



First Presbyterian Church



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This Sunday



This week John's gospel (John 9:1-41) gives us the story of a man born blind. The man enters the story marked not only by his lack of sight, but by the assumptions others have made about him - sound familiar? What would it take for us to let God heal our own sight - to see people as God sees them, not through the lens of old assumptions? How might our community be unbound from the patterns that keep people on the margins? What if wholeness looks like learning to see one another again - with clarity, compassion, and the courage to be changed by what we see?

Come to worship this Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

First Light Sunday Night

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Bring something (a thing, a thought, or an idea) that helps describe what career(s) you think you might want as an adult. Snacks provided.



Welcoming Folks



We could use a greeter or two for the Sunday evening Singing Resistance gatherings. Greeters would arrive by 6:45 p.m. to welcome singers and direct them to the sanctuary and to stay in the lobby to greet latecomers until 7:30 (we lock the doors at 7:15). Contact Rev. MB (mb@fpcevv.com) if you can help this Sunday or next (March 15, 22).

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.



March 4th Sundays



March 22 is our next 4th Sundays at 1st Pres from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This month's theme, "Draw Near to God" connects with the Lenten Season. Come to find more ways to connect with God, to enjoy being in community, to share an easy soup supper, and to close with a simple time of worship including communion.

If you'd like to help with supper, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8A72FA5FEC61-62930918-soups> Thank You!

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.

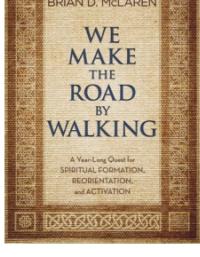
Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

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](#)

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) in the library or on the [Kindle](#) and [Hoopla](#), and you can drop in/out as your schedule allows.

One Great Hour of Sharing



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 for the Lenten Fellowship in the Parlor 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!



Prayer Requests

- for all those who mourn, especially the Campbell and Bernhardt families;
- for those who live with fear: let their doubts be eased;
- for Liz, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery;
- in gratitude for nice spring weather;
- for First Pres and Rev. MB;
- for a niece and her 2 boys, following a move to a domestic violence shelter;
- in gratitude for a friend's successful surgery;
- for the family of Katy L, who died following complications after heart surgery;
- for a grandson, deployed overseas with the air force;
- in gratitude for Josh, who has completed requirements for ordination and will be ordained in July;
- for one awaiting assistance with a wheelchair and concerned about funding cuts;
- for the loved ones of Ben Pennington, a soldier from KY who died in the middle east this week;
- in gratitude for the beauty of the first signs of spring.



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>

Items to be considered for inclusion in Connect should be submitted to the church office by the Wednesday prior to publication. Please contact the church office at 812-423-6297 or firstpres@fpcevv.com with comments, questions, or to unsubscribe.