



First
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Church



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This Sunday

This is Sunday is a unique annual event in the life of our congregation. Musicians from 15 states and Canada have gathered in Evansville this past week for the RSCM Midwest Summer Choral Residency. Camp chaplain, the Reverend Jake Cunliffe of St. Andrew, Scarborough, in Toronto, Ontario Canada, is the preacher of the day (8:30 and 10:30) and the Reverend Mary Beth McCandless will serve as liturgist. "Grasping 'a New Heaven' in an uncertain Earth" is the title of his message. The 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service is the culminating worship experience of the 2025 RSCM Midwest Camp. 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! Choral singers from across the country have been enjoying a week of singing, fellowship, and fun! First Pres' Director of Music and many of our musicians are participating, and there's still time to hear the fruits of their experience:

- Tonight at 5:00 p.m., Choral Evensong at St. Benedict Cathedral on Lincoln Ave
- Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Choral mass at St. Benedict, and
- Sunday at 10:30, Sanctuary Worship at First Pres

Plan to attend as many of these wonderful services as your schedule allows, and invite your friends!



Presbyterian Youth Triennium



Next week (July 28 through 31), Rev. Jerusha Van Camp will lead our Presbytery's delegation to Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Two First Pres youth along are participating this year. We wish them good travels and great experiences, and look forward to hearing about the trip when they return!

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.



First Friday



Next Friday, August 1, we welcome Molly Patrick of the Jacobs School of Music at IU Bloomington to the Fisk Organ bench at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends downtown to start the weekend at First Fridays at First Pres!

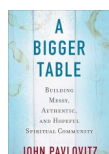
Disaster Assistance

First Pres, through the congregation's generosity and the Mission Committee's direction, routinely sends financial support to [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), with our annual gift (\$6,000 this year) mailed last week! If you are looking for a way to help with the flooding in Texas, or want to give an extra gift to benefit all that PDA does, you can write a check ([or give online](#); designate [Special Offerings](#)) to First Pres (memo: PDA or Texas), and we'll forward it to them. Thank you for making a difference!



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](#) Kohlmeyer 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>
4 - 7/27	REAL COMMUNITY *Luke 14:12-24 - Chapters 9-10				
5 - 8/3	BEYOND THEOLOGY Luke 14:25-33- Chapters 11-13				
6 - 8/10	STANDING ON THE EDGE Luke 15:1-2 - Chapters 14-16				
7 - 8/17	FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR 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>					

Prayer Requests

- for a member of the Nazarene Church, who was rushed to the hospital yesterday;
- for one having surgery today (Monday);
- for one having a difficult time sleeping due to chronic pain;
- for a successful meeting this week;
- for a friend, Melissa, recently diagnosed with MS;
- for Brian D, as he undergoes rotator cuff surgery on Monday;
- for a friend going through an extremely hard time;
- for Wendy VanderZee, that healing from back surgery is swift and complete;
- for all those attending RSCM Midwest Choir Camp this week, that they have safe travels and a wonderful experience;
- in celebration of a sister's 50th birthday;
- that a long-planned trip be fun, relaxing, and restorative!



Daily Readings



Sunday, July 27 [Joshua 24:1-15](#)
Monday, July 28 [Joshua 24:16-33](#)
Tuesday, July 29 [Judges 2:1-5, 11-23](#)
Wednesday, July 30 [Judges 3:12-30](#)
Thursday, July 31 [Judges 4:4-23](#)
Friday, August 1 [Judges 5:1-18](#)
Saturday, August 2 [Judges 5:19-31](#)

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