

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: Rea Brown & Don Andree
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Aug. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
 Sept. 3 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Sept. 10 - CP Lockhart
 Sept. 17 - Don & Wendy Andree
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Aug. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks
 Sept. 3 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
 Sept. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Sept. 17 - Tom & Helen Thompson
 Sept. 24 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley
Deacons on Duty:
 Aug. 27 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer
 Sept. 3 - Linda Kappus, Marcia Ridenhour
 Sept. 10 - Linda Brown, Brenda Edwards
 Sept. 17 - Donna Broyles, Melanie Rice
 Sept. 24 - Kim Smith, Marcia Ridenhour
Acolytes:
 Aug. 27 - Charlotte Bain
 Sept. 3 - Bryleigh Trevett
Nursery:
 Aug. 27 - Mike Trail

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill & Buffie Gearhart on their 77th wedding anniversary by their family.

CALENDAR

Today, 8/27 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 8/28 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 8/29 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm
Wednesday, 8/30 Youth Group, 6:00
Thursday, 8/31 Staff meeting, 10:00 am
Friday, 9/1 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*

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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AUGUST 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

August - Canned fruit
 September - Chicken Noodle & Tomato Soup

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 27, 2023

21ST 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.)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

People: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul. —Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 44

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Thanks be to God for His wondrous grace! —Romans 5:8-9

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Susan Blanding

*Hymn "As the Deer" HS No. 49

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 7:7 Page 961

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" arr. Childers
Dr. Erma Rose, Helen Thompson, Lynn Wimmer

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-23 Page 961

Sermon "Does What We See Match Who You Are?"
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 the 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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Reflection" Wagner

Our Gratitude

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" No. 447

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Toccata" Wagner

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

*HS-Hymnal Supplement

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for contentment in all areas of your life.
Heb. 13:5; Prov. 15:16; Phil. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 6:6

Worship Note

As a church we are so blessed with an amazing choir, special music offerings, and our whole music ministry. As we gather in worship, those who bless us in music think of it as an offering of their gifts to the Lord and not as a performance. And their contribution to our worship is immeasurable. Often, it is so moving that it brings out a spontaneous response. A soft "amen" or "thank you Lord" or even applause can be heard all around. It is the applause that can sometimes be misunderstood. Is it for those who are singing, thus treating their gift as a performance, or is it in worship and thanksgiving to the Lord?

To make sure we keep our focus on worship, we ask that you consider this distinction as you are led to respond. It may be that another choice is more appropriate.

Please join us this evening 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

Church Sexton

Our Session is in discussion about the need for a Sexton/Custodian for our church facilities. This will be a part-time position with the exact hours, duties, and compensation yet to be determined. We are wanting to know, at this point, if there is anyone within the FEPC family who might be interested in this position or if you know a friend or acquaintance who might be interested. Please contact David Smith or leave appropriate contact information with the church office.

Pastor Don can be reached by phone, 540-344-3204 (office) or 540-836-9185 (cell), or email, pastor@fepcroanoke.org or dehardman@live.com.

Gentle and Lowly Book study - next meeting - August 27, 7:00 at the home of Don and Wendy Andree - 2812 Stephenson Ave



Nursery

Calling all volunteers...
It is time to sign up for Nursery Duty for the 2023-2024 year!

Contact Patti Trail to be added to our calendar.

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