



First  
Presbyterian  
Church



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## This Sunday at First Pres



Our lessons this week include Joseph reuniting with his brothers, Paul talking to the Romans about God's mercy, and Jesus teaching about the difference between what goes in and what goes out of one's mouth. First Pres' own Jerusha Van Camp will lead us to consider *What's in Your Heart?* as she leads our worship for the morning. Join us Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30!

If you cannot attend in-person, join us online: livestream links are available on First Pres [website](#) (for Facebook and Vimeo). (Bulletins for the morning are available at a click: [Wide Awake Worship](#), and [Sanctuary Worship](#).)

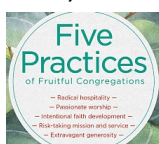
## Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 27 following the 10:30 service. This will be a brief, but very important meeting to approve the membership of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. They will begin the search for First Pres' next permanent pastor shortly after the completion of the congregation-wide book study.



## Five Practices

Beginning September 10, the entire congregation is encouraged to take part in the study and discussion of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. This book is available in the church office for \$15.75. There will be multiple groups (in person, online, and hybrid) meeting each week through November 5, led by pairs of Session members. Watch for group times to be announced soon. Lessons learned during this study will inform the Pastoral Nominating Committee in their search for our next permanent pastor.



## How about Lunch?

Our Mission Committee organizes a crew to serve lunch at United Caring Services every second Friday of the month, and always welcomes new hands to help! There are opportunities for all - shopping, prepping, serving, cleaning - with time commitments as short as an hour lunch! September's menu (9/8) is tacos, rice, salad, and dessert. For more information, Please contact [Debbie Meyer](#) or [Janet Cash](#).



## Come Play!



Our handbell choir will return to rehearsals soon, and Director of Music Robert Nicholls extends an invitation to all who would like to make a joyful noise! Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m., and prior handbell experience is not necessary! Join this fun, intergenerational group - grade 2 through adult - that enhances our worship about once per month. For more information, contact [Robert](#) in the church office.

## Grateful People

Elder Jill Griffin and Pastor Anna are looking for a few grateful people to join the Generosity Team. These folks will help plan and implement this year's fall stewardship campaign. If you have ideas about how to help your First Pres friends show gratitude and generosity, make a note on your yellow worship slip or contact either Jill or Pastor Anna ([jg121@evansville.edu](mailto:jg121@evansville.edu); [anna@fpcevv.com](mailto:anna@fpcevv.com)).



## Elder of the Week



Every week, an Elder from Session is "on call" to assist in responding to those of the congregation with special needs. The Elder of the Week may be contacted directly or via the church office. The Elder for next week is Gary Morris.

## Daily Readings

Sunday, August 20	<a href="#">Psalm 19</a>
Monday, August 21	<a href="#">Acts 7:44-8:1a</a>
Tuesday, August 22	<a href="#">Acts 8:1b-13</a>
Wednesday, August 23	<a href="#">Acts 8:14-25</a>
Thursday, August 24	<a href="#">Acts 8:26-40</a>
Friday, August 25	<a href="#">Acts 9:1-9</a>
Saturday, August 26	<a href="#">Acts 9:10-19a</a>



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