

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

Class of 2025  
 Don Andree  
 Stuart Bain  
 Richard Harvey  
 Doug McLaughlin  
 David Smith

Class of 2026  
 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 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	Kaye Wilkerson
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

**Deacons**  
Class of 2024  
 Debbra Bennett  
 Alison Boozer  
 Linda Brown  
 Clifford (Bud) Derey  
 Sheila Harms  
 Carolyn Keyes  
 Kim Smith  
 Mary Thornhill  
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025  
 Susan Blanding  
 Karen Brooks  
 Donna Broyles  
 Marlene Flynn  
 Marcia Ridenhour  
 Helen Thompson

Class of 2026  
 Wendy Andree  
 Tamara Caldwell  
 Bobby Caudle  
 Cameron May  
 Sandy McCullar  
 Carolyn Moore

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Bob Broyles, Aaron Burton  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 May 26 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown  
 June 2 - Doug & Marlene Flynn  
 June 9 - Sue Brown  
 June 16 - Nancy Poore  
 June 23 - Bob & Donna Broyles  
 June 30 - Don & Wendy Andree  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 May 26 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
 June 2 - Jan Tyree  
 June 9 - Martha Minter  
 June 16 - Barry & Anne Webb  
 June 23 - Kaye Ward  
 June 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 May 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Keyes  
 June 2 - Wendy Andree, Helen Thompson  
 June 9 - Linda Brown, Sandy McCullar  
 June 16 - Tammy Caldwell, Alison Boozer  
 June 23 - Brenda Edwards, Carolyn Moore  
 June 30 -  
**Acolytes:**  
 May 26 - Emma & Kylie Woolard  
 June 2 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 June 9 - Elizabeth Rice  
 June 16 - David Bean  
 June 23 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

**Today, 5/26** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45 pm  
**Monday, 5/27** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 5/28** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 5/29** FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 5/30** Staff Mtg., 10:00 am  
**Friday, 5/31** 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\**

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**  
 May 26 - Baptism; Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Mike Trail

**First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

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MAY 26, 2024  
 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman  
 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**  
 May - Pancake mix & Syrup  
 June - Canned pinto beans

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 26, 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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Just As I Am" Mark Hayes/Bradbury/Satie  
Caroline Johnson

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Declare the majesty of God;  
Declare the Lord's glory and power!

People: **Declare the glory that is due God's name,  
And worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!** (based upon Ps. 29)

\*Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 599

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

We acknowledge that our lips are unclean, our hands are unclean, our hearts are unclean. Our sins are too dark for us to face, and too heavy for us to bear. In your tender compassion, show us mercy. Purify us with the coals from your altar. Fill our mouths with your word, our hands with your work, our hearts with your love, according to your perfect will. Sanctify us by your grace, that we may be holy, even as you are holy. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

It is by God's grace alone that we are saved from the guilt and sin of human life. For in great love and mercy God gave Jesus to the world, in order that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. To all who believe, we are forgiven and spiritually born for eternity. Praise be to God!

\*Gloria Patri No. 735  
(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Kim Smith

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

\*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Deut. 30:19-20 Page 201

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Look at the World" by John Rutter

Scripture: John 14:6 Page 1068

Sermon "Getting Off the Fence: Jesus is the Life"  
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 "For Me to Live Is Jesus" Walther

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

New member Recognition

\*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" No. 693

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "God of Our Fathers" Warren

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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.

Prayer Focus

Pray temptation will not overcome you.  
1 Cor. 10:3; Eph. 6:11-17; James 4:7

Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - today



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at  
The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 5 people to serve lunch on Monday, June 10th
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 11:15 to 1:30
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)

Please join us today at

**5 pm in the Parlor** for our monthly prayer gathering.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12*

First Foundations

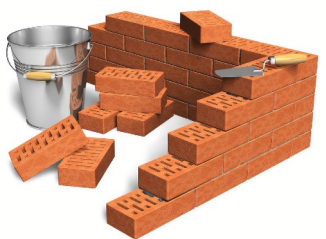
9 to 10am 2nd Floor—Room 202

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

Beginning on **June 2**, we will have another "First Foundations" class for those interested in learning more about First EPC, what we believe, the Reformed faith, being Presbyterian, and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It is an 6+ 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.

The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am with Pastor Don leading.

**To help with materials, please call the church office to register or speak with Pastor Don.**



Please welcome one of Patti Trail's piano students in First Academy of Music, Caroline Johnson, as she plays our prelude this morning. Caroline is a student at Faith Christian School.

Please welcome new members, Mike & Becky Nelson.