



First Presbyterian Church



Connect

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This Sunday



This week we are **Longing for Mystery**. As we look more deeply into the story of Nicodemus in John's gospel we're reminded that sometimes we're bound by our certainty, our expertise, our need to be right. Where might we be resisting mystery because it feels unsafe? Where might we be longing - even quietly - for a faith that breathes, moves, surprises, and renews? What if the path to wholeness is not found in knowing more, but in trusting more deeply the God who loves the world enough to draw us - like Nicodemus - out of the shadows and into new birth?

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

LGBTQ Group

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to meet the Van Camps' at their home (259 Washington Ave.) tonight, Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a good meal and the company of friends. This group meets approximately every six weeks for a Friday night dinner/activity, and/or a Sunday lunch. It is our hope that gathering together will spark fun and a deeper sense of community and support for one another. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402).



Singing Resistance Evansville

Singing Resistance Evansville is gathering on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church's sanctuary. Many of you remember or know about justice singing, protest songs, etc. used throughout history as a form of peaceful protest or resistance. Singing Resistance is a movement that has grown out of community resistance to authoritarianism (most recently in Minneapolis). You may have seen videos on Facebook with songs sung in churches and neighborhoods in Minneapolis last month. Here's a link to an example of people gathered in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1197315395774603>

Right now we're practicing at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evenings (there may be more times and locations in Evansville in the future). We're working toward **We The People - Community Sing and Concert on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** and will sing at the next No Kings Rally on March 28. Our hope is that these gatherings to practice simple songs will be moving moments that can give us hope.

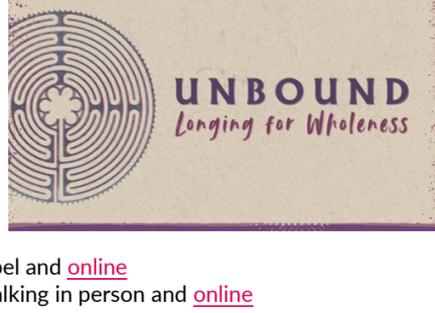
The practices and the community sings and concerts will be places where all ages can gather and participate. Those who want to use music to stand together at rallies or protests in the community will be equipped to do that well. Those who want to be trained to do more direct action will have the opportunity to participate in that training as the movement grows.

These gatherings are open to all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, ability, or socio-economic standing (just like we are). These gatherings are open to both religious folks and non-religious folks. These gatherings are not partisan. These gatherings are for such a time as this. Talk to Rev. MB if you have questions.



Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

This Lent, there are multiple opportunities on Wednesdays to join in new ways to explore the themes of the season. Consider adding a few of the opportunities below into your Lenten practice this year. There's **no** requirement to come to each session of an event, so don't let an interruption in your schedule keep you from joining in as you are able.



- 7:00 a.m. Moring Prayer in the Chapel and [online](#)
- 12:00 p.m. We Make the Road by Walking in person and [online](#)
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper in the Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Practices in the Office
- 7:00 p.m. We make the Road by Walking in person and [online](#)

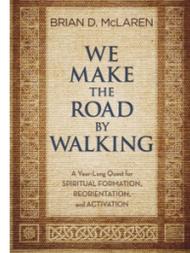
Soup and More!



Get your pantry and freezer ready for your purchases at the Music Department's semi-annual Soup and More sale after both worship services on Sunday, March 8. Proceeds from the sale of the delicious items help send young musicians to church music camps. Thank you for your support!

We Make the Road - Join Anytime!

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*. During Lent, the lessons lead to Resurrection. 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.



March Book Group



Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, March 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

March's book is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. It is a poignant love story set in Burma (Myanmar) that spans decades, following a New York lawyer's daughter, Julia, as she travels to her father's homeland to uncover the mystery of his past after he disappears.

On April 13, the group will discuss *The Great Divide*, a historical fiction novel about the construction of the Panama Canal.

Fellowship and Flowers!



Do you like a cup of coffee or tea and a little nibble while chatting with friends? How about beautiful flowers in worship? Us, too! Sign up on the sheet in the Parlor near the snacks to bring treats (homemade or purchased at 8:30 or 10:30 worship). And if you'd like to give flowers for worship, you can do so using [this form on First Web](#). Thanks for helping add hospitality and beauty to our Sundays!

Church Mice - New Opportunities!

The staff has been working on an updated list of behind-the-scenes tasks and have created a [new form on First Web](#) so folks can let us know what items they would like to help do!

We hope everyone - folks who are already helping with regular and occasional items as well as new folks - will **fill out the form**. The goal is to not rely on just one or two people for doing multiple tasks, but to have multiple people share the tasks (to have a rotation of people in the case of weekly items) and also to have substitutes when a regular 'church mouse' isn't available. *We're not looking to replace any of our wonderful volunteers*; rather, we want to give them some backup and assistance!



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the [church office](#). Thanks!

One Great Hour of Sharing



Prayer Requests

- for Nick and Amanda and baby Palmer, after baby's early arrival caused complications for mom that are resolved;
- for safe travels;
- for comfort during OT;
- for one seeking healing;
- for Dick, Rick, Carrie and the grandchildren of Jane Bernhardt, as they grieve her sudden passing;
- for every student, teacher, musician, parent, principal sewer, mender, flag or rifle tosser, actor, and others who had the privilege to know Jane B;
- for one undergoing a heart ablation on Monday;
- for a friend receiving tests in the hospital;
- for Tony, as he is receiving ICU care at Vanderbilt for advance heart failure;
- in celebration of all the athletes who participated in the Olympics;
- for a marriage facing challenges;
- for one contemplating a caregiving decision;
- in gratitude for a successful heart transplant for Millie, and prayer that recovery continues to go smoothly;
- for one diagnosed with cancer;
- for David Carver, recovering from brain surgery;
- for Denny and his loved ones, as he receives a serious cancer diagnosis;
- for Nathaniel, as he recovers from hip surgery;

More News(letter)!

Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/feb-mar-26.pdf>

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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