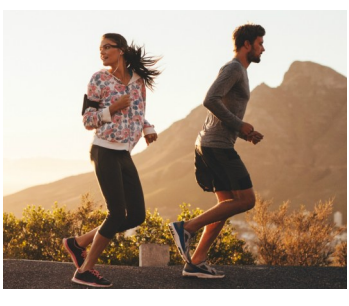
First Presbyterian Church




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*Nvember 6, 2026*

## This Sunday



This Sunday we dig into scriptures that focus on wisdom and foolishness. The preaching passage is Matthew 25:1-13 with the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Come think with us as we consider the ways we might be *Chasing Wisdom or Running from Foolishness*.

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.

## Soup + Bake Sale

The Music Department is ready to help you stock your pantry with deliciousness! The bi-annual Soup + Bake Sale is this 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!) this Sunday evening, 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!

## We The People Community Sing




Singing Resistance Evansville welcomes all to the First Pres Sanctuary this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for a Community Sing and Concert. *We the People - No Matter What* will feature songs and readings that highlight the constitution and express the desire for this country to be the best it can be. All are welcome!

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.

## PW Fundraiser - Last Call!

Presbyterian Women are offering an opportunity to bring a reminder of our historic building home with you! Sunday is the last day to 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.



## Jiffy Mix Time!

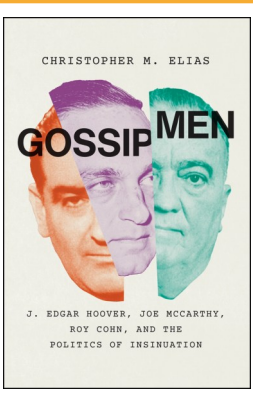



November is Jiffy Mix time! The Mission Committee invites you to bring Jiffy Cornbread with you to church for the Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering, where over 2,200 area households will receive 70-pound food baskets. Our goal is 500+ boxes of Jiffy Mix by Sunday, November 16. Not a shopper?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

## 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.




## All Give Thanks




## Breakfast with Santa!



The Music Department welcomes all to the annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, November 21 between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are $10/person and include a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a visit with the Jolly 'ol Elf himself! Can't attend? Consider donating tickets so a family in need can attend. Click HERE or ask a choir member to purchase or donate. All proceeds help First Pres' young musicians attend camp and special music events. Thank you!

## Annual Meeting & Breakfast

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll have light breakfast items to enjoy, including fruit, yogurt, and pastries. Agenda items will include election of officers to begin service in January as well as approval of Pastor MB's 2027 terms of call. Both morning services will take place in the Sanctuary at their usual times of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



## ADVENTure Party!



All are invited to get ready to get ready! Join your First Pres family in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the ADVENTure Party. We'll have games, pizza, Advent crafts (including wreaths with real candles to take home), and a brief, informal time of worship. RSVP by clicking HERE so we have enough supplies and pizza for all!

## Let's Decorate

Do you like to decorate for the holidays? Join Lisa Jones on Sunday, November 29 as we begin to adorn our building with special reminders of the season. We'll set up and decorate trees, hang wreaths, and place other decor around the church. Please email Lisa Jones (lisabjones3@gmail.com) if you plan to help, and let her know how many folks you're bringing with you! (Although most of the work is done after the 10:30 service, there are items to be done after 8:30 worship, so don't hesitate to participate if you're an 'early service' attender!)



## 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, November 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and help create a community of kindness and stiches. Contact Casey Schraeder (812-575-9830; casay.marie@gmail.com) for more information.

## Prayer Requests



- for one seeking reunification with their children;
- in joy for being able to be present when their wife had a wonderful evening with a longtime friend;
- for one seeking answers;
- for the ability to forgive those who aren't sorry;
- for John, starting cancer treatment this week;
- for peace and comfort for a mother whose dementia brings moments of fear and uncertainty;
- for our community, and our struggle with gun violence;
- for Emma, as she recovers;
- for a grandmother and her loved ones, as she navigates a cancer diagnosis;
- for a friend recently diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer;
- for the Underwood family, as they grieve the loss of a beloved pet;
- for Phyllis;
- for a successful job search outcome;
- for patience with change.

## 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? 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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