

Elders <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	<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u>		
	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		

Deacons <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	<u>Reminders</u>	
	Elders: Stuart Bain, Scott Rice	
	Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):	
	Sept. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles	
	Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree	
	Oct. 6 - Nancy Poore	
	Oct. 13 - David & Kathy Akers	
	Oct. 20 - Teal Bennett	
	Oct. 27 - Diana Harvey	
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):		
Sept. 22 - Kaye Ward		
Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett		
Oct. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards		
Oct. 13 - Sandy McCullar		
Oct. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak		
Oct. 27 - Martha Minter		
Deacons on Duty:		
Sept. 22 - Wendy Andree & Cameron May		
Sept. 29 - Carolyn Moore & Karen Brooks		
Oct. 6 - Carolyn Moore, Bob Caudle		
Oct. 13 - Wendy Andree, Karen Brooks		
Oct. 20 - Kim Smith, Tammy Caldwell		
Oct. 27 - Alison Boozer, Marcia Ridenhour		

CALENDAR	
Today, 9/22	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Planning Mtg., 11:45 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm; Circle of Hope Book Club, 5:30 pm
Monday, 9/23	Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 9/24	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; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/25	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 9/26	Softball @ Wasena Park, 8:30 pm
Friday, 9/27	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 staffed by adults available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.
Children from first grade up should remain in the service with their family.

The Session is calling a Congregation Meeting following worship on Sunday, September 29 for the purposes of:

- To seek the approval of the congregation to re-size the Session from 15 to 9 members and re-setting the Classes. Additionally, the Session requests the approval of the congregation to re-size the Diaconate from its present membership of 21 to 12 members and re-set the Classes.
- To recommend that, if needed, the Session be allowed to serve as an officer nominating committee to nominate to the congregation, at a future meeting this Fall, names of persons to serve on the Diaconate.
- To receive recommendations from the Session and proceed with the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee.

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SEPTEMBER 22, 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



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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 22 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "O Loving Savior" Gounod

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
Leader: for he is our God
**People: and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

—Psalm 95:6-7

*Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" No. 420

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Kim Smith

*Hymn "Not All the Blood of Beasts" No. 242

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 "The Gift of Love" by Hal H. Hopson

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Hymnus" von Felitz

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Hebrews 10:32-36 page 1191

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Good Old Days: Reconnect - With the Victories"
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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" insert

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Recessional" Asper


*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 you will faithful in your worship attendance and study of the scriptures. Acts 2:42



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



FEAST @ FIRST
OCT. 2; 6PM
FIRST EPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

First Wednesday Book club selection for Oct. 2 is, "The Widow of Larkspur Inn" by Lawana Blackwell.



CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Hunger Walk
Collections will be taken in the Ramp Room and Narthex.

Our Worship Commission is continuing to work with different formats for our order of worship. We welcome any thoughts that you might share which could make our worship experience more meaningful. In order to collect these suggestions, please continue to send them via email or in writing to the church office at lwright@fepcroanoke.org.