



Connect

news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN
April 17, 2026

This Sunday



This Sunday, April 19, Rev. MB preaches on Luke 24:13-35. This is the text that describes an encounter that two disciples (not two of the twelve) had with the risen Christ as they left Jerusalem and headed home after the crucifixion (and resurrection, even though they didn't quite know what to make of that yet!) As my friend Margaret Aymer notes in her commentary on this passage, "Luke's story reminds us that our relationship with the resurrected Christ is a relationship of long walks, risky conversations, reframed traumas, and quiet dinners - an intimate relationship between Christ and the church, of words shared and bread broken." May we live into this reminder as we become the church that Christ calls us to be.

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

LGBTQ Group - Tonight!

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to gather tonight, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bible Bunch classroom (Room 105) at First Presbyterian Church. Join us for a meal and conversation.

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).



Service Opportunity - Tomorrow!



Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve our community? Try Sister Joanna's Table with First Pres tomorrow, 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! Contact Rev. MB (mb@fpcevv.com) subject: April 18 Food Ministry if you plan to come.

First Light

First Light Youth Group, Sunday, April 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Join Rev. MB for a conversation about politics and faith (hint: everything is political). Bring a favorite snack or beverage to share. We'll also play a game or two, finalize plans for the **End of School Celebration** on May 3 and the upcoming **Youth Retreat - Exploring Vocation and Service** in Louisville, Kentucky starting Saturday afternoon, June 6 through midday Tuesday, June 9. This is for students who are completing 6th through 12th grades this year.



Morning Prayer



If you enjoyed Morning Prayer with Pastor MB during Lent, or maybe you wanted to, but your Lenten calendar was too full, you're in luck! Pastor MB is hosting another morning prayer series on Wednesdays continuing through May 27 at 7:00 a.m. Join Pastor MB on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81507637449?pwd=1R2i1PJwb6pvHBXshCezV5ABYq63u7.1> Attend as often as your schedule allows.

Let's Do Lunch!

Come Lunch and Learn with the Mission Committee - this Wednesday, April 22, we'll learn about **Habitat for Humanity of Evansville at their new Volunteer Center**. Bring your lunch to 935 Maxwell Avenue at 11:30 on April 22. We'll have time for some fellowship while we eat, hear from Habitat, and go on an interesting tour of their facility before wrapping up at 1:00 p.m.



4th Sundays at 1st Pres



Join your First Pres friends for **4th Sundays at 1st Pres**. It's a relaxed time for all ages to get together for a service project, learn, eat, and worship between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Next Sunday, April 26, the meal will be Tacos - if you'd like to help with the meal, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4DACAB22A0FFC16-63477988-taco>. See you in Fellowship Hall!

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!



Singing Resistance Evansville

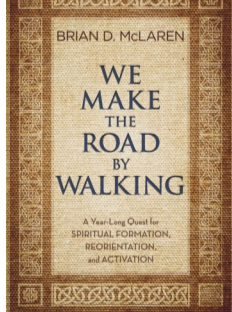


Singing Resistance Evansville gatherings will resume on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 12. All are welcome to come and sing together (or come and listen!) in First Pres' sanctuary.

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

We Make the Road

The We Make the Road by Walking 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.



Prayer Requests

- for Sarah, whose cancer has returned;
- in gratitude for First Pres musicians, especially their leader, Robert;
- in grate seeking freedom and peace;
- in gratitude for the ability to help family in times of need;
- for kids, teachers, school employees, and parents as they wrap up the school year;
- for students auditioning for groups for the coming year;
- for those who mourn;



- for those struggling with substance abuse;
- for peace in our world;
- for Brooke C's father, Tommy, following a fall that resulted in a broken jaw, orbital socket, and two hospital visits;
- for a close family member, receiving further hospital care following a back injury;
- for peace as one endures a six-hour procedure;
- for Uncle Jack, receiving hospital care for kidney problems;

- in gratitude for successful back surgery, and hopes for continued recovery;
- for those grieving, especially those still experiencing "firsts";
- for a family whose twins were born early;
- for Bonnie's brother, receiving hospital care for lung issues;
- for a young mother who is very ill;
- in gratitude for a successful surgery and a lack of pain.

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.

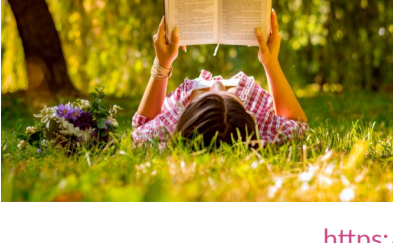
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Daily Readings



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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