



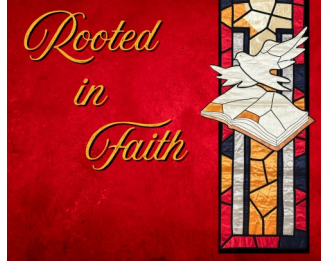
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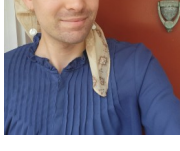
This Sunday

This week we return to our *Future Hope* series. On October 26 we talked about Growing in Grace. This week we focus on being Rooted in Faith. Texts from the letter to the Colossians and the book of Hebrews give us much insight into faith. We'll look at being "rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, and established in the faith." Then we will dig into our primary text for the series which tells us "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," and so much more!



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

First Friday - Tonight!



We welcome Clare Marie Hopp to play the First Friday Recital tonight at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends, family, and co-workers to start the weekend downtown with wonderful music from this talented IU Jacobs School of Music Student.

Soup and More This Sunday!

It's time to stock up your pantry with deliciousness from the Music Department's fall Soup and More fundraiser. This Sunday, November 9, following both services, soups and baked goods will be offered at value prices to raise funds to send young First Pres musicians to summer camp experiences. Thank you for your support!



S'mores and Evening Prayer - Sunday Night



Join Rev. Jerusha around the fire pit in the courtyard this Sunday, November 9 starting at 6:15 p.m. Make a s'more, and at 6:45, enjoy a brief service of Evening Prayer (compline). Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

You Can Help!

The Tri-State Food Bank is in DIRE need of volunteers to help with multiple pop up food giveaways. They have been purchasing a lot of food with the donations they've received over the last couple of weeks, and want to get it directly into the hands of those needing it. If you are looking for a way to help, please consider signing up on the volunteer hub. To volunteer individually, go to: tristatefoodbank.volunteerhub.com/ For questions: Call 812-425-0775 X 2.



It's Jiffy Time!



Calling all shoppers! It's time to stock up on Jiffy Cornbread Mix and bring it with you to church. The Mission Committee encourages you to help feed our neighbors this Thanksgiving by bringing Jiffy Mix for the Evansville Rescue Mission's 104th annual Gobbler Gathering. They expect to provide Thanksgiving food boxes to over 2,000 households.

First Pres' goal is 500+ boxes of Jiffy Mix - you can bring them to the church now through *Sunday, November 16*. If you're not a shopper, monetary donations are always welcome - make your check to First Pres (or [give online!](#)) and designate as "Jiffy Mix" Thank you for sharing with our neighbors in need!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

First Pres is delighted to host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on behalf of the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 19. Join our neighbors in faith in the First Pres Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. as we give thanks for all God has done. You are invited to bring non-perishable items to help stock food pantries in Evansville. Additionally, a reception will follow in Fellowship Hall; if you are interested in helping provide refreshments, click [HERE](#) to sign up or contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#) (sayheyjake@gmail.com).

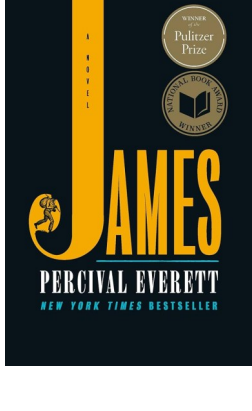


Community Problems Assembly

CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice & Empowerment) invites everyone to the 2025 Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 300 Mary St., Evansville. At this gathering, community leaders and those personally affected by injustice will share their stories. Together, we will identify and vote on the most pressing issues our community should address. Your voice matters - come, listen, and help shape the change we need! Please contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#), [Tracy Shaw](#), or [Gina Robinson Ungar](#) for more information.



November's Book Group Selection



Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

November's book is the multiple award-winning novel, *James*, by Percival Everett. The book is loosely based on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (No need to have read or to remember *Huckleberry Finn* to appreciate *James*). In Everett's telling, enslaved-but-attempting-escape James and white-runaway-boy Huck make their adventure-filled way down the Mississippi River. Among his peers, James is revealed to be much more thoughtful, resourceful and insightful than is assumed and assigned by the white society in which he is trapped. Prepare to be intrigued.

Breakfast with Santa!

Breakfast with Santa is back! On Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., the jolly elf himself will be at First Pres spreading cheer while folks enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and all the trimmings. No one is too old to enjoy pancakes nor Santa, but if this event isn't for you, consider purchasing tickets to donate! Donated tickets will be distributed to families in need, particularly in the Glenwood, Lincoln, and Culver School districts as well as ECHO Pediatrics and the House of Bread and Peace. The \$10 tickets are available from choir members, the church office, and by using the [Breakfast with Santa form on First Web](#). All proceeds will benefit the choir and youth of First Pres. Thank you!



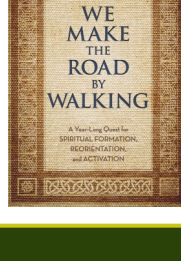
Future Hope



Future Hope, our comprehensive campaign to fund the ministry and mission of First Pres has begun. Watch for information in your USPS mail over the next several weeks as we share our hopes, dreams, and plans for First Pres that will benefit generations to come. If we don't have your street address, you can read the first letter [HERE](#), and the special insert in First Reports [HERE](#).

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

- for Charlotte, struggling with mental health issues;
- for the family and friends of Rocklynn, who passed away suddenly last week;
- for Dawn, as she recovers from surgery;
- for one as she does a brave but hard thing;
- for workplaces and employees struggling with needed organizational change;
- for those who are unhoused and those in danger of being unhoused;
 - for those who are hurting, physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually;
 - for Michelle, as she experiences dire complications following heart surgery;
 - for Alaina, healing a broken elbow;
 - for those threatened by and experiencing food insecurity;
 - for one anxious about their health and upcoming medical appointments;
 - in gratitude for a supportive workplace and coworkers;
 - for Meredith, recovering from surgery;



- for those who must travel by air;
- for one feeling stressed;
- for those struggling with the end of daylight saving time.

Daily Readings

Sunday, November 9	Joel 1:1-13
Monday, November 10	Joel 1:15-2:2
Tuesday, November 11	Joel 2:3-11
Wednesday, November 12	Joel 2:12-19
Thursday, November 13	Joel 2:21-27
Friday, November 14	Joel 2:28-3:8
Saturday, November 15	Joel 3:9-17



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