

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
 Debra 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: Michael Ridenhour, David Smith
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 March 17 - Nancy Poore
 March 24 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 March 31 - Don & Wendy Andree
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 March 17 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
 March 24 - David & Kathy Akers
 March 31 - Barry & Anne Webb
Deacons on Duty:
 March 17 - Helen Gearhart Thompson & Tammy Caldwell
 March 24 - Debbie Bennett & Wendy Andree
Acolytes:
 March 17 - Elizabeth Rice
 March 24 - David Bean
 March 31 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

Today, 3/17 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 3/18 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 3/19 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, 3/20 Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 3/21 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm; Preschool Pizza & Art night, 5:00 pm
Friday, 3/22 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*

**Please join us March 24 at
 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.**
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

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

March 17 - Jesus the King: Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 March 24 - Jesus' Last Passover: Leader: Missy Reed
 March 31 - No Children's Worship

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MARCH 17, 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

March - Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 17, 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 God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:

Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

**People: We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

—based on Psalm 108:14

*Hymn "Just As I Am, without One Plea" No. 501

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ has served us. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
—from Matthew 11:28-30

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

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

Kim Smith

*Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 691

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 62:5-8 Page 568

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Brother James' Air"
by James Leith MacBeth Bain, arr. Alan Bullard
Keith Olivier, solo

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 Page 974

Sermon "Facing Adversity"
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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 521

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless" arr. Bach

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray we would share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 29:19; John 15:8

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - March 24



First EPC
Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service; March 24, 2024;
10:30 am

Maunder Thursday Service; March 28, 2024;
7:00 pm

Good Friday; March 29, 2024; 7:00 pm
"St. John Passion"

Roanoke Baroque, singers from the
Roanoke Valley Choral Society, First EPC,
and St. John Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday Service; March 31, 2024;
10:30 am

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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 6 people to serve supper on Monday, April 1st
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15 to 6:15
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)



THE PASSION
ACCORDING TO
ST. JOHN
BY: J. S. BACH

PERFORMED BY ROANOQUE BAROQUE

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29, 2024 | 7PM
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