

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
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	
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
 First Foundations - Room 202

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
 Lynn Wimmer

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

Reminders

Elders: Bill Gearhart, Mike Abbott
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 April 7 - Donna Broyles
 April 14 - David & Kathy Akers
 April 21 - Teal Bennett
 April 28 - Charles Speck
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 April 7 - Robert Broyles
 April 14 - Sandy McCullar
 April 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 April 28 - Andrea Guillard

Deacons on Duty:
 April 7 - Cameron May, Susan Blanding
 April 14 - Karen Brooks, Mary Thornhill
 April 21 - Bob Caudle, Jr., Helen Gearhart Thompson
 April 28 - Debbie Bennett, Marcia Ridenhour

Acolytes:
 April 7 - Bryleigh Trevett
 April 14 - Elizabeth Rice
 April 21 - David Bean
 April 28 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

Today, 4/7 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am
Monday, 4/8 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 4/9 Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 4/10 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/11 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Mission & Outreach, 5:00 pm
Friday, 4/12 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**

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.

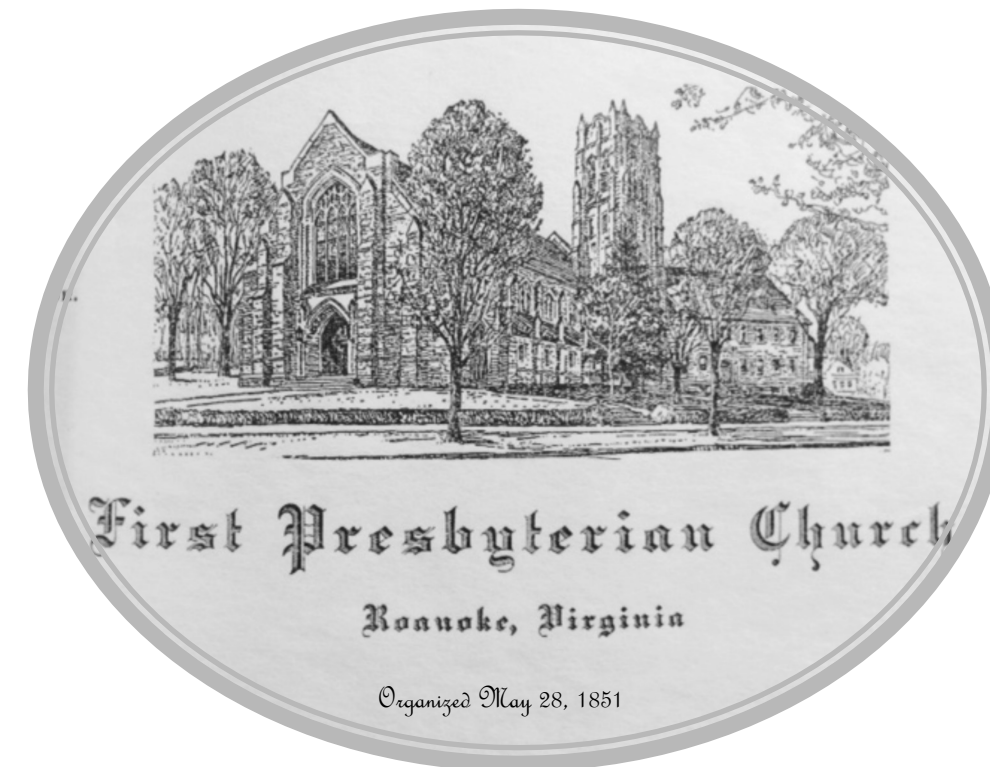
FEPC provides clipboards with crayons and children's bulletins for children to use during the Worship service. There are two options, based on the age of your child. They are located in the baskets in the Narthex and Ramp Room located in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.

Children's Worship

April 7 - Easter; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Mike Trial
 April 14 - Road to Emmaus; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 April 21 - The Good Shepherd & the Lost Sheep; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 April 28 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf; Leader: Diana Harvey

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APRIL 7, 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

April - Beef Stew

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 7, 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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Prelude in D" Fischer

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

People: I will awake the dawn.

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

People: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

People: your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

People: Let your glory be over all the earth. —Psalm 57:8-11

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 295

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Awesome God, you have loved us with unfailing mercy, and yet, too often we have not loved and trusted you. You have shown us your way, but we have constantly chosen our own path and our own truth. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Praise be to Him! —Romans 8:15-17

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Wendy Andree

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

*Hymn "Because He Lives" insert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Job 19:25-27 Page 511

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "From All the Dwell Below the Skies" by Gordon Young

Scripture: Luke 24:36-49 Page 1048

Sermon "You Are Witnesses" 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 "Andante religioso" Mendelssohn

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 654

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Wood

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
How to pray when we don't know what to pray.
Romans 8:26

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - April 14

