



First
Presbyterian
Church

Connect



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This Sunday



This Sunday we celebrate Baptism of the Lord and talk about discipleship. We will ordain and install elders and deacons in both worship services (you will be ordained and installed during the service you normally attend.) For a few elders or deacons who are unable to attend in person this week *who have already been ordained*, we will install you virtually. Join us in person or online! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#). **SESSION REMINDER:** this Sunday we will have a brief meeting to receive new members immediately following the 10:30 service and will continue with lunch and retreat until 2:30.

Evening Prayer

Join your First Pres friends this Sunday, December 14 starting at 6:15 p.m. for fellowship. We'll gather in the parlor with candles, and enjoy a brief service of Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. Invite a friend for a reflective, centering way to wind down the weekend.



One Church Forum

As part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events at the University of Evansville, local faith leaders are coming together for a “One Church Forum” on Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. in Shanklin Theater on the UE Campus.



The afternoon is designed as a space for leaders to come together in pursuit of greater unity across the Church in our city. The desire is to gather staff and volunteer leaders, small group and ministry leaders, intercessors, justice and outreach leaders, and emerging leaders, those who love our city, serve faithfully, and carry responsibility within different expressions of the Church. Together, the goal is to seek God side by side, listen well, and contend for what God desires to do among us.

“I Can Do That!”

As we move into a new year, we give thanks for all our “church mice”! From ushering and greeting, to making coffee on Sunday mornings, to straightening the pews, to alphabetizing the nametags and more, these folks have done and continue to do so many small but important tasks around First Pres. And new “church mice” are always welcomed **and needed!** If you are looking for a way to give your time on a routine or occasional basis, contact the [church office](#) with the note “I Can Do That!” (firstpres@fpcevv.com; 812-423-6297) Your offer of time is deeply appreciated!



Our Future Needs You!



*Future
Hope*

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge as part of our *Hope for Our Future* campaign! We are almost two-thirds of the way to meeting our goal of \$1.5 million over three years for the **operating budget**, and we are right at our goal of \$1 million over three years for the *Future Hope* giving. We are gratefully excited by your faithful generosity!

Even with all this good news, we are still expecting to hear from a considerable number of current supporters. Perhaps a three-year commitment is a big challenge at this time - that's OK - feel free to mark your pledge as a one-year commitment! Maybe you're not sure about making two separate pledges - that's OK, too - right now we are most in need of learning about your continued commitment to the operating budget for 2026 so that we can finalize the 2026 budget. (You can make a pledge or gift - one time or over several years - to *Future Hope* giving at anytime.) We welcome your questions and are glad to help you figure out your best way to support First Pres. Don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor MB, any of the Future Hope committee, or Church Administrator Lora Blaylock! If you simply want to call (812.423.6297) or [email Lora](#) to continue or increase your current level of giving, that is fine!

There is still time to join us in this vision of *Hope for Our Future*. You can put your completed card in Sunday's offering plate, mail it to the church, contact [Lora](#) in the church office, or fill out an electronic pledge card [HERE](#). Thank You!

Prayer Requests



- Prayers for healing for a few members who have experienced falls in the past month.
- Prayers for Melody through her treatment for breast cancer.
- Prayers for Dana who has health concerns.
- Prayers for Guadalupe who couldn't attend her mother's funeral because of her immigration status.
- Prayers for Sister Piña Padilla whose mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

- Prayers for our country and the world in the midst of uncertain times and frightening events.
- Prayers for our congregation as we learn to be who we are called to be and to do what we are called to do.

Daily Readings

Taking time for a daily devotional can be a meaningful addition to a faith journey. The link below will take you to the PC(USA)'s website, which offers multiple readings for every day. The readings that you will see immediately when you click the link will be for the current day, but you can pick readings for a specific day, print out readings, and sign up for a daily email of lectionary readings.



<https://pcusa.org/daily/devotion>

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