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| Elders |
| <u>Class of 2023</u> Robert Broyles Phillip Brown Andrew Fuller Lewana Richardson Emery St. Cyr Tom Turner |
| <u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis |
| <u>Class of 2025</u> 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 |
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| 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

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| Deacons |
| <u>Class of 2023</u> Pat Guerrant Sheila Harms Jeanette Hinkle Linda Kappus Melanie Rice Marcia Ridenhour |
| <u>Class of 2024</u> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Dery Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Brenda White-Edwards |
| <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Helen Thompson Lynn Wimmer |

Reminders

Elders: Andy Fuller, Phil Brown
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 26 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
 Dec. 3 - Sue Brown, Kaye Ward
 Dec. 10 - Nancy Poore
 Dec. 17 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Dec. 24 - Don & Wendy Andree
 Dec. 31 - Bud & Jesse Dery
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 26 - Bill & Karen Brooks
 Dec. 3 - Martha Minter
 Dec. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Dec. 17 - Ron & TK Sharpley
 Dec. 24 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
 Dec. 31 - Helen Thompson
Deacons on Duty:
 Nov. 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Karen Brooks
 Dec. 3 - Marlene Flynn, Brenda Edwards
 Dec. 10 - Lynn Wimmer, Susan Blanding
 Dec. 17 - Donna Broyles, Pat Guerrant
 Dec. 24 - Helen Thompson, Carolyn Keyes
Acolytes:
 Nov. 26 - Elizabeth Rice
 Dec. 3 - David Bean
 Dec. 10 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Dec. 17 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Dec. 24 - Elizaebeth Rice
 Dec. 31 - David Bean



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

November - Mac & Cheese
December - Beef Stew

CALENDAR

Today, 11/26 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering., 5:00 pm
Monday, 11/27 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 11/28 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/29 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 11/30 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 12/1 Prayers for the Church, 9:30 am; Adult CE teacher mtg., 12:00 pm

Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101*

Operating Fund Revenue thru 10/31/23

YTD Budgeted Giving \$532,511
 YTD Actual Giving \$549,733
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$17,222



Thank you for your faithful giving.

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.

Children's Worship

Nov. 26 - Advent 1, The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter, Mike Trail
 Dec. 3 - Advent 2, Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 Dec. 10 - Advent 3, The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter; Jeff Povtak
 Dec. 17 - Advent 4, The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Matter; Greeter; Pat Povtak
 Dec. 24 - How the Church Tells Time - Leader: Missy Reed; Greeter: Mike Trail

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NOVEMBER 26, 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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

34TH 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.)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" arr. Callahan
Gathering music "Thankful" FirstKids
Kylie Woolard, solo

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: Christ the king reigns on earth and in heaven, reigns in the sovereign power of love.

People: As followers of Jesus and citizens of his realm, we are called to live in accord with the commands of Christ who sits on the throne.

Leader: Acknowledging that we, as church and society, are far from God's perfect will and vision for us, we come together to acknowledge our need, humble ourselves before God, and pray for clearer understanding and more faithful allegiance.

People: King Jesus is in charge of us and this world, and through him God's purposes will ultimately be fully accomplished.

Leader: Christ the king leads and rules with compassion and wisdom, justice and mercy. Let us worship God and give thanks.

*Hymn "O Worship the King" No. 2

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess our sometimes mindless obeisance to the ruling powers in our contemporary world. We do what we think we must do, and pay what we must pay. We buy what we are convinced to buy, and join what we are expected to join. We confess the weakness of our will, either because of lethargy or our fear of social isolation or disfavor. We forget Jesus' command to first love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are called to share in Christ's ethic of justice, freedom, and peace for all. Forgive our lack of courage, our too-ready acquiescence, our believing we are powerless when in truth all the power of heaven supports us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of Paul, "There is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom 3:22-24). We are forgiven; we are free. All praise to King Jesus through whom we have this wondrous assurance!

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Rev. Don Hardman

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-3rd grade in Room 205. Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 347

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 4:19 Page 1164

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Christus Paradox" Fedak

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 Page 962

Sermon "Who Me...Worry?" 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Bish

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Young

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for God's grace to equip you for everything good.
1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 6:4; Heb. 5:12

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

There will not be a prayer gathering in December.
Join us at 7PM for our Christmas Eve Service.

The Session has received a letter from Patti Trail, the Director of both our Music and Children's Ministries, that she will be retiring as of the end of January 2024. It is with a real sense of sadness that your Session has accepted her retirement notice. Patti has faithfully served our church family for over 22 years and her gifts will be greatly missed. However, while stepping back from her leadership roles, she will continue to be a part of First Academy of Music, giving piano lessons, assisting with Roanoke Baroque, and Roanoke Valley Choral Society. AND most importantly as a member of our church family. We have been blessed and are very thankful for the ministry that Patti has had at FEPC.

The Mission and Outreach Commission would like to thank everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Our congregation returned 79 shoeboxes and the boxes are all now on their way to the national shipping center in Charlotte. Please be sure to continue praying for the child who will receive your shoebox and have an opportunity to be introduced to Jesus Christ.

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| Christus Paradox Text | You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer Of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. | You, who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. |
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Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993)