

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	
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> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey 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: Don Andree, Rea Brown Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Jan. 7 - Donna Broyles Jan. 14 - Kaye Wilkerson Jan. 21 - Teal Bennett Jan. 28 - Charles Speck Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Jan. 7 - Robert Broyles Jan. 14 - Sandy McCullar Jan. 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak Jan. 28 - Andrea Guillard	
Deacons on Duty: Jan. 7 - Linda Brown, Debbie Bennett Jan. 14 - Marcia Ridenhour, Kim Smith Jan. 21 - Lynn Wimmer, Helen Gearhart Thompson Jan. 28 - Alison Boozer, Sheila Harms	
Acolytes: Jan. 7 - Emma & Kylie Woolard Jan. 14 - Bryleigh Trevett Jan. 21 - Elizabeth Rice Jan. 28 - David Bean	



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
January - Tuna

CALENDAR	
Today, 1/7	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, 1/8	Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 1/9	Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 1/10	FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00
Thursday, 1/11	Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Mission & Outreach Mtg., 5:30 pm
Friday, 1/12	Prayers for the Church, 9:30 am
<i>Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101*</i>	

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

Jan. 7 - Jesus' Baptism; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Mike Trail
Jan. 14 - The Leaven; Leader: Deborah Matter; Greeters: Bradley and Jake Caldwell
Jan. 21 - The Mustard Seed; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Pat Povtak
Jan. 28 - The Great Pearl

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JANUARY 7, 2024
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

JANUARY 7, 2024

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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 "In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Manz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

People: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

Leader: but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

People: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. —Isaiah 60:1-3

*Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" No. 168

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not entirely pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, seeking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi were seeking the King. Help us, O Lord, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the assurance we receive from God's Word: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Thanks be to God! —1 John 1:5-7

*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 4–3rd grade in Room 205. Parents, please escort your children to this room.

Phil Brown

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9 Page 1201

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Come to the Water" Hasseler

Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-6 Page 739

Sermon "Looking to a New Year" 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 "The Old Year Has Passed Away" Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" No. 571

*Benediction No. 740

Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Cundick

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for a healthy fear of God & His word to be rooted in you. Ps. 111:10; Prov. 15:33; Ps. 86:11; Prov. 23:17

Summer Mission Team Reminder

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

Next Meeting - January 14



On Sunday the 21st we will have a congregation meeting in the Fellowship Hall following worship to present our financial report from 2023 and share some of where we anticipate God is taking us in 2024. There will be some fund allocation that we are asking the congregation to approve and possibly other matters of finance that we may want the congregation to vote on. So, this is a formal meeting in that regard. However, our main desire is that we can have a time to come together and share the good news of what God is doing at FEPC and understand how we are setting up to go forward with respect to the HVAC loan, our up-coming search for a new pastor, and other matters that may be of interest to our church. To allow us to have ample time to answer questions and cover what could be a host of topics, we are providing lunch.