



First
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This Sunday

This week, our scriptures bring us part of the creation story as well as an interesting passage from John where Jesus talks about being the Good Shepherd. We welcome and bless our animal companions in both services as we contemplate *Responsibility & Grace*. Join us in person - with your pet - or online at 8:30 and 10:30 this Sunday morning! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).



Blessing of the Animals - Sunday!

We will celebrate the annual Blessing of the Animals service this Sunday, September 27 at both morning services! This year, we are also offering an opportunity to have your animal companion photographed with Santa! Those wishing a photo are asked to bring a pet food item to be donated to the food pantry at Patchwork Central.



4th Sundays at 1st Pres - This Sunday!



4th Sundays at 1st Pres is back this Sunday! This engaging, intergenerational gathering for service, learning, a meal and worship, begins at 5:30 p.m. We'll explore the connections between simple service projects, arts, crafts, prayer stations, activities, and uncomplicated time of worship with communion, enjoy a simple meal, and head home by 7:00 p.m.

World Communion Offering



What does the Lord require of you?
...to love kindness
Micah 6:8



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Please give generously on October 4 - when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Pulpit Swap Weekend

October 9-11 will be a wonderful weekend as we share a pulpit exchange with our friends at Temple Adath B'Nai Israel! On Friday, October 9, Pastor MB will give the message at the 6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service (watch for details about filling out a TABI Visitor form), and on Sunday, October 11 Rabbi Gary Mazo will share the message at both First Pres morning services. After Sunday worship, we'll all gather in Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for lunch - there's no cost (donations welcome!), but we want to be sure to have plenty!



Presbyterian Women Fundraiser

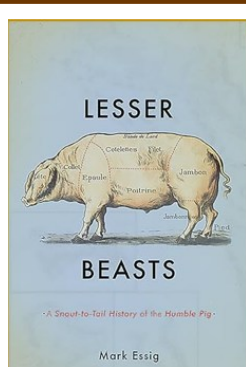


Presbyterian Women are offering an opportunity to bring a reminder of our historic building home with you! From now through November 8, order a Rose Window Ornament at the table in the lobby. There are 4 versions, from unfinished through various finishes ranging from \$20-\$25. On November 14 between noon and 2:00 p.m., PW will host a "painting party" in Fellowship Hall for all who wish to paint their unfinished ornaments. Finished versions will be available for pickup (just in time for Christmas shipping!) starting November 15 in the lobby.

October Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, October 12, 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 *Lesser Beasts: A Snout-to-Tail History of the Humble Pig* by historian Mark Essig. This surprisingly accessible book explores the cultural and culinary history of swine. It explains how the pig's intelligence and its ability to eat anything made it a vital food source for many yet also led to its reputation as unclean and its rejection by whole cultures and classes of people.



We Make the Road



A new year of *We Make the Road* discussion groups has begun! Groups will meet on Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday lunch and evening. Whether you are returning or joining the group for the very first time, you are invited to experience the spark of life that comes when we engage with our faith, wrestle with our doubts, and share our human stories. Please [click here](#) to sign up for the 2026-27 journey.

Singing Resistance

Singing Resistance - Evansville meets at First Pres September 13, 20, and 27 at 7:00 p.m. This is a non-partisan, primarily non-religious gathering of folks who are troubled by the direction of our state and national government who feel led to gather in community to sing and to be ready to sing out in the community when circumstances arise where peaceful, sung protest might be effective. All are welcome. Our next community concert (here at First Pres) will be the Sunday afternoon following the election: *We the People - No Matter What!*



Prayer Requests



- for a mom and her children as they start at new schools and daycare;
- for one seeking to follow God;
- for David, dealing with an infection and facing surgery;
- in gratitude for helpers and all the ways they come alongside us when we are in need;
- for those navigating the health care system through diagnosis and chronic illness;
- for Nancy, following the loss of her mother;
- for one receiving treatment for cancer;
- in gratitude for new adventures.

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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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/jul-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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