

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

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	Kaye Wilkerson
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

Deacons
<u>Class of 2024</u> Debra 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

Reminders

Elders: Rea Brown, Scott Rice
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Feb. 18 - Bud & Jesse Derey
Feb. 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. 18 - Brenda White-Edwards
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. 18 - Susan Blanding, Carolyn Keyes
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. 18 - Elizabeth Rice
Feb. 25 - David Bean
March 3 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

Today, 2/18 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 am
Monday, 2/19 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 2/20 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, 2/21 Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/22 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 2/23 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 next Sunday, Feb. 25, from 5 to 5:45 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. 18 - Temptation (Jesus in the Wilderness); Leader: Missy Reed; Greeter: Chris Ayers
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 18, 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

February - Cereal & Oatmeal

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Wondrous Love" arr. Johnson

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

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

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice! —based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 101

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Diana Harvey

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

*Hymn "And Can It Be" No. 455

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:17 Page 936

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "In Remembrance of Me" by Buryl Red

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23 Page 816

Sermon "His Mercies Never End" 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 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" Walther

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "O Lord, We Praise You" Walther

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

Please remember that during our final hymn we receive an offering for our "Communion Fund". This a fund that helps those in need around our community and within our church family. Please remain seated during the singing of this hymn.

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for protection from the evil one. James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18

Summer Mission Team Reminder

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

Next Meeting - Feb. 25



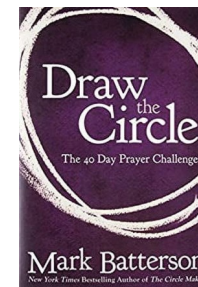
Book Study Group

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; dhan-dree@gmail.com ; Cameron May: Cameron.m.may@gmail.com



The season of Lent is upon us– the 40 day time of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. This year we are inviting each member of our church family to read and pray through the book entitled "Draw the Circle". It is a 40 day prayer challenge that can will build our faith in the power and purpose of God. If you did not pick up a book at our Ash Wednesday Service, you may get one today. Please pray with us as we seek together to draw closer to God.

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



First Foundations

9 to 10am 2nd Floor—Room 202

A good foundation is essential in order to have a solid structure... That is true in construction and that is true in the church.

We have just begun this class and there is still time to join us and learn more about First EPC, what we believe, the Reformed faith, being Presbyterian, and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It is an 8+ week opportunity for those considering joining FEPC and for those already here who would like to explore more about who we are and where we believe God is leading us.

Pastor Don and some of our Elders will lead this class.

