



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN  
September 8, 2023

## This Sunday at First Pres

Our Congregation-Wide discussion of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* begins this week, and the first topic we’re considering is “Radical Hospitality”. Pastor Anna’s sermon is titled *Accept. Accepted. Accepting*. Join us as We dedicate our church musicians and educators to a new year of service in worship at 8:30 and 10:30 this Sunday morning.



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, 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.

## Five Practices

Beginning this Sunday, 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.



## Join the Train!



meal train

Is preparing a meal for others in need one of your ministry gifts? You can help support those in our congregation who occasionally need a little extra care. Join our First Web Meal Train group for updates on opportunities to serve in this way. Send an email to [lora@fpcevv.com](mailto:lora@fpcevv.com) or fill out the [form](#) on First Web.

## Beautiful Music!

Make plans to bring your friends and family downtown on Sunday, September 14 for a free concert in our historic Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. First Pres friends Charles Du Preez and Leanne Hampton will present a program of Clarinet and Flute works. Join us for a beautiful way to wind down the weekend.



## 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). For more information, please reach out to [Gina Robinson Ungar](#) or [Jake Kohlmeier](#). “Peace at all times in all ways.” -2 Thessalonians 3:16

## Come Play!

Our handbell choir has returned to rehearsals, 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.



## 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 Jill Griffin.

## Daily Readings

- Sunday, September 10 [Psalm 103](#)
- Monday, September 11 [Acts 13:44-52](#)
- Tuesday, September 12 [Acts 14:1-8](#)
- Wednesday, September 13 [Acts 14:19-28](#)
- Thursday, September 14 [Acts 15:1-11](#)
- Friday, September 15 [Acts 15:12-21](#)
- Saturday, September 16 [Acts 15:22-35](#)



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