



First
Presbyterian
Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
October 16, 2026

This Sunday



The text for the day for this Sunday, October 18, is Matthew 22:15-22 where the religious leaders of the day were trying to entrap Jesus by asking him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus knew they were trying to trip him up and he called them on it: "why are you putting me to the test?" This makes me wonder how often we participate in linguistic gymnastics when trying to solve problems or sort out beliefs. How often do we try to put God to the test?

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](#).

Sister Joanna's Table - Tomorrow!

This Saturday morning, October 17, First Pres will serve lunch (work begins at 9:00 a.m.) at Sister Joanna's table at our First Street neighbor, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There are opportunities for all abilities to jump in and help - from set-up to serving to dish-scraping. Email Guy (wmguycrouch@gmail.com) today to say you'll help!



PW Bible Study



Presbyterian Women welcome all to join them in monthly Bible Study! Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, participants are invited to bring their lunch to room 105 in the education wing at 11:30 a.m. for food and fellowship, with Bible study beginning at Noon. United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, studying 1st Corinthians, will run monthly through the school year. See you at the October 22 session!

Serenity Stitches

Bonnie Rinks (knit/crochet) and Casey Schraeder (crochet) are looking for others interested in knit/crochet hobbies who're either just starting out or have been perfecting the hobby for years. Join Bonnie and Casey in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and help create a community of kindness and stitches. Contact Casey Schraeder (812-575-9830; casay.marie@gmail.com) for more information.



LGBTQ Group

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Potluck



All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to gather on Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bible Bunch classroom (Room 105) at First Presbyterian Church. Join us for a meal and conversation.

This group meets approximately every six weeks for a Friday night dinner/activity, and/or a Sunday lunch. It is our hope that gathering together will spark fun and a deeper sense of community and support for one another. For more information, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402).

PW Luncheon - RSVP Today!

Presbyterian Women invite you to lunch on Saturday, October 24 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. First Pres' own Sue Schriber will share how she serves Evansville with Strength through Faith. We'll hear how, inspired by her family, she works with adults and children in the Evansville theater community to raise funds for the Jacob Ball Wish Fund. There's no cost for lunch, but an RSVP on your yellow worship slip or by clicking [HERE](#) is appreciated so there's plenty of food for all!



Silent Movies!!!

SILENT MOVIES

with pipe organ accompaniment

Friday,
October 30
7:00 p.m.



Saturday,
October 31
7:00 p.m.



Free Admission ~ Suggested Donation \$20 ~
First Presbyterian Church ~ 609 SE Second St ~ Evansville IN 47713 ~ fpcevv.com

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, or click [HERE](#) to order online! There are 3 versions; white-washed, stained, and painted priced from \$20-\$25. Finished versions will be available for pickup (just in time for Christmas shipping!) starting November 15 in the lobby.

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 Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.: *We the People - No Matter What!*

Prayer Requests

- for LD, receiving rehabilitation care for injuries;
- for those preparing for medical procedures this week;
- for Zola, as she continues to battle with health issues;
- for peace for those dealing with loss;
- for those recovering at home following medical care;
- for one grieving the loss of their brother;
- for families traveling during fall break;
- in gratitude for loving family.



More News(letter)!

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/2026/07/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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