



First
Presbyterian
Church



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This Sunday!

This week, as we continue in the book of Acts, Peter experiences *An Unexpected Change of Menu*. There are three surprising moments in this story:



First, Peter receives orders to fill himself with all kinds of foods he has previously thought off limits.

Second, he receives an equally surprising order to fulfill an invitation to the house of non-Jews.

Third, suddenly his new Gentile friends are filled with the Spirit of God.

It's the movement of the Holy Spirit into the new Gentile believers that finally convinces Peter's critics, those who believed you had to follow Jewish law to follow Jesus. After all, if entering these believers' hearts is good enough for the Holy Spirit, who are they to say that they are unclean or unworthy? (*And for what it's worth - this happens to be a key text in the theological development of openness to all people being full participants in the household of faith - in the Church - so we should pay close attention!*)

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

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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First Pres 5s

As we move toward summer, your leadership is preparing to refine the vision for First Presbyterian Church of Evansville, Indiana. You may have seen gold/orange papers near boxes sitting around the church (one in the lobby, one by the nametags, one in fellowship hall, and one in the narthex). These papers are forms that ask you to mark which service you normally attend (and whether you attend online or in person) and then it asks you to list your 5 words that describe what you love about First Pres (what brings you joy right now) and then it asks for your 5 words to describe what you hope for First Pres' future (what you dream for this congregation's future). You can fill it out online [here](#) through May 19.

Once we've gathered this informal input we will put together some word clouds that show the priorities that were lifted up in the First Pres 5s. We'll be able to see how various groups within the congregation differ. Then your Session will integrate your FP5s into the vision and mission statement(s) of the congregation.



Five words are hard - but that's the point! Take a few minutes when you're in the building this Sunday or hop [online](#) to share your FP5s - and Thanks!

Block by Block



Are you looking for a different way to make a difference? How about making a neighborhood a little cleaner? As a member congregation of the Mayor's Interfaith Council, First Pres is invited to help participate in the Mayor's Block-By-Block effort! On Saturday, May 31, the group will clean up in the Tepe Park neighborhood from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You can sign up ahead of time at evansville.in.gov/block (it will help them prepare and streamline check-in; use Mayor's Interfaith Council as the 'company name') or just show up!

Justice and Peacemaking

Do you have an interest in being a part of First Pres' **Justice and Peacemaking Team**? Please email firstpres@fpcevv.com and put "Justice" in the subject line. In the body of the email please include your preferred contact information (email and mobile number) along with your preferred meeting days, times, and ways to meet (for example, Mondays or Tuesdays, after 5:30 p.m., in person or on Zoom.) Want to know more? Send us your email and we'll loop you into the conversation about the ways First Pres is engaging issues of justice and peacemaking in our community, state, nation, and world.



Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer:

- for children and grandchildren, as they travel over the next few weeks;
- for the Myers, following the death of their 17-year old cat and companion;
- for the family and friends of one who died while waiting at the Cleveland Clinic for a double organ transplant;
- for those who mourn, especially on Mother's day;
- for one struggling with fertility issues;
- for Gerald, preparing for surgery on Thursday;
- for Neal, facing serious medical problems;
- for the Schiller family, navigating a new colon cancer diagnosis;
- for a young man entering rehab today;
- for Kaitlyn, whose grandfather recently died;
- for Niles, as he receives a new knee Monday;
- for a young couple struggling in their relationship;
- in gratitude for the joys of nature.



Daily Readings

Sunday, May 18 [Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36](#)
Monday, May 19 [Leviticus 12:1-14](#)
Tuesday, May 20 [Leviticus 16:20-34](#)
Wednesday, May 21 [Leviticus 19:1-18](#)
Thursday, May 22 [Leviticus 19:26-37](#)
Friday, May 23 [Leviticus 23:1-22](#)
Saturday, May 24 [Leviticus 23:23-44](#)



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