



First
Presbyterian
Church

Connect



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This Sunday



This week, we are exploring “The Gift of Unbridled Curiosity” through the lens of John 1:29-42. Following Jesus’ baptism, Andrew and another disciple look for Jesus, eventually finding him asking where he is staying. Jesus says, “Come and see.” They did. They were curious. They followed. And eventually, this is how Peter, Andrew’s brother, came to be a disciple.

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

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” this 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.



First Light Youth Group



Jr and Sr-High students: First Light is back! Come and bring a friend this Sunday evening (January 18) from 5:30 to 7:00 for games, snacks, and fun!

4th Sundays at 1st Pres

Plan to join your First Pres friends and family Sunday, January 25, for 4th Sundays at 1st Pres! Starting at 5:30 in fellowship hall, this is an engaging, intergenerational gathering for service, learning, worship including communion, and a shared meal. This month’s meal will be a simple soup supper - watch for more details, and bring a friend!



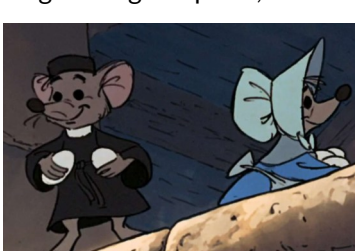
Raise Awareness!



First Pres is again pleased to host United Caring Services’ White Flag Walk on Saturday, January 31 starting at 10:00 a.m. There’s no cost or requirement to raise funds - the goal of the walk is to bring awareness of what it is like to be unhoused during the coldest part of the year. Participants will walk from First Pres to UCS on 6th Street and back. For more information or to sign up, please go to the UCS’ website: <https://unitedcaringservices.org/events/>.

“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 holiday decorating 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 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 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

- for Melody, as she receives treatment for breast cancer;
- for Dana, who has health concerns;
- for our country and the world;
- for Guadalupe, who cannot attend her mother’s funeral due to immigration complications;
- for sister Piña, whose mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer;
- for all impacted by the violence inflicted by ICE;
- for the family of Renee G, especially her wife and children;
- for Suzanne,
- for Jonathan C, as he mourns the death of his father;
- for Pastor William, recovering from Covid;
- for a granddaughter who is expected to enter this world 3-6 weeks early;
- for the safety of protesters;
- for David, receiving tests in the hospital;
- for a husband who has terminal cancer;
- for the energy to make positive changes;
- for the family of Sam F, who died last week;
- for one struggling with a neighbor;
- for those living with alcohol and drug addiction;
- for the loved ones of Pam M, who are grieving her unexpected death;
- for a family coping with unexpected news;
- for Baby B and her family, as she fights for her life with a genetic disorder;
- for blessings for those who stand for empathy, compassion, and love;
- for Tristan, who is home and continuing treatment for AML;
- for E, as she awaits diagnostic and treatment answers for pain;
- in gratitude for safe and restorative travels and time away from the regular routine.



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>

Items to be considered for inclusion in Connect should be submitted to the church office by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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