

Elders <u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis <u>Class of 2025</u> Don Andree Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin David Smith <u>Class of 2026</u> Mike Abbott Robert Broyles Aaron Burton Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u>		
	It is never too late for Children and Youth to join our Sunday School Classes. If you need more information, please contact Melanie Rice (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth).		
	Class - Age	Room	Teachers
	Children's Ministry		
	Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
	Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Kaye Wilkerson
	Youth		
	Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard
	Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207; Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor First Foundations - Room 202		

Deacons <u>Class of 2024</u> Debbra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Sheila Harms Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Mary Thornhill Brenda White-Edwards <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson Lynn Wimmer <u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Tamara Caldwell Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandy McCullar Carolyn Moore	<u>Reminders</u>	
	Elders: Rea Brown, Scott Rice	
	Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):	
	FFeb. 25 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown	
	March 3 - Doug & Marlene Flynn	
	March 10 - Sue Brown , Kaye Ward	
	March 17 - Nancy Poore	
	March 24 - Bob & Donna Broyles	
	March 31 - Don & Wendy Andree	
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):		
Feb. 25 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry		
March 3 - Bill & Karen Brooks		
March 10 - Martha Minter		
March 17 - Barry & Anne Webb		
March 24 -David & Kathy Akers		
March 31 - Ed & Debbie Bennett		
Deacons on Duty:		
Feb. 25 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Moore		
March 3 - Kim Smith & Wendy Andree		
March 10 - Linda Brown & Sandy McCullar		
March 17 - Helen Gearhart Thompson & Tammy Caldwell		
March 24 - Debbie Bennett & Mary Thornhill		
Acolytes:		
Feb. 25 - David Bean		
March 3 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		
March 10 - Bryleigh Trevett		
March 17 - Elizabeth Rice		
March 24 - David Bean		
March 31 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 February - Cereal & Oatmeal
 March - Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

CALENDAR

- Today, 2/25** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering 5:00 am
- Monday, 2/26** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 2/27** Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 2/28** FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 2/29** Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
- Friday, 3/1** Prayers for the Church, 9:30 am

*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
 FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101**

**Please join us this afternoon at
 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.**
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

Welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here and we pray that, as we share with each other and worship our God, you will find here a special presence and blessing of God. If you are a guest with us this morning we hope you will come again and, if so led, consider making First EPC your church home.

FEPC provides clipboards with crayons and children's bulletins for children to use during the Worship service. There are two options, based on the age of your child. They are located in the baskets in the Narthex and Ramp Room located in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.

Children's Worship

Feb. 25 - Jesus and the Children: Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeters: Jeff & Pat Povtak
 March 3 - Jesus and Bartimaeus: Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Mike Trail
 March 10 - Jesus and Zacchaeus: Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeters: Bradley & Jake Caldwell
 March 17 - Jesus the King: Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 March 24 - Jesus' Last Passover: Leader: Missy Reed
 March 31 - No Children's Worship

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024
 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 Interim Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
 Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:
 Mr. Pete G. Guillard
 Organist: Mr. William Turner
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Sonata in E-flat, K. 67" Mozart
Kevin Matheson and Stewart Dean, violins

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 347

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. We have too often lived in selfishness and worldly pride. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbor. May the blood of Christ shed for us cover all our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. To the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
—based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Kim Smith

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–2nd grade in Room 205.
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Join All the Glorious Names" No. 301

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 46:10-11 Page 559

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "At the Name of Jesus" by Caroline M. Noel

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 Page 1156

Sermon "Finding Your Place in the Kingdom"
Rev. Don Hardman

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Page 845

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Sonata in B-flat, K. 68" Mozart

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" No. 103

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Sonata in G, K. 241" Mozart

*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray you will be faithful in your worship attendance & study of the scriptures. Acts 2:42

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship



Next Meeting - Today

Book Study Group

Please join us for a book study group on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. We are presently reading Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund. We have been meeting since the fall and have a lively group but would like to see more folks joining us.

Meeting Place: Don and Wendy Andree's House; 2812 Stephenson Avenue; Roanoke, VA

Meeting Times (Currently scheduled): February 25. Future dates TBD

If interested, contact Don or Cameron, or just show up: Don Andree: 804-525-8363; dhandree@gmail.com; Cameron May: Cameron.m.may@gmail.com

chili cook off
& BAKED GOODS SALE
TO SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM
SIGN UP IN THE RAMP ROOM
March 10
AFTER WORSHIP
FIRST EPC FELLOWSHIP HALL