

**Elders**  
Class of 2023  
 Robert Broyles  
 Phillip Brown  
 Andrew Fuller  
 Lewana Richardson  
 Emery St. Cyr  
 Tom Turner

Class of 2024  
 Rea Brown  
 Mike Bumpass  
 Bob Collis  
 Bill Gearhart  
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025  
 Don Andree  
 Stuart Bain  
 Doug McLaughlin  
 David Smith

**Sunday School 9:00 am**

It is never too late for Children and Youth to join our Sunday School Classes. If you need more information, please contact Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School  
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207  
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

**Deacons**  
Class of 2023  
 Pat Guerrant  
 Sheila Harms  
 Jeanette Hinkle  
 Linda Kappus  
 Melanie Rice  
 Marcia Ridenhour

Class of 2024  
 Debbra Bennett  
 Alison Boozer  
 Linda Brown  
 Clifford (Bud) Derey  
 Carolyn Keyes  
 Kim Smith  
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025  
 Susan Blanding  
 Karen Brooks  
 Donna Broyles  
 Marlene Flynn  
 Helen Thompson  
 Lynn Wimmer

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Emery St Cyr & Al Soltis (July); Rea Brown & Don Andree (Aug.)  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 July 30 - Nancy Gillespie  
 Aug. 6 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes  
 Aug. 13 - Linda Brown  
 Aug. 20 - Dick & Jean Jamison  
 Aug. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 July 30 - Jeff & Pat Povtak  
 Aug. 6 -  
 Aug. 13 - Brenda White-Edwards  
 Aug. 20 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
 Aug. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 July 30 - Kim Smith, Karen Brooks  
 Aug. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards, Donna Broyles  
 Aug. 13 - Lynn Wimmer, Sheila Harms  
 Aug. 20 - Karen Brooks, Linda Kappus  
 Aug. 27 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer  
**Acolytes:**  
 July 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard  
 Aug. 6 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 Aug. 13 - Elizabeth Rice  
 Aug. 20 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 Aug. 27 - Charlotte Bain  
**Nursery:**  
 July 30 - Don Andree  
 Aug. 6 - Tammy Caldwell  
 Aug. 13 - Camille Soukup  
 Aug. 20 - Roseanne Bumpass  
 Aug. 27 - Mike Trail

CALENDAR

**Today, 7/30** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am  
**Monday, 7/31** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 8/1** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 8/2** FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00  
**Thursday, 8/3** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am  
**Friday, 8/4** 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\**

Greetings from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Good morning and welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here, and if you are visiting, we pray that you will return often and that you will consider joining us here at First church in Ministry and Service. First EPC is a caring family of all ages. Children and families are special to us, and this is a great place to make new friends and to grow in Christian Discipleship.

You can join First EPC by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; Reaffirmation of Faith if you have already made a Profession of Faith but have not been active in a church for some time; or by Transfer of Letter if you have been a member of another Church and now want to join First EPC. We do hope you will consider joining us here.

Just speak to the two Elders at the right front of our Sanctuary at the end of our Service today!

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.

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JULY 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Director of Music & Children's Ministries:  
 Mrs. Patricia K. Trail  
 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

JULY 30, 2023

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Praeludium" Young

Call to Worship Mary Thornhill

Leader: The creator has planted seeds in all of us.

**People: May we nurture good deeds and loving kindness.**

Leader: Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

**People: May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

**People: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed, and may we grow in this time of worship.**

Leader: Come, let us all worship the Lord, our God, with our hearts and voices.

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 296

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison) Noah Harris

O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailiness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us feel small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from wisdom.

\*Assurance of Pardon Helen Gearhart Thompson

God is our shelter and our refuge, a timely help in trouble; so we are not afraid when the earth heaves, and the mountains are hurled into the sea, when it's waters seethe in tumult and the mountains quake before his majesty. (Psalms 46:1-3). Jesus Christ came into the world, not to condemn but that all the world might be saved through him. His death and resurrection cleanses us of our sin and ensures eternal life for those who will come to Him. This is the Good News of the Gospel. Through Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Mary Thornhill

\*Hymn "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Page 468

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Act 15:1-3, 6-11, 19-20; Page 1094 Janemarie Laucella

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "The Power of the Cross" Townend/Getty  
Janemarie Laucella, Helen Thompson, Mary Thornhill

Scripture: Galatians 5:19-25 Page 1155

Sermon "A Word on Christian Maturity"  
Pete Guillard

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

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

\*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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory Mission Team Slideshow Evan Rice

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" HS No. 45

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Chant Pontificale" Young

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

## Announcements



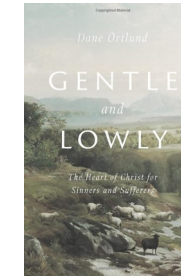
### Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

August - Canned fruit

### Prayer Focus

Pray with thanksgiving - the cure for anxiety.

Philippians 4:6



Dear Church Family

Cameron May and I would like to invite all who are interested in a new Bible Study where we will be using a book called Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers - by Dane Ortlund as our guide. We expect our time together to be a time of lively discussion and deep Biblical study.

We have had four members express interest and would like to have more join us. This is open to everyone and if interested, please send an email to Cameron (Cameron.m.may@gmail.com ) and me (dhandree@gmail.com). In addition, please consider asking any friends as this can be a great opportunity of sharing the Gospel with others and introducing them to the FEPC community.

We have not yet decided on a time slot, opting to get a consensus of the best time from those who are interested. Currently, we are considering Wednesday evenings or Sunday evenings on an every other week schedule. To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, we will meet via Zoom, but hope to meet at times in person. Please note, however, that the first meeting will be **Sunday evening, July 30th, at 7:00** at my home. My address is 2812 Stephenson Ave, Roanoke, Va.

So, please consider joining and send us an email. We are hopeful this study will be a blessing to all that join.

Don Andree

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 8 people to serve supper on Friday, August 18th
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15 to 6:15
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)

Men of Christ--There will not be Bible Study this Thursday at 2:30 pm. It will be back on schedule August 17 at 2:30 pm.