

CALENDAR

- Today, 1/26** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Pot Luck; after worship; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
- Monday, 1/27** Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 1/28** 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, 1/29** Youth Group & First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 1/30**
- Friday, 1/31** 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 Nursery

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.
 Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.

Elders Class of 2025 Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin
Class of 2026 Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith
Class of 2027 Mike Abbott 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
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Melanie Rice
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

Reminders

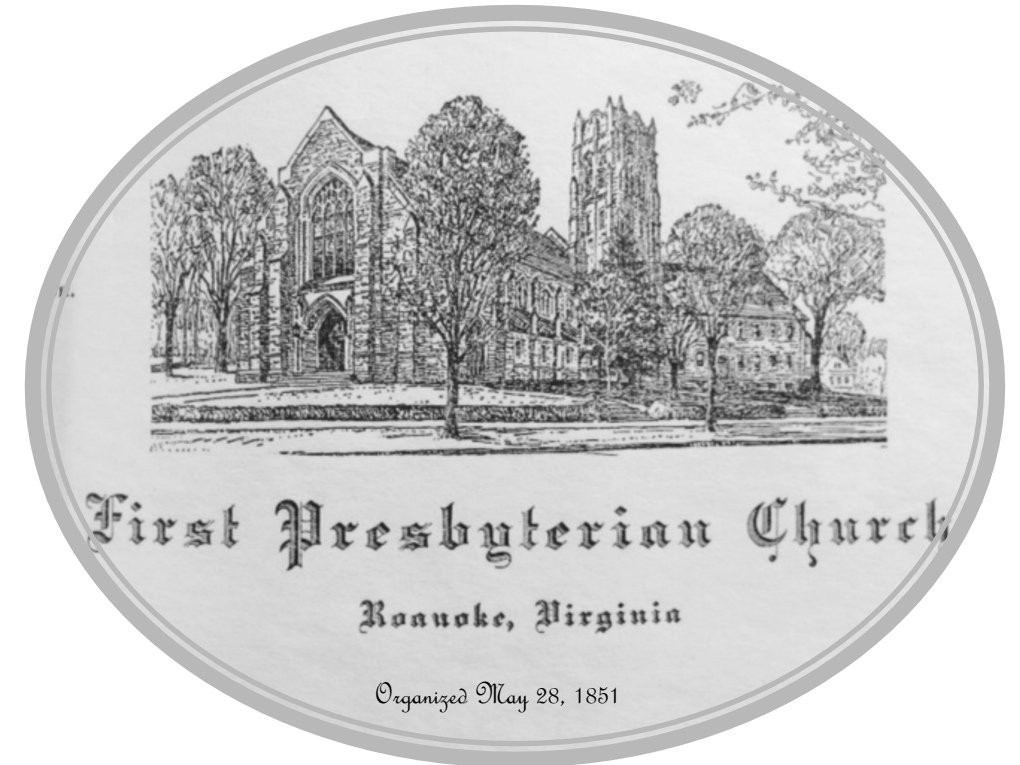
Elders: Scott Rice, Dave Smith
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 26 - Diana Harvey
 Feb. 2 - Nancy Gillespie
 Feb. 9 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
 Feb. 16 - Bud & Jesse Derey
 Feb. 23 - Linda Brown
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 26 - Martha Minter
 Feb. 2 - Kaye Ward
 Feb. 9 - Tammy Caldwell, Bradley & Jake
 Feb. 16 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
 Feb. 23 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Deacon on Duty:
 Jan. 26 - Wendy Andree
 Feb. 2 - Tammy Caldwell
 Feb. 9 - Carolyn Moore
 Feb. 16 - Marcia Ridenhour
 Feb. 23 - Bob Caudle



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 Jan. - Tuna
 Feb. - Cereal & Oatmeal

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JANUARY 26, 2025
 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

JANUARY 26, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Böhm

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! -Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 38

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Holy God, you see us as we really are and you know our inmost thoughts. We confess we are unworthy of Your gracious care, for we forget that all life comes from You. We, too often, have not lived as Your grateful children, nor have we loved as Christ loved us. Apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore to us Your joy. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Hear the Good News! He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

Children's Time Susan Blanding

*Hymn "All to Jesus I Surrender" No. 562

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.

Anthem "O for a Closer Walk with God" by Timothy Flynn

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Arioso" Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Luke 9:23-25 page 1026

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Your Best Possible Life"
Rev. Don Hardman

*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 "Jesus Calls Us" No. 591

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Dialog for Trumpet" Reiche

*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 for God's grace to equip you for everything good.
1 Cor. 1:30; Rom 6:4; 2 Cor. 10:4-5

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - February 9



First Wednesday Book Club Feb. 5. The first part will be discussion of "The Fisherman's Testament" (January selection), then "Some Wildflower in My Heart" (February selection).



Please join us this evening at
5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

Sunday, January 26
**POTLUCK AFTER
WORSHIP**
This will be our Annual Corporate meeting and a time to share about what's happening on the financial front for the past year and the budget for 2025.