First Presbyterian Church



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October 30, 2026

This Sunday



This Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us and recognize that we all are saints in this life of faith. Worship will also include interactive readings and music focused on healing and wholeness.

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.

Silent Movies - Tonight!!!



The Horror! *(of being early to church)*

Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Save yourself the horror of being early to church and set your clocks back one hour before heading to bed Saturday night. See you in church!



Advent Planning



Come plan with Rev. MB in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 4 for an upcoming "Advent Event" scheduled for the afternoon/evening of November 29. The event itself will include lots of playing (games) and making (crafts, cookies?)! We'd love your ideas and creativity! Vegetable soup will be available at the planning meeting for anyone who might need to eat – click HERE to let us know you're planning to help us plan!

Jiffy Mix Time!

November will soon be here, and that means it's Jiffy Mix time! The Mission Committee invites you to bring Jiffy Cornbread with you to church for the Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering, where over 2,200 area households will receive a 70-pound food basket. Our goal is 500+ boxes of Jiffy Mix by Sunday, November 16. Not a shopper? Monetary donations to be passed along to ERM are welcome, too, via a check to the office or by clicking HERE. Thank you!



Remember!



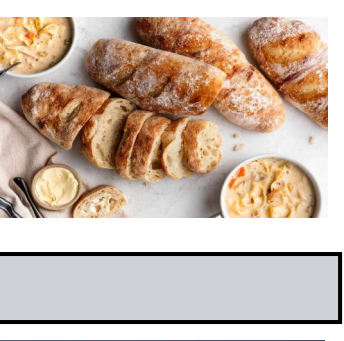
Feeding Mission



Our church next serves lunch at United Caring Services on Monday, November 9. If you're interested in serving the meal or helping prepare food in advance to contact Debbie Meyer at 812-568-6102 or debbiejmeyer@outlook.com.

Soup + Bake Sale

The Music Department is ready to help you stock your pantry with deliciousness! The bi-annual Soup + Bake Sale is Sunday, November 8 after each worship service. Frozen homemade soups, Rob's famous bread, and more will be available to fill your kitchen. All proceeds help First Pres' young musicians attend camp and special music events.

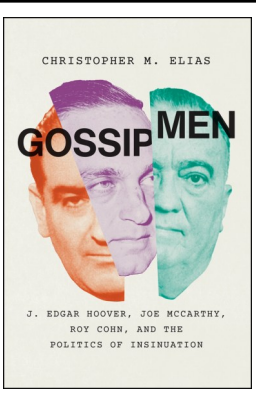


Evening Prayer



Join Pastor MB in the courtyard (weather permitting!) the evening of November 8 for a time of fellowship and s'mores starting at 6:15 p.m., followed by a brief service of Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. If you'd like to help set up, come at 6:00 - thanks!

November Book Group



Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, November 9, 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 *Gossip Men: J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohn, and the Politics of Insinuation* by Christopher M. Elias. This non-fiction book explores how three towering figures of midcentury American power solidified their power through the skillful use of deliberately misleading techniques like implication, hyperbole, and photographic manipulation and why the American people of the '50s readily accepted their machinations.

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.

We The People Community Sing

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



Prayer Requests

- for Ben, receiving hospital care;
- for one having trouble with balance;
- for Rev. John VanderZee and all of his family, as he receives treatment for cancer of the tongue and nearby lymph nodes;
- in gratitude for the ability to worship online;
- for Uncle Jack, as he continues in pallative care after waking up and saying "he wasn't ready to go and would like some ribs";
- for peace and comfort while undergoing an MRI this week;
- for those traveling next weekend;
- in gratitude for a wonderful PW luncheon - for all who helped make it happen and all who attended;



- for the family of Nadine Parker, as they mourn her passing - she taught many generations of the community at Oak Hill school;
- for Jim, undergoing a colonoscopy on Monday;
- for Douglass, receiving hospice care;
- for healing following surgery;
- for one seeking a diagnosis for acute pain;
- for the McKinney family, as they mourn the unexpected loss of their father;
- for Phyllis, as she prepares for surgery;
- for a 25-year breast cancer survivor who now must undergo a double mastectomy, that she has a safe recovery and a gentle adjustment to the changes in her body;
- for those traveling for work this week;
- for those seeking relief;
- in gratitude for fall.

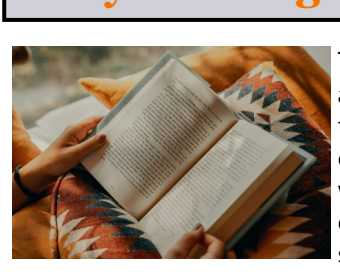
More News(letter)!

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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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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