



First
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Church



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This Sunday

This Sunday we'll stop by the Gospel text in Luke to focus on some questions about faith on our way to a more in depth conversation about faith and justice in Amos.

What is faith? Who is our faith in? Why do we desire faith? (Power, perhaps?)

Justice is not possible in a world of strife. The wicked overwhelm the systems at play and pervert judgments. *Distorted justice is not justice.* The present moment may appear destructive and violent to the prophet (whether in Amos or today), but a new moment is coming. This is not the whole story. *The wicked will not get the final word. Violence is not the only option.*

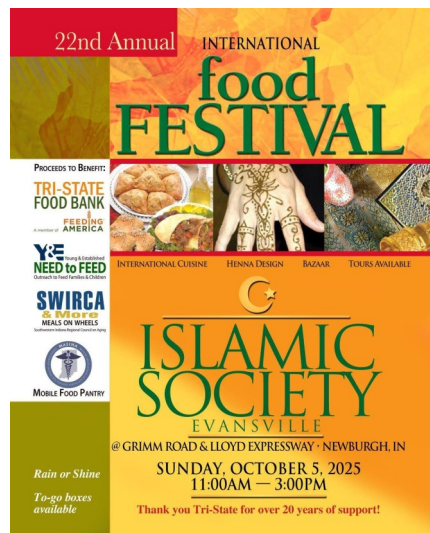
The righteous - the justice seekers - realize that God indeed has a vision - a dream - for the world. If we are the justice seekers, we will wait and work for this dream's arrival among us all.



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

First Light @ International Food Festival

First Light, our group for youth grades 6 through 12, is going to the Evansville Islamic Society's International Food Festival this Sunday - youth and their people will leave First Pres at 11:45 a.m. and return by (no later than) 3:30 p.m.



Adult (over 21) drivers are needed (parents are welcome!) We'll leave First Pres by noon. Bring money for your lunch - entrees and sides range from \$2-\$6, desserts are around \$3, cold drinks are around \$1. We want everyone to participate so please reach out to [Pastor MB](#) if you might need some assistance - 812-872-4882 voice or text. We'll plan to leave by 3:00 p.m. (we'll text any parents who will be picking up at church when we leave the Islamic Center.)

All are welcome (even folks who aren't in 6th through 12th grades). Families who want to drive themselves - let [Pastor MB know](#) so we can connect once we are there!

[There will be no First Light from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. this Sunday.]

Peace and Global Witness Offering

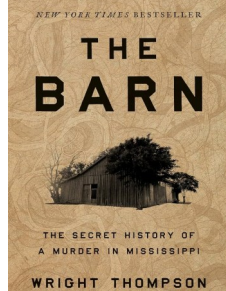
As we celebrate World Communion Sunday this week, we also join with fellow Presbyterians around the world in contributing to the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#). This annual offering not only supports peacemaking efforts of the wider church, but 25% of what First Pres gives stays right here in Evansville. Special envelopes will be in your worship bulletin this week. Please give generously.



October's Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, October 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

October's book is *The Barn* by Wright Thompson. The barn of the title is the place where 14-year-old Emmett Till was murdered by segregationist white citizens of Sunflower County, Mississippi in 1955. The "secret history" is the result of the author's thorough research and skillful journalism and is a gripping account of a terrible and shameful event in our nation's history.



House Meeting?



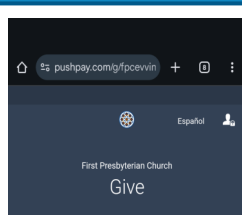
Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE) wants to know your concerns, worries, and hopes for the Evansville area. First Pres will host three "House Meetings" led by First Pres members. These meetings are a space to listen and connect with each other over your concerns, lasting about 60 to 75 minutes. You don't have to be a member of First Pres to participate, just have a willingness to share and listen. CAJE will use the information as a starting point for finding the next project to help make Evansville a better place for everyone.

Plan to attend:

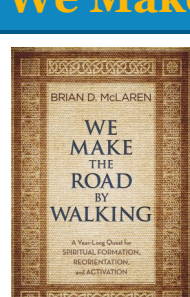
- ◆ Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. ([online!](#))
- ◆ Monday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- ◆ Friday, October 17, Noon in the Chapel

Updates to Online Giving

Did you know that you can give to First Pres online? It's as simple: click the "[giving](#)" tab at [fpcevv.com](#) and follow the prompts. And now you can give via your phone: text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520. If you've given online to First Pres in the past, you'll notice things look a little different - and should be even easier. If you've set up automatic giving, watch for an email about updating your giving schedule. Thank you for supporting First Pres!



We Make the Road



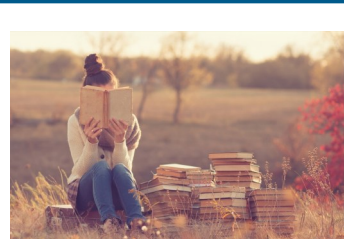
Join Rev. Jerusha in a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation by participating in weekly conversation groups based around Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. Hybrid (in-person + online) groups meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Zoom links are on the [church website](#)). Books (\$11) are available in the church office (and on Kindle and Hoopla), and you can drop in/out as your schedule allows.

Prayer Requests

- in gratitude for our animal companions;
- for Becky, dealing with an unexpected medical issue;
- for the EPD officer and his family who was recently shot in the line of duty, as he receives treatment;
- in gratitude for a life well lived;
- for all victims of gun violence and hate;
- for those who are traveling;
- for grandmother Helen, fighting cancer and pneumonia, that she experience no pain or suffering as she enters the next stage of her life;
- for ones facing personal struggles that are not publicly seen;
- for Rich, as he prepares for hip replacement surgery;
- for all who are grieving;
- for those living in war;
- for peace;
- in admiration of and gratitude for caring medical providers.



Daily Readings



Sunday, October 5 [Hosea 5:8-6:6](#)
Monday, October 6 [Hosea 6:7-7:7](#)
Tuesday, October 7 [Hosea 7:8-16](#)
Wednesday, October 8 [Hosea 8:1-14](#)
Thursday, October 9 [Hosea 9:1-9](#)
Friday, October 10 [Hosea 9:10-17](#)
Saturday, October 11 [Hosea 10:1-15](#)

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