



First
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This Sunday at First Pres



Our lessons this Sunday remind us over and over of the generosity of God. From the long list of God's works in Psalm 136, to Paul's example of the churches of Macedonia in his letter to the Corinthians, to the penultimate verse of Matthew 6, God's generosity is there for all. Join us at 8:30 and 10:30 this Sunday morning as Jerusha Van Camp leads our worship of the God of extravagant generosity.

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](#).)

Count Your Blessings

Have you been following the "Count Your Blessings" calendar this month? It's not too late to join in! Download a copy [HERE](#), count up your blessings, and bring a check (or donate [online](#)) to church this Sunday. Thank you for helping others who are hungry.



LGBTQ small group



First Pres' LGBTQ will next gather for lunch this Sunday, October 29, hosted by Kathryn and Jerusha Van Camp at noon in their home at 259 Washington Ave. Attendees are invited to bring a side dish. The main dish 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!

A Gift of the Heart

We continue to explore *Generosity: A Gift of the Heart* as our fall discussion groups have their final meetings this week. Wonderful conversations have been shared, and Session is beginning to compile the information for the PNC as they begin their work to find First Pres' next permanent pastor. Don't forget to stop by the "Heart Card" table in the hallway on your way to worship this week and share your "hopes and dreams for First Pres". We hope that the final installment of our [generosity devotional](#) series will be a blessing as we prepare to make our financial commitments to First Pres for 2024.



Let's Give Thanks!

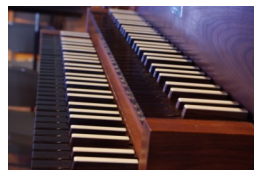
Come have lunch with all your First Pres friends on Sunday, November 5 as we give thanks for the Generosity commitments received in that day's worship. Following the 10:30 service, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a Thanksgiving-themed celebration.



The church will supply baked ham, hot rolls, and beverages, and attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. (This is a good opportunity to test one of your new Thanksgiving dishes!) Volunteers are needed for setup (on both Saturday and Sunday morning) and cleanup - please contact Jane Bernhardt (812-480-9065; richbhart@aol.com) to help out! Let's give thanks together!

First Friday Concert

Are you looking for a way to wind down after the First Friday of the month? Come downtown and enjoy an hour of fabulous organ music next Friday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome Destin Wernicke, a Masters student in Organ Performance at IU, who will share a program of German and French baroque music.



First Light Says "Thank You!"



The First Light Youth Group sends a great big Thank You! to the congregation for their generosity through donations to the Young & Established Pantry. Among other items, donations included 86 bars of Soap, 46 Tubes of Toothpaste, 38 pairs of socks, 28 Tooth Brushes, 29 Deodorant Sticks, and Multiple bottles of Shampoo, Conditioner, and Body Wash.

Jiffy Mix Time!

November is almost here, and that means it's Jiffy Mix time at First Pres! The Mission Committee asks you to bring boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix to the church by Sunday, November 12 for the Evansville Rescue Mission's annual Gobbler Gathering. We have pledged 500 boxes this year, so shop early, and shop often! Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!



New Member Conversation

Are you curious about First Pres? Have you been attending and are interested in knowing more or/and becoming a member? Join leaders of the church for a time of coffee and conversation on Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Kerr Chapel. This is a great time to ask questions about First Pres and the Presbyterian church in general. Drop-ins are welcome, but you can also let us know you're coming by emailing [Jerusha Van Camp](mailto:Jerusha.Van.Camp).

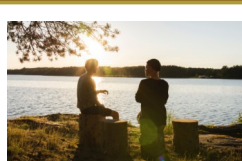


Soup and More Sale!

Are you looking forward to cold-weather-food season? Mark November 12 on your calendar and plan to stock up on your favorite savory soups and more at the Music Department's Soup and Bake Sale after both worship services. Proceeds help First Pres musicians experience special worship and music events.



Elder of the Week/Pastoral Needs

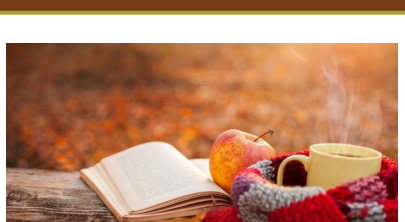


Every week, an Elder from Session is "on call" to assist in responding to those of the congregation with special needs. The Elder of the Week may be contacted directly or via the church office. The Elder for next week is [Casey Calvert](#).

While Pastor Anna is visiting her Navy son in Japan this month, pastoral needs may be directed to the Elder of the Week or Parish Visitor [Jerusha Van Camp](#).

Daily Readings

Sunday, October 29	Psalm 108
Monday, October 30	Revelation 11:1-14
Tuesday, October 31	Revelation 11:14-19
Wednesday, November 1	Revelation 12:1-6
Thursday, November 2	Revelation 12:7-17
Friday, November 3	Revelation 13:1-10
Saturday, November 4	Revelation 13:11-18



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