



First Presbyterian Church



# Connect

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March 6, 2026

## This Sunday

This week we dig into the story of Jesus and the woman at the well - the Samaritan woman. Her story reminds us that people can be bound by loneliness just as much as by sin or suffering. Many of us carry private stories of abandonment, exhaustion, and disconnection. We long for a community where we can show up without pretending. We long for someone who sees us - not as a category or a stereotype, but as a human being who deserves compassion. What if wholeness looks like building a community where people can bring their whole selves to the well and find that Jesus is already there, waiting to meet them with living water? How will we respond to meeting Jesus?



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

## Don't be Late!

**SPRING FORWARD**  
Into Brighter Days and Longer Evenings

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

## 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!

## Evening Prayer - Sunday

Join your First Pres friends this Sunday, March 8 starting at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship. We'll gather in the parlor with candles, and enjoy a brief service of Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. Invite a friend for a reflective, centering way to wind down the weekend.



## 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.

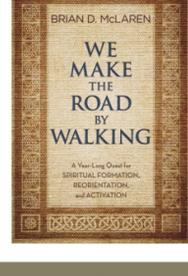
## Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

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. Morning 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](#)

## 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 Saturdays 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.

## Lunch with Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women invite all to lunch...and learn with them on Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Women are preparing a lovely soup and salad luncheon as they welcome the Director of Meals on Wheels. Bring a friend, enjoy a (free!) lovely meal, and learn more about this longtime Evansville program with historic ties to First Pres.

## 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!



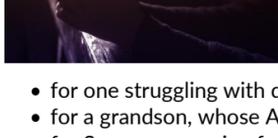
## One Great Hour of Sharing

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*Dear God, we pray for the strength to heed your charge to bring justice to our hurting world. Help us advocate for what is right, that through our words and actions, all people will know of your love. Amen.*

## Prayer Requests

- for all the peoples of the world affected by US military actions;
- for wisdom for leaders;
- for the loved ones of Sen Campbell, as they mourn his loss;
- for forgiveness and direction to helpful resistance for those who want better behavior from our government;



- for the family of Jane Bernhardt, especially her husband Dick and son Rick;
- in joy for today's installation of Rev. Nathaniel Fryer (the Steve's nephew) at Boonton Presbyterian Church in New Jersey;
- for Baby Banks and the family as they prepare for major eye surgery on the newborn;
- for Iran and a quick end to senseless war and violence;

- for a struggling with depression;
- for a grandson, whose Airforce National Guard unit is being deployed;
- for Susan, recovering from the flu;
- for those suffering from upper respiratory illnesses;
- for one having surgery this week, hoping to receive answers to health struggles;
- for Tony, recovering from open heart surgery at Vanderbilt;
- for those struggling with addiction;
- in gratitude for a feeling of forward movement.

## 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.

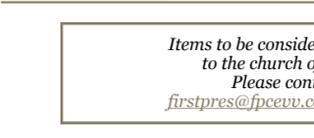
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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/feb-mar-26.pdf>

## 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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