



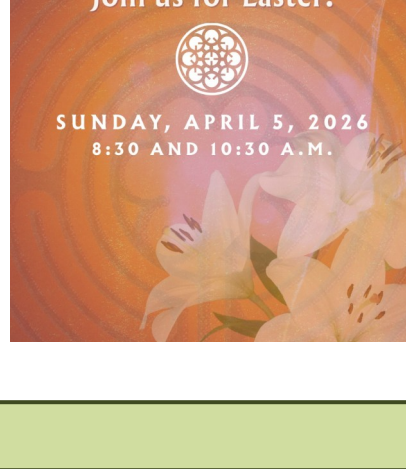
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news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN
April 2, 2026

This Sunday

THIS SUNDAY is Easter Sunday (April 5). We enter the Easter Season with a joyful service of Worship with Communion celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord! The identical 8:30 and 10:30 services include the choir and handbells and will take place in the Sanctuary. Rev. MB's preaching is rooted in Matthew 28:1-10 where the risen Christ tells Mary Magdalene "Do not be afraid!" What does "do not be afraid" mean to us today? Bring someone with you this week!

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



Holy Week Opportunities

We observe **Maunder Thursday** (April 2) **this evening with a service at 7:00 p.m.** Our worship includes Communion and a Tenebrae Service of Readings and Shadows ending in silence in a darkened sanctuary.

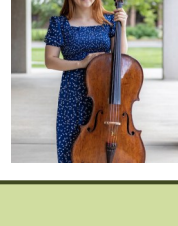


On **Good Friday** (April 3), **Morning Prayer** with Rev. MB continues at **7:00 a.m. in person or on Zoom**. The **building** will also be **open between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** for folks to drop by to walk the Labyrinth, spend time in contemplation or prayer, learn a new spiritual practice, or talk with a pastor.

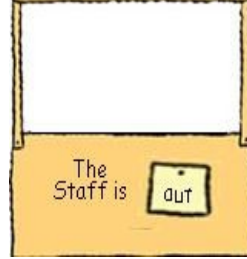
Holy Saturday (April 4) is the conclusion of daily **Morning Prayer** for Holy Week. Join Rev. MB at **7:00 a.m. in person in the chapel or on Zoom**.

First Friday!

We welcome cellist Eunice Kim to the Sanctuary this week for our April First Friday concert. Bring a friend at 7:00 p.m. on April 3 and start your Easter weekend with beautiful music!



Building Access - Call Ahead, Please!

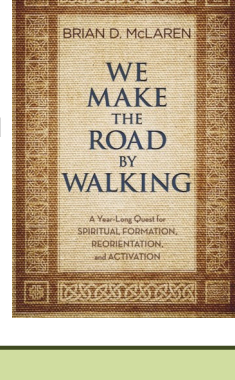


This Easter Monday (April 6) the church office will be closed. The hours the building will be open April 7 through 9 will be inconsistent due to each person on our staff having appointments scheduled away from the building throughout the week. We recommend that you contact us this week, Monday, March 30, through Thursday, April 2, if you know you will need to be in the building the week after Easter. As always, you may call or text Rev. MB for anything urgent or if you need to schedule something specific: 812-872-4882 (voice or text).

We Make the Road

On Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. all who are reading the book and attending the discussion groups for We Make the Road By Walking are invited to join Rev. Jerusha at Turoni's Forget-Me-Not Inn. Whether you have read only one chapter or have kept up along the way, join us for dinner or drinks and a time of connection and light discussion of what we have learned so far. Please RSVP using the following link or by texting/emailing Rev. Jerusha: <https://firstpreevansville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/152/responses/new>; 812-774-7402; jerusha@fpcevv.com. (Groups will not meet at their regular times Easter Sunday nor the week following.)

The overall study has passed the book's midpoint and will continue through to chapter 52 ending in mid-July. We will then begin again at chapter 1 on Sunday, August 1, 2026 and work our way through the book one more time, allowing folks to jump back in and out and still participate in this year-long journey. 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.



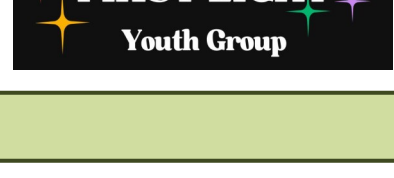
Harpichord Concert

Robert will play keyboard suites by J.S. Bach on the church's harpsichord at a house concert on Saturday April 11 at 3:00 p.m. The location this year is the historic Boeke homestead house, now home to Ross Halvorsen and Lacey Apple and their daughter Elliot. Tickets are \$100 and support children and youth in our music programs attend special church music events, including RSCM Midwest and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference at Montreat. Contact ross.halvorsen@gmail.com or robert@fpcevv.com to reserve your tickets.



First Light

The Youth Group will not this Easter Sunday evening. Gatherings will resume on April 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend - snacks provided!



2nd Sunday Evening Prayer

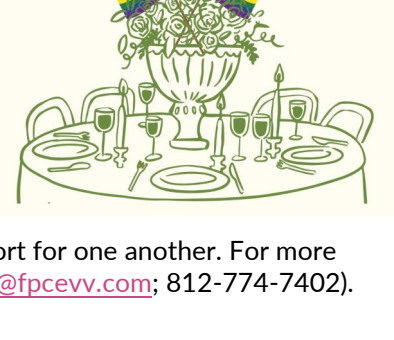


Second Sunday Evening S'mores & Evening Prayer is back on Sunday, April 12. Gather between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for s'mores and connection with Evening Prayer finishing by 7:15 p.m.

LGBTQ Group

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to gather on Friday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bible Bunch classroom at First Presbyterian Church. Join us for a meal and conversation. Watch your email for more details about the menu.

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 gatherings will resume on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12. All are welcome to come and sing together (or come and listen!) in First Pres' sanctuary.

If you would like to help greet people, (eventually) lock the door at 7:15, and pay attention to latecomers through 7:30, contact Rev. MB. We could use two or three people to do this. All are welcome!



Service Opportunity!

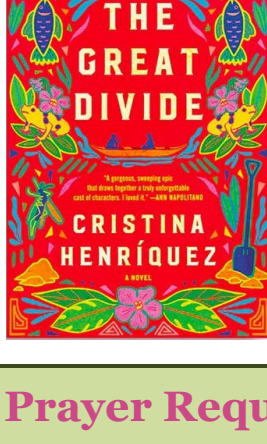
Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve our community? Try Sister Joanna's Table with First Pres on Saturday, April 18! This weekly food ministry has volunteer needs between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. which gives folks who can't share their time on weekdays to lend a hand! See [First Reports](#) for more details or email Rev. MB (mb@fpcevv.com) subject: April 18 Food Ministry if you have questions or to help.



April Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, April 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

April's book is *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henríquez, a historical fiction novel about the construction of the Panama Canal. Focusing on a stowaway migrant worker turned caregiver, an American doctor whose single goal is the elimination of malaria, and a local fisherman who resents the foreign intruders and his son who goes to work for them, the book explores themes of race, class, colonialism, and the human cost of monumental engineering projects.



Prayer Requests

- for Aunt Vicky and family, grieving the loss of a dear mother and mother-in-law;
- for friend Robert, awaiting a liver transplant;
- for Anita, diagnosed with lung cancer;
- for Levi, awaiting answers about a spine stroke;
- for the Griffin/Ricci family as they mourn the passing of Baby Banks;
- of forgiveness and understanding for those dealing with guilt;
- for those who are ill;
- for Evansville teachers and students, returning from spring break and heading toward the end of the school year;
- for a young adult dealing with gout;
- for all who suffer from spring allergies;
- for those with chronic pain - may there be an easing so sleep is possible;
- for the mothers at the VOA;
- for one whose father has stage 4 cancer;
- for one undergoing testing for a recurring bruise;
- for one with alpha-gal syndrome
- for a family traveling to Italy for 2 weeks;
- in gratitude and joy for a 3-generation trip.



More News(letter)!

First Reports

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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.

<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/apr-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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