Church Calendar

Sunday

Sunday School for Youth & Adults	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:15 A.M.
Sunday School for Children	10:30 A.M.
Coffee Hour Fellowship	11:30 A.M.
Communion at RiverPoint, Evansville (1st)	4:00 P.M.
Worship at Nursing Home, Mt. Vernon (2nd)	1:30 P.M.

Monday

Adult Vocal Ensemble / Choir	4:30 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.
Children's Choir	6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

Tuesday

Community Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
DivorceCare Ministry at Agape Cafe	7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Session Meeting (3rd)	5:15 P.M.

Thursday

Thursday Bible Study & Prayer	10:00 A.M.
Women's Jail Ministry	12:00 P.M.
GriefShare Ministry	6:30 P.M.

Connect with Us

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Clerk of Session: Walt Brunton **Treasurer:** Jim Bartlett
Custodian: Prisco Sanchez

Session

Bob Bullard (2026)	Chair of Nominations
Janet Johnson (2026)	Chair of Christian Education
Sarah Maria (2027)	Chair of Worship
Jim Bartlett (2027)	Chair of Congregation Care
Charles Hedges (2028)	Chair of Buildings & Grounds
Bill Henderson (2028)	Chair of Mission

Women's Group Leaders: Peggy Luckhurst

Announcements

►You Are Welcome in This Place
We are so thrilled that you are here today! Whether this is your first visit or you're a lifelong member, we hope that you will find God's grace, welcome and love in this special place.

►Sign Up to Serve as Worship Liturgist & Scripture Reader Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board

► Community Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 PM, hosted by St. John Episcopal Church.

► Hanging of the Green: Saturday, Nov. 28 • 8:00 AM
Join us as we decorate our church and prepare our worship spaces for the Advent and Christmas season. Whether you can stay for an hour, your help will be greatly appreciated. Come enjoy fellowship as we work together to make our church beautiful and welcoming for Christmas.

► Christmas Angels' Tree Help bless one of 16 children this Christmas. Select an angel from the tree and provide a gift valued at **$75-$100**. Please bring your gift to the church by **Sunday**, **December 6**. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and joy this season.

► Christmas Poinsettias
The church will provide poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to dedicate one in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

►Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive –Thank You!
We are grateful for your generosity! Together, our congregation donated $3,500 to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and making a difference in our community this Thanksgiving season.

►November Birthday Celebration
11/16 Bob Bullard

Our Mission

Grow spiritually, both as individuals and as a congregation.
Share the good news with those around us.
Bring others into communion with Christ.
Act in fellowship, to reach out and support others.

First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon

November 22, 2026, 10:15 A.M.



Thanksgiving reminds us that every blessing, every opportunity, and every open door comes from God. The church in Philadelphia had little strength, yet Christ opened a door before them that no one could shut. As we give thanks today, may we also renew our commitment to walk faithfully through the doors Christ places before us.

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Thanksgiving Sunday

10:15 A.M.

Please stand as you are able*

Prelude **"Higher Ground"**
by Charles H. Gabriel (1898)
Organ by Rian Napitupulu

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Grace Howard

Call To Worship Monica Collins

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: His steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: The Lord has opened doors no one can shut.
People: We praise Him for His faithfulness and grace.
Leader: Though our strength may be small,
People: Our God is mighty and worthy of all praise.
All: Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving and joy!

***Opening Hymn** **#367 (V1 & V2)**
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Invitation to Confession Monica Collins
Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, We confess that we have often focused on what we lack rather than on what You have provided. We worry instead of trusting. We complain instead of giving thanks. We rely on our own strength instead of depending on Your grace. Forgive us. Renew our hearts with gratitude and faithfulness. Help us to trust Your guidance and walk through the doors You open before us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession
Declaration of Pardon
***Response to God's Grace** **#625 (V3 + Refrain)**
"O Lord My God"

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) Jim Bartlett
Lord God, With grateful hearts, we come before You on this Thanksgiving Sunday. As Your Word is read and proclaimed, open our minds to understand, our hearts to receive, and our lives to obey. Through Your Holy Spirit, teach us to be faithful disciples. Help us to trust Christ, who opens doors that no one can shut, and give us courage to follow wherever He leads. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
Old Testament Isaiah 22:20-22
New Testament Revelation 3:7-13
One: "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3:6)
All: Lord, give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.

Special Music **"Majesty"** arr. by Jack Schrader
FPC Mt. Vernon Vocal Ensemble
Blessing for Children **"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"**
Sermon "An Open Door No One Can Shut"
Rev. Dr. Grace Howard

***Hymn of Response** **#336 (V2)**
"We Gather Together"
Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music **"Shout to the Lord"**
by Darlene Szchech
Piano by Rian Napitupulu
***Response of Praise** **#609**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** **#643 (V1 & V3)**
"Now Thank We All Our God"
***Charge & Benediction**
***Benediction Response** **#600 "Amen"**

Postlude **#634 "To God Be the Glory"**
Piano by Rian Napitupulu



Table Host: Pat & Jim Bartlett
Join us for Coffee hour fellowship after worship service.

Worship Liturgist	**Scripture Reader**
11/29	11/29 Monica Collins
November Ushers	**The Lord's Supper 12/6**

Please continue to pray for God's healing touch:
Diana Bullard, Janis Black, Jeanne & Dennis Carr, Linda Kuykendall, Scott Pretzsch, Monica and Kelly Collins, Donna Hedges, Caroline Henderson, Stephanie Rider, and others fighting battles of illness. If you would like a name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact Pastor Grace.

Special Prayer For This Week

Johnson, Janet* & Karl (Chair of Education Committee)
(Andrea, Aaron, Matthew, Mary)
Grabert, Barbara

Brunton, Walt* & Beth, (Clerk of Session)
(Jenna, Clay & Rose- Josie)

DeVillez, Harold* & Carol*
Howard, Kyle* & Amber* (Nathan, Paige)

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