



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
May 8, 2026

This Sunday

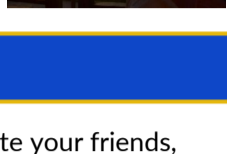


This Sunday, we will hear Paul's message to the Athenians from Acts 17 as Rev. Jerusha brings us a sermon entitled, *Being Before Doing*. We will consider the importance of what it means to dwell in God's presence in the midst of life's distractions.

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

No Sunday Night Activities

A quick reminder that there are no activities beyond Morning Worship at First Pres this Sunday, May 10. First Light is on Summer break, and Evening Prayer and Singing Resistance will not meet this week. Have a great evening!



Spring Concert!



Karl Jenkins The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, coworkers and neighbors, and plan to attend the choir's annual spring concert on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. Robert Nicholls will speak about the work at 3:30 p.m. Donations to help our young musicians attend summer camp and other special experiences will be gratefully received. *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* is a remarkably timely work by Karl Jenkins not to be missed.

Diaper Drive

In honor of all parent figures, from mothers to fathers, and all other caring folks, you are invited to donate diapers and wipes (or money, of course!) to Little Lambs between Mother's Day, May 10 and Father's Day, June 21. Examples of the store brand diapers and wipes needed are:

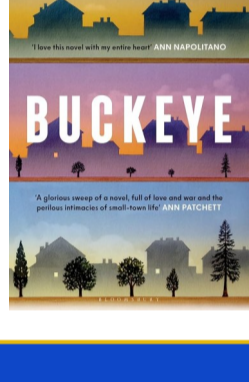
- available at Wal-Mart:
 - Parent's Choice Dry & Gentle Diapers, sizes newborn through 7
 - Parent's Choice Fragrance Free Baby Wipes
- available at Target:
 - Up & Up Absorbent & Soft Diapers, sizes newborn through 7
 - Up & Up Fragrance Free Baby Wipes



Bring your donations to church with you and put them in the pack-n-play in the lobby or make a monetary donation in the offering on Sunday Morning (memo: Lambs) or online at fpcevv.com/giving.

May Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, May 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.



The Group will discuss *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan. This sweeping novel interweaves the intimate lives of two midwestern families across generations, from World War II to the late twentieth century. A chance kiss becomes a complex secret irrevocably binding two couples in unexpected ways and forever impacting the next generation. *Buckeye* is a story of love, loyalty, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

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.

Singing Resistance Evansville

Singing Resistance Evansville is gathering to learn songs of resistance and hope most Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (watch FB and Instagram for additional dates, times, and locations)

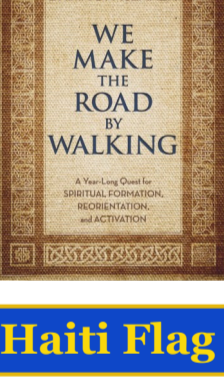


Upcoming practices: May 17, May 24, May 31, and June 7 at First Presbyterian Church (and then Aug 9, Aug 16, Aug 23, Aug 30, Sept 6, and Sept 13; and then Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, and Nov 8). The group is currently preparing for three future events (with possibilities for more direct action in the future).

The first event is the **Flag Day Peace Walk** on Sunday, June 14 starting at 2:00 p.m. Singing Resistance is working on this in collaboration with the River City Rising / Peace Rally folks. The plan is to walk and sing down Main Street from the intersection of SE Second and Main (near the Peephole) to the intersection of MLK and Main (by the Desert Shield/Storm statues).

We Make the Road

Please Note: the Wednesday, 5/13 sessions of *We Make the Road* will meet on Monday 5/11. The regular Wednesday schedule will resume on May 27.



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 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.

Haiti Flag Day Celebration



Haitian Center OF EVANSVILLE

SAVE THE DATE

TASTE OF HAITI RETURNS

May 16, 2026 | 3-7 PM

- Haitian Cuisine
- Live DJ
- Cultural Performances

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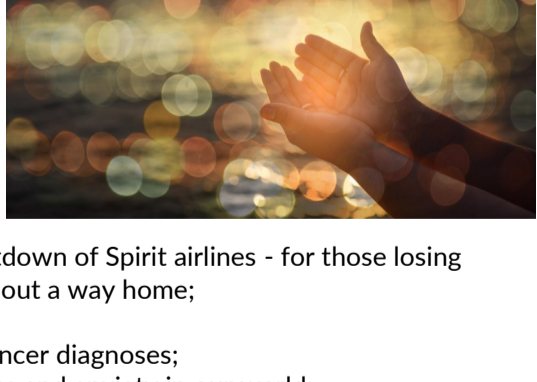
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Prayer Requests

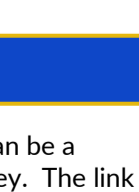
- in celebration of Brian Down's birthday on Tuesday;
- for the O'Daniel family as they hope for a stem cell transplant to treat Tristan's acute myleoid leukemia;
- for Linda, dealing with severe depression;
- for one recovering from surgery;
- for humility and the bravery to bridge differences between people;
- for one seeking freedom and peace;
- for all in need;
- for peace in our world;
- for Crew, a 19-month old diagnosed with leukemia;
- for Glenn, who underwent unplanned surgery on Friday;
- for the health and safety of family members;
- for Jamie, as he travels for work;
- for safe travel for Susan and her sisters, as they embark on a 5,000 mile road trip to visit an Aunt and Uncle;
- for a friend fighting cancer;
- in gratitude for a supportive church community;
- for one recovering from surgery;
- for one who is experiencing difficulties following the loss of her son;
- for safe and wonderful travels for the Kohlmeyer family;
- for students and teachers as final exams and assignments arrive for this school year;
- for Mary B and son Dylan, as they mourn the passing of father and grandfather, LeRoy;
- for an end to the war;
- in memory of a grandmothers, whose birthday would have been Sunday;
- for those affected by the sudden shutdown of Spirit airlines - for those losing employment and those suddenly without a way home;
- for safe travels this week;
- for family members battling recent cancer diagnoses;
- for those trying to cope with the stress and anxiety in our world;
- in gratitude for the beauty of spring.



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First Reports

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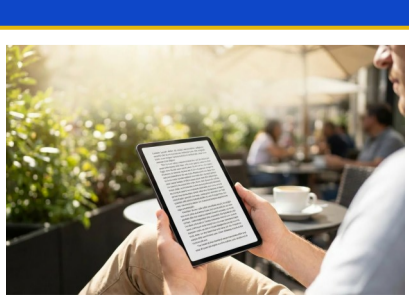


Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/may-jun-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 current 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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