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## This Sunday

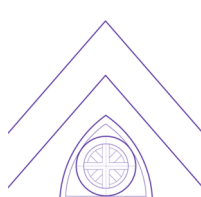
This week's sermon in the series **A Bigger Table** is INVITATION TO THE TABLE based on Luke 14:7-11. We're discovering the ways hospitality and authenticity create an environment in which everyone can see and show their true selves. Consider the positions you take at the table - with your family, at work, in organizations you are a part of - do you take the seat of honor? Do you make sure everyone else is seated first? Some of this is just "good manners" but sometimes even "good manners" misses the point.



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

## RSCM Midwest

RSCM Midwest is here! Starting on Monday, choral singers from across the country arrive at the University of Evansville for a week of singing, fellowship, and fun! First Pres' Director of Music and many of our musicians are participating, and you can hear the fruits of their experience throughout the week: on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., a Choral Evensong service will take place at UE's Neu Chapel; on Friday at 5:00 p.m., Choral Evensong at St. Benedict Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue; on Saturday at 4:30 p.m., the camp will sing a choral mass at St. Benedict, and next Sunday, they will lead our 10:30 worship service. Plan to attend as many of these wonderful services as your schedule allows, and invite your friends!



## Mindfulness and Christianity

The *Be Still: Mindfulness and Christianity* study groups are looking at the benefits of mindfulness practice through the lens of Christianity. This group will explore what mindfulness is (and isn't), what different religious traditions, including Christianity, have to say about it, and how incorporating mindfulness practice into daily life can deepen our spiritual lives with a mix of discussion and learning as well as "hands-on" practice.

There's still time to join this in-person event, with one more session in July and two in August. One group meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and another on Fridays at noon.

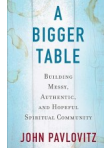


	Friday Group	Sunday Group
Session 2	July 18, noon	July 20, 9:30 a.m.
Session 3	August 15, noon	August 17, 9:30 a.m.
Session 4	August 22, noon	August 24, 9:30 a.m.

## A Bigger Table

Join Rev. MB McCandless and Rev. Jerusha Van Camp for a summer sermon series and book study based on John Pavlovitz's 2017 book *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*. Each week begins with the Sunday morning sermon and then continues with groups that dig into the book both in person and online on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through mid-August. The weekly schedule of topics is below; click on the weekday of your choice for the online link. You are encouraged to read the book on your own if you can't do a weekly group.

Books are available in the church office for \$11. A Kindle version is available for purchase from your favorite retailer, and you can borrow an e-copy from the Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library through the *hoopla* app ([email Jake](#) Kohlmeier if you need assistance with hoopla).



Week	Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	<u>Tues.</u> <u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Weds.</u> <u>Noon</u>	<u>Weds.</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u> <u>10:00 a.m.</u>
3 - 7/20	<b>INVITATION TO THE TABLE</b> Luke 14:7-11 - Chapters 6-8				
4 - 7/27	<b>REAL COMMUNITY</b> *Luke 14:12-24 - Chapters 9-10				
5 - 8/3	<b>BEYOND THEOLOGY</b> Luke 14:25-33- Chapters 11-13				
6 - 8/10	<b>STANDING ON THE EDGE</b> Luke 15:1-2 - Chapters 14-16				
7 - 8/17	<b>FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR</b> Luke 15:3-32 - Chapters 17-18 and Afterword				
<i>*Worship and the Sermon on July 27 will be in conjunction with RSCM Midwest Watch for information about a vlog that week!</i>					

## Grant Writer Wanted



Do you have firsthand experience with grant writing? Pastor MB is pulling together a team to work on several grants that First Pres will apply for in the next few months. Your experience could make a tangible difference in the way First Pres funds ministry and mission. Email Pastor MB ([mb@fpcevv.com](mailto:mb@fpcevv.com)) if you are interested and/or need more information.

## Fellowship!

Do you like a cup of coffee or tea and a little nibble while chatting with friends? Us, too! We have a number of wonderful folks who prepare, provide, and clean up after our Sunday fellowship times, and they'd love to have you help, too! Sign up on the sheet in the Parlor near the snacks to bring treats (homemade or purchased at 8:30 or 10:30 worship). And if you'd like to help get the coffee going in the morning or clean up after fellowship time, please email Sue Schriber ([sschriber0826@gmail.com](mailto:sschriber0826@gmail.com)).



## Backpack Blessing



August will soon be here, which means many of us will return to school-year activities! Bring your backpack, bookbag, briefcase, etc. with you to church on Sunday, August 3 as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks. Besides a time of blessing, we'll have special tags you can put on your bag at both services that morning.

## Prayer Requests

- for Jody and his loved ones, as he deals with heart complications related to his MS;
- for those going through transitional periods in their lives - new/first jobs, new homes, moving;
- for those in Texas, dealing with flooding and in need of resources;
- for one dealing with a debilitating anger issue that is affecting all areas of their life;
- for the family and classmates of McLean County HS student Evey, who died from a car accident last Thursday;
- for one experiencing homelessness and suffering in the summer heat;
- for those who provide care to ones with medical needs;
- that those who have health issues of all sorts feel supported;



- for the health and safety of a family
- for family members traveling home from Nebraska;
- for all those in danger;
- in gratitude for Pete and Mary's happy puppy;
- for Susanne and Tom;
- that a work trip be successful;
- in gratitude for understanding and support.

## Daily Readings

Sunday, July 20	<a href="#">Joshua 6:15-27</a>
Monday, July 21	<a href="#">Joshua 7:1-13</a>
Tuesday, July 22	<a href="#">Joshua 8:1-22</a>
Wednesday, July 23	<a href="#">Joshua 8:30-35</a>
Thursday, July 24	<a href="#">Joshua 9:3-21</a>
Friday, July 25	<a href="#">Joshua 9:22-10:15</a>
Saturday, July 26	<a href="#">Joshua 23:1-16</a>



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