



First
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Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN

October 2, 2026

This Sunday

We welcome Rev. Edwin Gonzales-Castillo, the Manager of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to our worship services this week. He shares the following about his upcoming message:

This Sunday, on World Communion Sunday, Christians on every continent are gathering around the same table. In Kinshasa and in San Juan, in Canada and in small towns across this country, bread is being broken and the cup is being shared. Some of those communities are gathering in beautiful sanctuaries. Others are gathering under tarps, in borrowed buildings, or in places where the walls came down in the last storm, fire, or flood. And yet it is one table, one body, one Lord.

This tradition began in 1933 at a Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, in the middle of the Great Depression, as a way of reminding a hurting world that we belong to one another. Its message is as needed now as it was then. Communion is not only something we receive. It is something we live, every time we carry one another toward healing.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE
AT CHRIST'S COMMUNION TABLE.



In the passage we will be reading, four people carry a friend who cannot get to Jesus on his own. When the way is blocked, they do not give up. They open a roof. I like to think that is what the Lord's Table does too: it opens the roof. It makes room. It says there is a place here for you, and if you cannot reach it on your own, someone will carry you.

As we come to the table on Sunday, let us remember the many hands, known and unknown, near and far, who have carried us, and the many siblings around the world we are called to carry.

Join us in person or online at 8:30 or 10:30 this Sunday morning! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

October 11 Luncheon - Postponed

Next weekend's Pulpit Swap and Luncheon have been postponed. Pastor MB and Rabbi Gary are looking forward to sharing time with each other's congregations in the future. Thank you to everyone who was working behind the scenes to coordinate the luncheon, and to all those who had already let us know they were coming. We'll let you know as soon as we have a new date! Thank you!



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.

Evening Prayer

Recenter. Connect. Reflect

Join us for

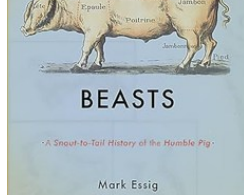
S'mores & Evening Prayer

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Fellowship at 6:15 pm
Prayer at 6:45 pm

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 October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1 at 4:00 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, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.: *We the People - No Matter What!*



Silent Movies!!!

SILENT MOVIES
with pipe organ accompaniment

Friday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Faust

The Phantom of the Opera

with LON CHANEY, NORMAN KERRY, MARY PHILBIN

Saturday, October 31, 7:00 p.m.

Free Admission ~ Suggested Donation \$20 ~
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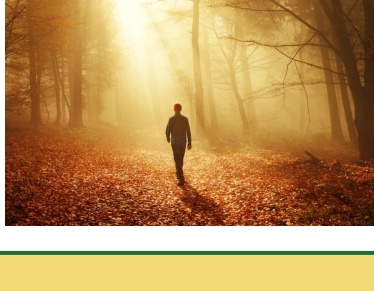
Blessing of the Animals



Thank you to everyone who brought their animals to worship last Sunday! It was a grand day, and we received a wonderful amount of donations for Patchwork Central's Food Pantry. If you took pictures of folks and their animals or animals and Santa, would you share them with the church? You can send them to [photos at fpcevv.com](#). Thanks very much!

Prayer Requests

- for Bridget, as she seeks a non-surgical resolution to a health issue;
- for JoAnne, who is recuperating following surgery for a broken leg;
- for those traveling;
- for those who are grieving;
- for a friend;
- in gratitude for our animal companions;
- in gratitude for the pleasant weather;
- for those navigating life with aging parents;
- in gratitude for another year with loved ones.



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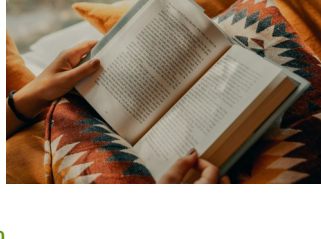


Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

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