

<b>Elders</b> <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 Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	<b>Sunday School 9:00 am</b>		
	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
	<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
	Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	114	
	Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	
	<b>Youth</b>		
	Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard
	Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor		

<b>Deacons</b> <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  <u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Tamara Caldwell Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandy McCullar Carolyn Moore	<b>Reminders</b>	
	<b>Elders:</b> Stuart Bain, Scott Rice	
	<b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks	
	<b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b>	
	Sept. 1 - Doug & Marlene Flynn	
	Sept. 8 - Sue Brown	
	Sept. 15 - Charles Speck	
	Sept. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles	
	Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree	
	<b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b>	
Sept. 1 - Jean Jamison		
Sept. 8 - Martha Minter		
Sept. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb		
Sept. 22 - Kaye Ward		
Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett		
<b>Deacons on Duty:</b>		
Sept. 1 - Sandy McCullar & Linda Brown		
Sept. 8 - Carolyn Moore & Bud Derey		
Sept. 15 - Debbie Bennett & Donna Broyles		
Sept. 22 - Wendy Andree & Cameron May		
Sept. 29 - Carolyn Moore & Karen Brooks		



**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**  
 Sept. - Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup

CALENDAR

**Today, 9/1** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am  
**Monday, 9/2** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 9/3** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 9/4** Book Club, 9:30 am; Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 9/5** Men's breakfast @ IHOP, 7:00 am; Softball @ Wasena Park, 7:30 pm  
**Friday, 9/6** Prayer Mtg., 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\**

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 time, worship, and nursery**

With changes in the order of worship there will no longer be a children's time during the service. Also, there will not be a children's worship time and therefore no longer a mid-service dismissal of children to it.

The nursery will be staffed by adults and available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.

Children from first grade up will remain in the service with their family.



*Beginning Sept 4 we will meet the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 9:30AM in the church parlor. Come prepared to discuss the FIRST book selection "Safely Home" by Randy Alcorn. (You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore or borrow from your local library.) Come, bring a friend or neighbor and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540 769 2008*



# First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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AUGUST 25, 2024  
 10:30 a.m.

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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" arr. Held

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: **We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

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

People: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.** —based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

\*Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" No. 700

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life: for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice; for any example that makes it easier for people to criticize your church or for another to sin. When we think of ourselves and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more nearly as we ought. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. —based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

\*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

\*Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" No. 184

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Morning Hymn" Young

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Oh Lord, Most Holy" Cesar Frank  
Handbell solo, Helen Gearhart, in loving memory of Lynn Wimmer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-19

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Partnership Between Heaven and Earth"  
Chaplain Seth McCormick

\*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

\*Hymn "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come" No. 195

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "All Is Well" Sacred Harp

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

## Announcements

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.

### Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other's company before you leave.



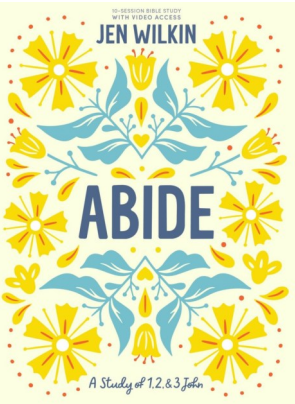
### Prayer Focus

Pray for Godly wisdom and guidance.  
Proverbs 3; James 1:5

This Fall, **Monday Nite SIBS** (Sisters in Bible Study) will study **ABIDE**, a study of 1,2,&3 John, by *Jen Wilkin*. We meet each Monday 6:00 - 7:30 pm. We will kick off our year and hand out books at a fellowship gathering on 9/16 at the home of Terra Wiley and then begin our study the following Monday 9/23 in room 202 at the church.

We would love to have you join us in this study! If you are interested, please reach out to Chris Ayers so a book can be ordered for you. The study guides are \$25 each.

You may call or text 540/798-6919 or email [robert.chris.ayers@cox.net](mailto:robert.chris.ayers@cox.net)



**Tuesday Morning SIBS** (Sisters in Bible Study) Beginning September 17 at 10 am we will begin studying "The 52 key chapters of the Bible". This series will teach us to use the devotional Bible study method by Dr. John Barnett of "Discovering The Bible Ministries" (DTBM). Come enjoy fellowship around the Word of God.

First session homework: read Genesis 1 and 2 every day beginning the Tuesday (9/10/24) prior to our first meeting.

Resources suggested:

A Bible you can mark up, a personal journal and a study Bible. An on line devotional study Bible such as The Study Bible (app) by John MacArthur (GTY.org) or "The Blue Letter Bible" is available at no cost.