

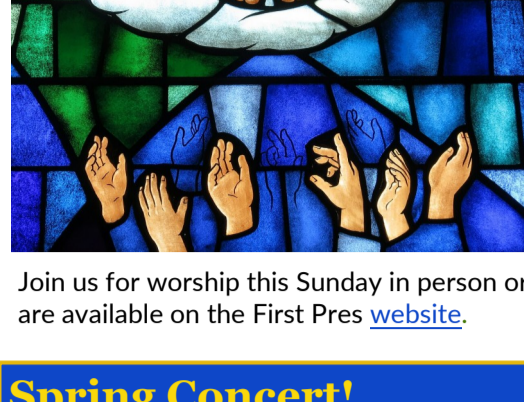


First Presbyterian Church



news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN
May 15, 2026

This Sunday

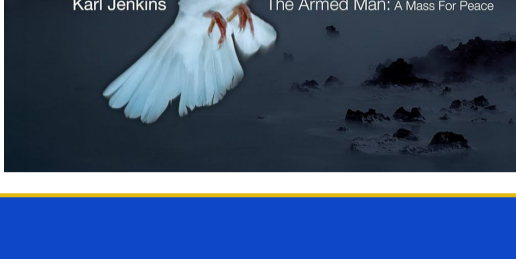


This Sunday, May 17, we will focus on the Ascension of the Lord texts in worship. Luke/Acts shares the full picture of Christ's ascension after the time Jesus spent with his disciples post-resurrection. This is a set of passages where the disciples get their instructions for what's next and then they witness Jesus ascending into heaven. Our question today is what are we witnessing? Where do we witness the work of Christ today?

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

Spring Concert!

Bring your friends, coworkers and neighbors to the choir's annual spring concert this 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.



Karl Jenkins The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace

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.

Gathering Choir

Sunday, May 24, is your first opportunity of the summer to join the Gathering Choir! There are no weeknight or regular commitments - simply join Director of Music Robert Nicholls in the balcony next Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. to prepare a few simple pieces for 10:30 worship that morning.



Pride Festival



Volunteer at the 2026 River City Pride Festival

Show your love and support for the LGBTQIA+ community at this year's River City Pride Festival! Walk in the parade. Take a shift at our table. Buy a t-shirt. Make a donation.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

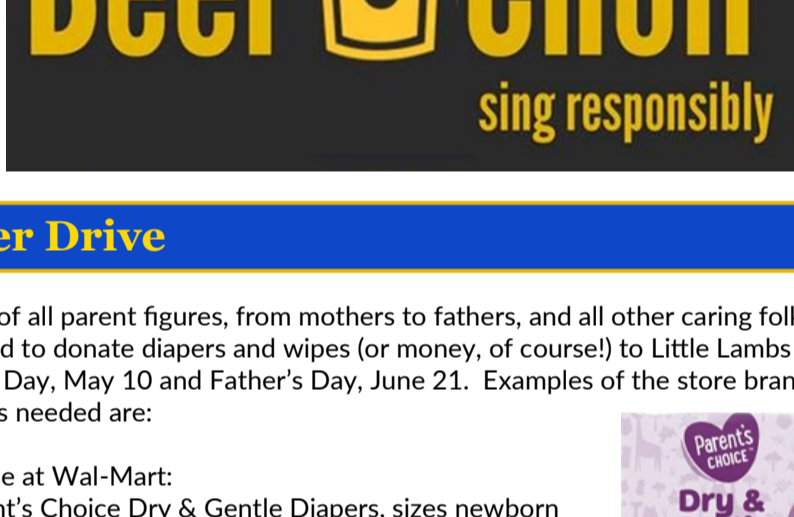
Sign up here: 

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609 SE Second Street
Evansville, Indiana 47713
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Join your First Pres friends in showing your love and support for the LGBTQIA+ community at the 2026 River City Pride Festival downtown on Saturday, June 6. The signup deadline to walk in the parade is TODAY, but there are other ways to participate - from sitting at the First Pres information table to pre-preparing items to be shared at the Festival. Contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com) for more information, or fill out the form by using the QR code to let us know you'll help!

Beer Choir!

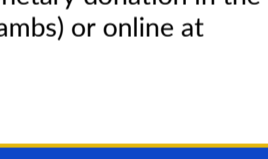
It's back! Join Robert Nicholls for Beer Choir at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at Haynie's Corner Brewing Company (56 Adams Ave). The only requirement (besides age 21+) is to have a good time! So, bring your friends, have a tasty beverage, and let's sing!



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.

Morning Prayer

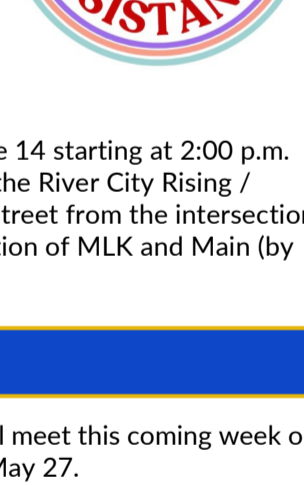


If you enjoyed Morning Prayer with Pastor MB during Lent, or maybe you wanted to, but your Lenten calendar was too full, you're in luck! Pastor MB is hosting another morning prayer series on Wednesdays continuing through May 27 at 7:00 a.m. Join Pastor MB on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81507637449?pwd=1R2i1PJwb6pvHBXshCezV5ABYq63u7.1>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

Singing Resistance Evansville

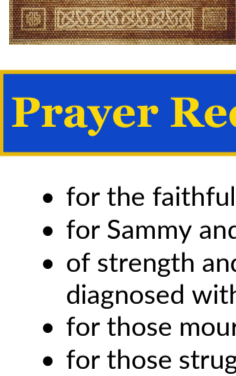
Singing Resistance Evansville is gathering to learn songs of resistance and hope most Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (watch FB and Instagram for additional dates, times, and locations)

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).



We Make the Road

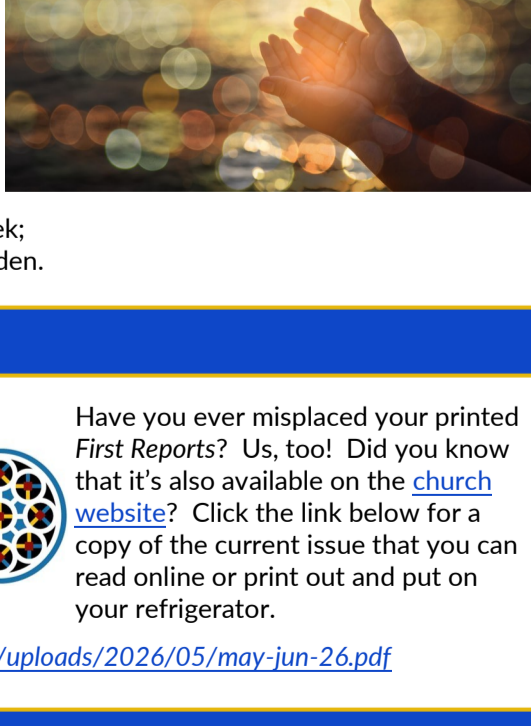
Please note: only the noon session of *We Make the Road* will meet this coming week on May 20. The regular Wednesday schedule will resume on May 27.



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 Monday, August 1, 2026 and work our way again 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

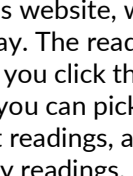
- for the faithfulness of a family;
- for Sammy and Anna;
- of strength and recovery for Sonja, recovering from a stroke and recently diagnosed with leukemia;
- for those mourning, especially the Campbell family;
- for those struggling with substance abuse;
- for those whose pets have passed away;
- in gratitude for grandparents who are deeply involved with their grandchildren;
- for Susan Heck and her sisters, as they mourn the passing of their aunt, and in gratitude that they were able to work with her;
- for Cullen;
- for Tony M and his family, following his recent stage 4 kidney cancer diagnosis;
- for Kay;
- for Brian, struggling with a spring cold;
- for Joan;
- for Tristan, as he awaits a stem cell transplant at Riley;
- for one healing from surgery;
- for Tony M and his family;
- for one seeking freedom and peace;
- for humility and the bravery to bridge differences between people;
- for one preparing for surgery this week;
- in gratitude for the pleasures of a garden.



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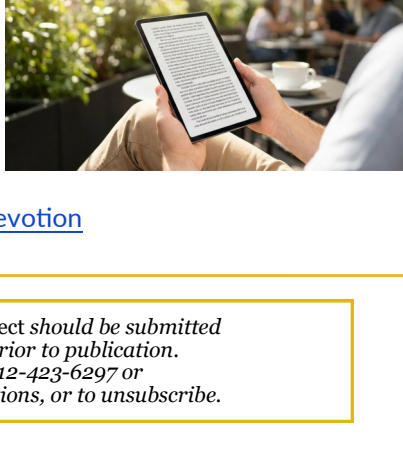


Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

<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 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.