



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
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This Sunday at First Pres

You've heard the phrase attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words only when necessary." Our lesson from James may have been the inspiration for this famous phrase. Join us in worship this Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 for Communion and together we'll consider how action speaks louder than words.

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](#).)



New Group!

First Pres is pleased to announce the formation of the an LGBTQ small group! This group will meet for lunch on Sundays approximately every 6 weeks. The first LGBTQ gathering will be hosted by Kathryn and Jerusha Van Camp on Sunday, September 3, at noon in their home at 259 Washington Ave. Attendees are invited to bring a side dish. Pulled pork and drinks will be provided. RSVP by phone or text at 812-774-7402. Future dates are October 29 and December 3. We hope all First Pres LGBTQ folks will join us!



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. Discussion groups (in person, online, and hybrid) will meet weekly through November 5, led by pairs of Session members - click [HERE](#) to sign up for a group. Lessons learned during this study will inform the Pastor 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](#).

Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 10 following the 10:30 service. This will be a brief, but important meeting to vote on the dissolution of the Board of Trustees. If approved, the duties of the Trustees (including the church's endowment funds and facility insurance) will be absorbed by the Session.



Stand Up for Peace and Justice

You're invited to learn more about the justice and peacemaking those of us in the First Pres community can take part in. We'll discuss opportunities within our congregation and community, and work we do with organizations like CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment). There will be time to chat at a short meeting in the fellowship hall following both the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Sunday, September 10. If you can't make it or would like to chat via email, please reach out to [Gina Robinson Ungar](#) or [Jake Kohlmeyer](#). "Peace at all times in all ways." -2 Thessalonians 3:16



Come Play!

Our handbell choir will return to rehearsals next week, 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.



Daily Readings



Sunday, September 3	Psalm 108
Monday, September 4	Acts 11:19-30
Tuesday, September 5	Acts 12:1-17
Wednesday, September 6	Acts 12:18-25
Thursday, September 7	Acts 13:1-12
Friday, September 8	Acts 13:13-25
Saturday, September 9	Acts 13:26-43

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