



First Presbyterian Church



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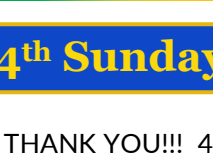
This Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost when we celebrate what many call the birthday of the Church! According to the Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible.



Join us this Sunday as we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in Worship in person or online at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.! (And if you think about it, you might want to wear the red - or other colors we find in flames - to celebrate the day!) Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

Gathering Choir



This 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.

4th Sundays - See you in the Fall!

THANK YOU!!! 4th Sundays at 1st Pres has concluded for this program year. Keep your eyes open for news about how we will reboot this worship and fellowship experience in the fall. Thank you to all who have faithfully collaborated to make these worship experiences happen this year and to those who have participated! If you are interested in being a part of the planning for 2026-2027, contact Rev. MB or Rev. Jerusha.



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: 

First Presbyterian Church
609 SE Second Street
Evansville, Indiana 47715
fpcevv.com

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!

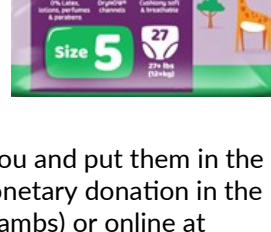
It's back! Join Robert Nicholls for Beer Choir at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at Haynie's Corner Brewing Company (56 Adams Ave). The only requirement (besides age 21+) is to have a good time! So, bring your friends, have a tasty beverage, and let's sing!



Diaper Drive

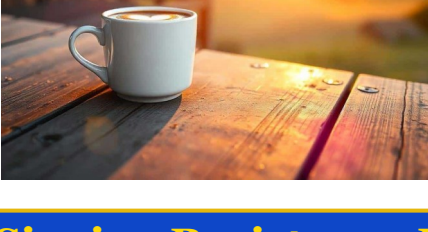
In honor of all parent figures, from mothers to fathers, and all other caring folks, you are invited to donate diapers and wipes (or money, of course!) to Little Lambs between Mother's Day, May 10 and Father's Day, June 21. Examples of the store brand diapers and wipes needed are:

- 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

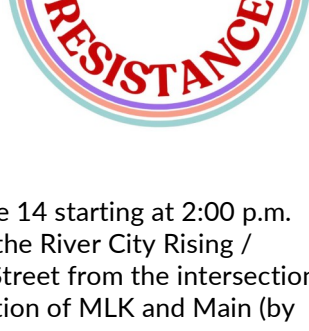


If you enjoyed Morning Prayer with Pastor MB during Lent, or maybe you wanted to, but your Lenten calendar was too full, you're in luck! Pastor MB is hosting another morning prayer series on Wednesdays continuing through this Wednesday (5/27) at 7:00 a.m. Join Pastor MB on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81507637449?pwd=1R2i1PJwb6pvHBXshCezV5ABYq63u7.1>

Singing Resistance Evansville

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



Upcoming practices: 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



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

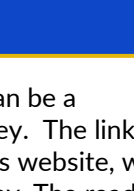
- for Gerald, as he recovers following surgery;
- for family and friends of Dale, as they mourn his passing;
- for Lucy;
- for a sister suffering for severe back pain; give her doctors wisdom to make a diagnosis;
- for Megan;
- for a young friend whose husband died unexpectedly on Friday;
- for Joan;
- for the McKim family, following the sudden death of Mike in a tragic accident;
- for Cullen;
- for Dave Heilman and his family, following the loss of his father;
- in gratitude for the transformative power of education;
- for the Ballard family, as a member battles cancer;
- for one who is suddenly unhoused;
- for those who mourn, especially the Campbell, Stein, and Bernhardt families;
- for those struggling with substance abuse;
- for Tristan, who received a stem-cell transplant on Wednesday at Riley, and then celebrated his HS graduation via Zoom;
- for healing of swelling that is creating complications;
- for Emilia, who is hospitalized with meningitis instead of enjoying all the end-of-school festivities as a HS senior, and for her family, that they put aside hurts and tensions to focus on supporting her;
- for Tony M and his family, as he deals with stage 4 kidney cancer;
- for the family and friends of Nathan Payne, as they mourn;
- for one having a dental procedure today;
- for those traveling;
- for one recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg;
- for Murray, as he recovers from surgery;
- in gratitude for amazing children and the opportunity to watch them share their gifts;
- for our nation to listen for God;
- for discernment and patience in the Holy Spirit;
- for Daryl L and his family, as they prepare for an overseas trip, and for work and homeowner challenges;
- in gratitude for good early outcomes following surgery and continued good healing;
- for persistence and the energy to do the needs and wants of life.



More News(letter)!

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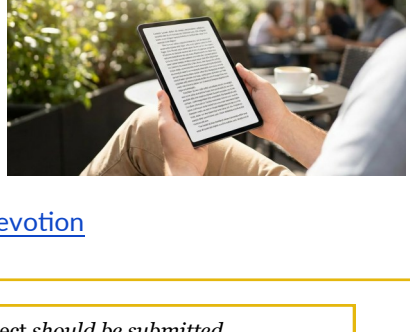


Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Check the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

<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>

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