First Presbyterian Church



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This Sunday



So, who are you? Are you risk averse? Are you a careful investor? Are you a risk taker? The parable of the talents is often preached in terms of the talents and skills we have cultivated in our lives. A talent in the time the parable was told is actually a *lot* of money (which may totally revamp your thinking about the story!) Come Sunday to hear what may be a new to you way to think about this teaching of Jesus.

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.

Lunch and Learn

Bring your lunch and learn with the Mission Committee about IYG (formerly Indiana Youth Group) on Monday, November 16 in Fellowship Hall. We'll begin eating as early as 11:30, and Katie Ruthenburg will begin her presentation at Noon. Join us!

Learn how IYG creates safer spaces to build self-confidence, explore individualism, and develop friendships within the LGBTQ+ community. It also empowers queer young people, fostering their self-actualization and growth into thriving members of our community. IYG promotes a space of acceptance, equity, and restorative practices. The organization also advocates for queer youth in schools, the community, and through family support services.



PW Bible Study



The November Presbyterian Women Bible Study class will meet this Wednesday, November 18, at noon in Room 105. Bring your lunch and come at 11:30 for fellowship. The topic will be Freedom in Christ. Optional background reading is 1 Corinthians 5–6. All members, friends and first-timers are welcome.

All Give Thanks



Lots of Jiffy Mix!



Thank you for all the Jiffy Mix! We've surpassed our goal of 500 boxes, which will be picked up on Monday. If would still like to contribute, monetary donations made by clicking HERE (or putting a donation in Sunday's offering) will be passed along to the Evansville Rescue Mission. Thank you!

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.



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.



Free Concert!

Evansville Chapter American Guild of Organists
Treasuring the past; creating a future

The Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (EAGO) invites all to a free Semiquincentennial Concert on Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church (704 N First Avenue).

Chapter members and guests will play the historic organ at St. Anthony, celebrating our evolving history with a blend of new and old, including works by contemporary composers played on an organ and in a building deeply rooted in our nation's past.

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!



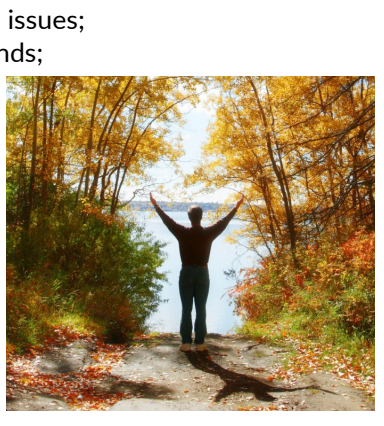
Let's Decorate!

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!)



Prayer Requests

- for JG, who has lung cancer;
- for sisters struggling with health issues;
- in grateful celebration of Marylu's 97th birthday;
- for folks who are traveling - safe and smooth journeys;
- for a young person struggling with their mental health;
- for Mary and her son, who is struggling with health issues;
- in deep gratitude for the support of family and friends;
- for those struggling with health issues - physical, mental, spiritual;
- for a mother struggling with severe hip pain for which a cause is yet to be found;
- for B, preparing for a visit with an orthopaedic surgeon;
- for wisdom as medical providers seek answers;
- for peace for one undergoing a medical evaluation this week;
- in gratitude for so many people finding hope in this week's events;
- for Douglass and her family, as she receives hospice care;
- for perseverance and patience while navigating insurance systems.



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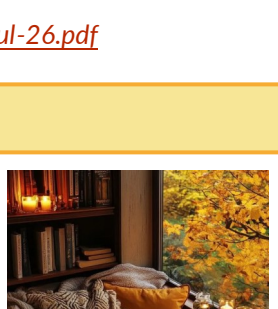
Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the church website? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

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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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