

| 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 | <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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204. | | |
| | Class - Age | Room | Teachers |
| | 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 | | |

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| Deacons <u>Class of 2023</u> Pat Guerrant Sheila Harms Jeanette Hinkle Linda Kappus Melanie Rice Marcia Ridenhour <u>Class of 2024</u> Debbra 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 | <u>Reminders</u> | |
| | Elders: Rea Brown & Don Andree | |
| | Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown | |
| | Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): | |
| | Aug. 20 - Dick & Jean Jamison | |
| | Aug. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn | |
| | Sept. 3 - Bob & Donna Broyles | |
| | Sept. 10 - CP Lockhart | |
| | Sept. 17 - Don & Wendy Andree | |
| | Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): | |
| Aug. 20 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry | | |
| Aug. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks | | |
| Sept. 3 - Ed & Debbie Bennett | | |
| Sept. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb | | |
| Sept. 17 - Tom & Helen Thompson | | |
| Sept. 24 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley | | |
| Deacons on Duty: | | |
| Aug. 20 - Karen Brooks, Linda Kappus | | |
| Aug. 27 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer | | |
| Sept. 3 - Linda Kappus, Marcia Ridenhour | | |
| Sept. 10 - Linda Brown, Brenda Edwards | | |
| Sept. 17 - Donna Broyles, Melanie Rice | | |
| Acolytes: | | |
| Aug. 20 - Bryleigh Trevett | | |
| Aug. 27 - Charlotte Bain | | |
| Sept. 3 - Bryleigh Trevett | | |
| Nursery: | | |
| Aug. 20 - Roseanne Bumpass | | |
| Aug. 27 - Mike Trail | | |

CALENDAR

- Today, 8/20** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Meeting, 5:00 pm
- Monday, 8/21** Church office closed on Mondays
- Tuesday, 8/22** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm
- Wednesday, 8/23** Youth Group, 6:00
- Thursday, 8/24** Staff meeting, 10:00 am
- Friday, 8/25** 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**

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.



First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2101 South Jefferson Street
 P.O. Box 8538
 Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
 (540-344-3204)
 www.fepcroanoke.org



AUGUST 20, 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

AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH 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 God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 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 108:1-4

*Hymn "Come, Thou, Almighty King" No. 101

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and all-holy Father: we confess ourselves unworthy of your unspeakable gift. We have not loved you as we ought; nor have we always been loving to one another, nor kind-hearted, forgiving one another, even as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us. We have too often forgotten your goodness, and taken your blessings for granted, without gratitude, and without a generous spirit toward others. In your mercy, forgive and blot out our offenses through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Renew our minds, sanctify our hearts, and transform our lives by the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit. Having received the grace of your compassion, may we be more gracious and compassionate toward others. Having received your blessings for body and soul, may we be truly thankful, mindful of the needs of others, and ever willing to follow Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we no longer live for ourselves but for Him who loved us and gave up Himself for us; in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Susan Blanding

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 457

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31 Page 715

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Forrest
Ladies of the Chancel Choir

Scripture: Matthew 9:27-29 Page 964

Sermon "What Do You Expect of God?"
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 the 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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Prayer" Saint-Saëns

Our Gratitude

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" No. 498

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Psalm 19" Marcello/Biggs

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

Announcements



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

August - Canned fruit

Prayer Focus

Acknowledge your dependence on God through prayer.

Ps. 139:14-16; Ps. 104:29; Lamentations 3:22-23

Gentle and Lowly Book study - next meeting - August 20, 7:00 at the home of Don and Wendy Andree - 2812 Stephenson Ave

There is a Session meeting this evening at 5:00 pm.

Please join us August 27 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



Nursery

Calling all
volunteers...
It is time to
sign up for
Nursery Duty
for the 2023-
2024 year!

Contact Patti Trail to be added to our calendar.

ptrail@fepcroanoke.org

We welcome Bryan Matheson, one of our teachers in the First Academy of Music, as guest musician today. Violist Bryan Matheson is a founding member of the Classic Strings Duo with his brother, Kevin, and received critical acclaim at their Carnegie Weill Recital Hall debut as part of the Ibla Grand Prize competition winners' tour. The duo has been recognized for its mesmerizing and spirited performances - two perfect virtuosos, playing as one. Concert tours of Japan included performances at Yamaha Hall in Tokyo. They have also performed in Sicily, Ireland, and the Czech Republic. Bryan holds a contract with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and is First Alternate for West Virginia Symphony. He tours for the Virginia Commission for the Arts as violist in the Rainier Trio. Bryan is also a passionate educator having taught in the Virginia Tech Fine Arts Initiative, the Renaissance Music Academy, Chatham Hall, The Carlisle School and Washington and Lee University. He is currently faculty at Hollins University and maintains a large private studio in Roanoke. You can follow him at: www.classicstringsduo.com