



news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN
November 17, 2023

This Sunday at First Pres

This Sunday is a special one at First Pres, filled with more music and readings than usual at both services. Join us at 8:30 and 10:30 for our annual Harvest Home celebration as we give thanks to the God of thirty, sixty, hundredfold!



If you cannot attend in-person at 8:30 or 10:30, 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](#).)

Holiday Gift Opportunity!

First Light is working hard to help you get a head-start on your holiday gift shopping! They'll have crafts and plants available for purchase after both worship services on November 26 and December 3. There will be a variety of succulents as well as other plants and arrangements. For those who would like to support the youth, but do not currently need more plants or craft items, [donations](#) will happily be accepted (designation: Youth Fundraisers). Thank you for all you do to support and encourage our youth as they prepare for a pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland next summer.



Thank You! Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who brought Jiffy Mix for the Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering baskets - we reached our goal, and sent \$140 for any extra boxes they may need. And more thanks to everyone who supported the Music Department's Soup and Bake and More sale last week - everything was sold, and First Pres musicians will enjoy special worship and camp opportunities this summer.



World AIDS Day

Plan to come downtown on Friday, December 1 as we observe World AIDS day. Join with members of the community and the AIDS Resource Group as we raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic and remember those who have died of the disease. The gathering will begin at 6:00 p.m., with a program at 6:30, followed by a brief reception.



Calling all Elves!

Do you love holiday decorating? Join your First Pres friends on Sunday, December 3 after the 10:30 service to help Anne Asbury 'hang the greens' for the Advent/Christmas season. There are tasks for everyone, and lunch will be provided. Send an [email](#) to the church office if you plan to attend, so we order enough pizza!



First Pres' LGBTQ+ group

The next gathering of First Pres' LGBTQ+ group is Sunday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. at the Steves' home in Henderson, KY. Everyone is encouraged to stay (or come back) after the 10:30 service to help with the Hanging of the Greens, and then head across the "money-saving bridge" to Henderson for a potluck. Attendees are invited to bring a side dish; the main course and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Steve Wylie by [email](#) or phone (270-238-2265).



A Gift of the Heart

The Generosity Committee is grateful to all those who have returned their pledge card for the Generosity 2024 stewardship campaign. We have received many generous pledges, and are looking forward to even more. If you need a pledge card, extras are available in the church office, or you can fill one out [online](#). Gifts of all sizes come together to make a beautiful - and bountiful - whole, and we are grateful!



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, November 19 [Psalm 93](#)
- Monday, November 20 [James 2:14-26](#)
- Tuesday, November 21 [James 3:1-12](#)
- Wednesday, November 22 [James 3:13-4:12](#)
- Thursday, November 23 [Philippians 4:6-20](#)
- Friday, November 24 [James 4:13-5:12](#)
- Saturday, November 25 [James 5:13-20](#)



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