



First  
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Church



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## This Sunday!

This Sunday we continue with the sermon series, *Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God*. This week our focus is on Saul's experience on the Damascus Road where he encountered Christ and was called to a new way of understanding God and faith. But the story isn't just about Saul (who later was called Paul). It was also the story of a faithful follower of Christ, Ananias. In a way they both experienced a conversion.



*The Unexpected ACTS of God*

This story reminds us to keep our eyes open to those around us. Is it possible that God has called us to enter into an improbable but holy friendship with someone? Ananias and Saul show us that God can call us to put aside our differences and serve together.

This Sunday is also Rev. Jerusha Van Camp's first Sunday with us as our new Minister of Spiritual Formation and Connection! Her work with us is half-time right now. This is a grand experiment and we are excited to see what will unfold for First Pres and for Jerusha in this new role.

Join us Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

## First Friday - Tonight!



Tonight at 7:00 p.m., we welcome Hayden Ives-Glasgow from IU Jacobs School of Music for our next (free!) First Friday concert. Bring your friends downtown and start the weekend with music!

## First Light Party - Sunday

This is First Light's last regular meeting of the 24-25 program year. We'll be playing *Epic Rock Paper Scissors*, talking about the end of school, summer plans, and possibilities for First Light in the Fall. We're going to have sub sandwiches (bring something to share - chips, dessert, drinks) and we'll wrap up with *Epic Tic Tac Toe* and, weather permitting, BUBBLES outside.

PARENTS - if your rising Freshman through graduating Senior is interested in attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville with our Presbytery delegation Monday, July 28 through Thursday, July 31 Rev. MB and/or Rev. Jerusha need to know ASAP!



## Celebrating Graduates

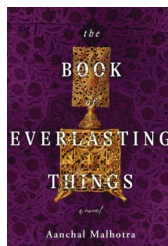
Spring is here, and that means Graduation season is quickly approaching. We need your help as we prepare to celebrate the graduates in our congregation next month.



Even if you think the church office already knows, please send the details of those in your household who will graduate (High School and beyond) this spring (including folks who graduated since last May). Feel free to include a picture, their school/degree, future plans, and email the info to [lora@fpcevv.com](mailto:lora@fpcevv.com) by this coming Monday, May 5.

## May's Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, May 12, 6:30-8:00. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in. This month, the group will discuss Aanchal Malhotra's *The Book of Everlasting Things*, a lush, sweeping love story about a Hindu perfumer and a Muslim calligrapher, set against the backdrop of India's partition.



On June 9, we will discuss two novellas by Claire Keegan: *Foster*, in which a small girl is sent to live with foster parents on a farm in rural Ireland; and the award-winning *Small Things Like These*, in which a middle-aged man slowly grasps the enormity of the local convent's heartless treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies.

## Feeding Mission Resumes



Our Feeding Mission group is getting back to the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the second Monday of the month at UCS (May 12 is the next date) to prepare, serve, and clean up lunch for our neighbors in need. If lunchtime doesn't work for you, how about bringing dessert? Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen the (Sun)day before - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail (812-550-2328; [griecken77@aol.com](mailto:griecken77@aol.com)).

## Music and Tacos!

# Spring Concert

Sunday, May 18, 5:00 p.m.

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
and guests from the University of Evansville Choirs

present a free concert featuring *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé  
in the historic Sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church

Followed by a Taco Bar fundraiser!

The \$15/person meal sends Young First Pres Musicians to Summer Camp.

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## Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer:

- for Andrew Baker, recovering at Riley from open heart surgeries;
- for the family of Byron Jones, who has dementia and has been missing since Monday evening;
- for Bonnie, as she recuperates at home following a heart attack;
- in gratitude for the life of Pope Francis;
- for those undergoing medical tests;
- for Ronda Hurt and her family, as they mourn the death of her brother, Ralph Smith;
- for one going through a divorce;
- for Kathryn's dad, Larry, receiving back surgery today;
- for a friend recovering from surgery;
- for the family of Byron Jones, who is missing;
- for Jerusha, as she prepares to begin a new position at FPC this week;
- in gratitude for the Generous Congregations workshop provided by the Synod and Presbytery that was attended by FPC folks on Saturday;
- for Amber, receiving hospital care;
- in gratitude for a healed family member and their medical team;
- for Eric, recovering from having a stent placed following a week of chest pain;
- in gratitude for unexpected family time with extended family and for all those who do the work of 'kin-keeping';
- for a child who is struggling but should know their presence is meaningful and precious, and their family;
- in gratitude for friends at TABI, for their dear welcome and kindness at Shabbat this past Friday;
- for the unhoused and those who don't have a safe and comfortable place to stay.



## Daily Readings



Sunday, May 4 [Exodus 18:1-12](#)  
Monday, May 5 [Exodus 18:13-27](#)  
Tuesday, May 6 [Exodus 19:1-16](#)  
Wednesday, May 7 [Exodus 19:16-25](#)  
Thursday, May 8 [Exodus 20:1-21](#)  
Friday, May 9 [Exodus 24:1-18](#)  
Saturday, May 10 [Exodus 25:1-22](#)

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