Limbaugh

~Two books by James Bryan Smith

"The Good and Beautiful Life"

"The Good and Beautiful God"



And many more! Take a peak and see what we have for Easter in our library!



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 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 - <i>St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E. Main St.</i>
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)
- Instant or canned potatoes
- Applesauce



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 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.



This year we will be celebrating **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. It is a yearly special offering that helps the Presbyterian Church (USA) reach out to millions of people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

ATTENTION LADIES THAT SEW • Many pieces of fabric have been donated to our church so that we can make items for others. Do you like to sew? Several bags of pre-cut fabric are waiting to be made into walker bags. Check the cupboard in room 4. Last year we donated over 300 walker bags to area rehab and retirement homes. Questions – see Kay Straley or Pat Hess.



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: _____

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored;
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride;
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.