



First Presbyterian Church

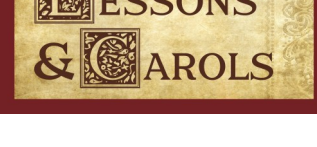


Connect

news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
December 6, 2024

This Sunday at First Pres - Lessons and Carols

This Sunday is a much anticipated day in the life of the congregation: it's our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service. Join us at 8:30 a.m. for an informal service of scripture readings and Advent Carols accompanied by the Wide Awake Band or come at 10:30 a.m. for the same readings with some carols sung by the congregation and some by the choir! (If you can't choose, you can certainly come to both services.)



In other news, as of right now pledges totaling \$355,298 for 2025 have been received. If you are planning to pledge and haven't yet done so, please try to turn in your pledge card this weekend. The Finance Committee finishes work on the budget this Tuesday and the Session meets to approve the budget this Wednesday - your commitment is important to this work.

Hope to see you on Sunday! Come worship with your First Pres family either in-person or online at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. this Sunday! You'll be glad you did and so will we! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

First Friday

Tonight, December 6, we welcome students from the Jacobs School of music at IU as they present *An Advent Journey: An improvisation showcase*. Bring your friends and family downtown at 7:00 p.m. to start the weekend with a First Friday concert in the First Pres Sanctuary!



JACOBS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Crèche Sale

Please join us for a special benefit sale of Marylu and Bill Sonntag's exceptional collection of crèches. The sale this Sunday, December 8 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. at 500 S. Runnymede Avenue features an exquisite collection of handcrafted nativity scenes gathered by Marylu and Bill on their world travels. Each has its own unique artistic style and cultural significance, and represent a beautiful tapestry of Christmas celebrations across the globe. Marylu has also placed some very special angel and Santa figurines in the sale.

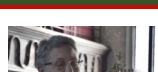


All proceeds from this sale benefit the First Presbyterian Church Youth Travel Fund, helping to provide formative spiritual experiences for our youth. These experiences are designed to foster faith, fellowship, and growth in the lives of our young people as they travel to retreats, summer camp experiences, and other enriching opportunities.

Whether you're a collector, an admirer of craftsmanship, or simply looking for a meaningful way to support our youth, this event offers an opportunity to make a difference.

Anne's Elves

Anne and her Elves will finish decorating for the season this Sunday, December 8 after the 10:30 service. Interested? Contact [Pastor Mary Beth](#) in the church office for details.



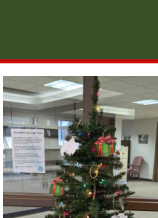
Poinsettias!



It wouldn't seem like Christmas without a few poinsettias! These beautiful Christmas flowers may be donated in memory, or honor of loved ones for \$15.00 per plant. Orders may be made (and paid for!) [online](#), by contacting the church office (423-6297; firstpres@fpcevv.com), or using the form in your worship bulletin by *this Sunday, December 8*. Thank you for helping make our building and the season beautiful!

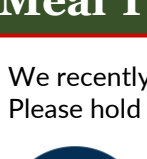
Graceful Giving

Thank you to everyone who chose an ornament from the ARG Graceful Giving tree over the past week! This is your reminder that gifts need to be returned to the church office by **this Sunday, December 8**. Wrapped or unwrapped is just fine - please be sure the gift tag is on the outside of the package. You may also or drop them off at the ARG offices, Suite 213, 101 NW First Street. (Hours are M-F 8:30-12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30). Thank you for your generosity and care.



Meal Train

We recently learned that Jeff Haywood has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please hold Jeff in prayer, as well as Michelle and their daughter, Laura. His prognosis will be more clear after surgery on December 9. Michelle is taking leave from the library through the Christmas holidays to be with him and provide more care. To show our love and support, a [meal train](#) has been set up for the First Pres family and Michelle's EVPL North Park family to provide support. Thank you for helping care for one another!



"Green" Tea

Presbyterian Women invite all to the Green Tea on Sunday, December 15, after both services. Tea, punch, and a variety of snacks will be served in hopes that you will contribute some "folding green" to the Independent Living Program of the United Methodist Youth Home. The UMYH serves at-risk youth who have experienced abuse, neglect, truancy, lack of stability or guidance at home, or court-ordered placement. The Independent Living Program prepares young people to live on their own as successful community members. Join us for fellowship, sweet treats, and an opportunity to nurture our community's youth.



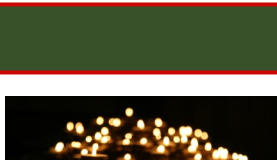
Rooted and Growing

The Generosity Committee is pleased to report that we are well on our way to our 2025 Stewardship campaign goal of \$431,200. *Thank you* to everyone who has returned a pledge! *There's still time!* Pick one up in worship and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office, or fill one out [online!](#) If you have questions, or need a card, please contact [Lora](#) in the church office. Thank you for helping bring *God's impossible Promises* to life!



Longest Night

Pastor Mary Beth will lead a service of worship for the Longest Night on Saturday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to be present at this service of healing and hope for those experiencing pain, loss, or disconnection during this season of Advent and Christmas.



Christmas Joy Offering - December 22



The perfect gift.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 22

Daily Readings



- Sunday, December 8 [Amos 6:1-14](#)
- Monday, December 9 [Amos 7:1-9](#)
- Tuesday, December 10 [Amos 7:10-17](#)
- Wednesday, December 11 [Amos 8:1-14](#)
- Thursday, December 12 [Amos 9:1-10](#)
- Friday, December 13 [Haggai 1:1-15](#)
- Saturday, December 14 [Haggai 2:1-9](#)

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