

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
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
Youth		
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
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 July 2 - Ed & Linda Kappus
 July 9 - Sandy McCullar
 July 16 - Teal Bennett
 July 23 - Bud & Jessie Derey
 July 30 - Nancy Gillespie
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 July 2 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 July 9 - Charles Speck
 July 16 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 July 23 - Andrea Guillard
 July 30 - Deborah Mattern
Deacons on Duty:
 July 2 - Pat Guerrant, Lynn Wimmer
 July 9 - Marlene Flynn
 July 16 - Susan Blanding, Debbie Bennett
 July 23 - Carolyn Keyes, Helen Gearhart Thompson
 July 30 - Kim Smith, Karen Brooks
Acolytes:
 July 2 - Bryleigh Trevett
 July 9 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 July 16 - Elizabeth Rice
 July 23 - Charlotte Bain
 July 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
Nursery:
 July 9 - Karen Brooks
 July 16 - Wendy Andree
 July 23 - Bill Brooks
 July 30 - Don Andree

CALENDAR

Today, 7/2 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, 7/3 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 7/4 Independence Day; Church office closed
Wednesday, 7/5 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00
Thursday, 7/6 Men's Breakfast; 7:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 7/7 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 2, 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 2, 2023

13TH 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.)

Heavenly Father and Creator of us all, we come before your throne of grace this day, asking forgiveness of our sins, and presenting our petitions for help and guidance in renewing a right spirit within us. We praise your Holy name and acknowledge our dependence upon you for all that we have, all that we are, and all that we could ever be. Help us to walk daily in concert with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Hopson

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett

Leader: And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you?

People: **To fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love him.**

Leader: Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

People: **Keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord.**

Leader: Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise.

People: **Make the most of your time. Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

Based on Deuteronomy 10:12 and Ephesians 5:15

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 170

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come! Lord, we sing the familiar hymns, yet when the last note of the organ is played, and we depart our houses of worship, we heed not the sermons, the warnings, the admonitions. We choose instead, to go about our daily lives, making decisions that affect us and others – sometimes with, but most times without you at the center of our decision making. Forgive us for not walking with you daily. Tell us to slow down when we run ahead of you. Encourage us when we lag behind and do not keep up. Chastise us when we sit down, declaring we will walk no further! Correct our compass when we stray from the path of our walk with you. And Father, equip us for the walk of life. May we always be alert for the twists and turns, knowing that in walking with you, our pathways will not always be smooth, but we can take comfort that you are beside us every step of the way! Guide our paths that we might walk with you more closely. Through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Listen to the Good News of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came into the world, not to condemn the world, but that all the world through Him might be saved. The birth of Christ fulfilled the prophecies, and His death and resurrection cleansed us of our sin and ensured eternal life for all that will come to Him. This, my friends, is the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus 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 Mrs. Kim Smith

*Hymn "O Father, You Are Sovereign" Page 75

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 14:23-27 Page 375

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Softly and Tenderly" arr. Clausen

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 Page 1035

Sermon "The Sovereign God, a Puny Jonah" Jonah 1:1-17
Chaplain Seth McCormick

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 "Amazing Grace" arr. Lau

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth" No. 64

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Hustad

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

Announcements



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

July - Peanut Butter & Jelly

Prayer Focus
Pray and don't give up.
Luke 18:1-8

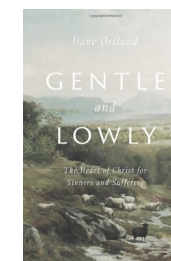
Please welcome Seth McCormick:

Seth is a Staff Chaplain at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and had the honor of serving with Carilion's Hospice team as their Chaplain for over five years. (There, he had the blessing of working with Julie Smith for close to three years.) He is a Board-Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Prior to that he did his Chaplaincy training at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA where he served as the Unit Chaplain of the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

He has served as an Assistant Pastor in a Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro, VA (PCUSA) and in a Congregational Church (UCC) in Gloucester, MA. He graduated with his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2008. Prior to that he was a Campus Minister with the Coalition for Christian Outreach at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Seth credits first learning about Reformed Theology during his undergraduate years at Calvin College (now University) in Grand Rapids, MI where he graduated in 2002 with a double major in Psychology and Communications.

Originally a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Seth has lived in Virginia since 2011. He and his wife Caitlin were married in 2018 and have three children: Noah (12 y.o.), Bronwen (2.5 y.o.) and Ian (5 months old).

Seth is an avid runner, loves to read in a rocking chair, and enjoys being outside with their kiddos. He is grateful to God for the redemption and second chances they have been given in life, having had experienced the personal pain of divorce and miscarriage. Seth and Caitlin are active members at Wellspring Presbyterian Church in Daleville, VA and Seth is on the ordination track with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP).



Interested in a new Bible study?

Cameron May and Don Andree will be leading a study of a book called Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland beginning in July. We will meet at night to accommodate busy work and family schedules. For those that are interested, please contact either Cameron or Don at cameron.m.may@gmail.com or dhandree@gmail.com so we can better figure out the most convenient time to meet. Also, please invite friends. We look forward to putting together a great group.