

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
 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	Melanie Rice
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Deacons
Class of 2024
 Debbra 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

Class of 2026
 Wendy Andree
 Tamara Caldwell
 Bobby Caudle
 Cameron May
 Sandy McCullar
 Carolyn Moore

Reminders

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. 15 - Charles Speck
 Sept. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Sept. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Sept. 22 - Kaye Ward
 Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
Deacons on Duty:
 Sept. 15 - Debbie Bennett & Donna Broyles
 Sept. 22 - Wendy Andree & Cameron May
 Sept. 29 - Carolyn Moore & Karen Brooks

CALENDAR

Today, 9/15 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm; Circle of Hope Book Club, 5:30 pm

Monday, 9/16 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 9/17 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, 8:30 pm

Wednesday, 9/18 FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 9/19 Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm

Friday, 9/20 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.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 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 15, 2024

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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Seek Not Yet, My Soul, to Slumber" Walther

Call to Worship

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

People: Praise the Lord! —from Psalm 89:1-4

*Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice" No. 533

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you love us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we now stand. Thanks be to God for His forgiving grace. —Romans 5:1-2

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Rev. Don Hardman

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

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 "Blessed Art Thou" by Austin C. Lovelace

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "God's Time Is the Best Time" Bach/Biggs

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-31 page 1191

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Renewed - Draw Near to God" 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Rondeau" Mouret

*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.

Operating Fund Revenue thru 8/31/24:

YTD Budgeted Giving \$414,187
YTD Actual Giving \$388,053
Surplus/(Deficit) (\$26,134)



Thank you for your faithful giving.

Pray Please join us Sept. 22 at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

Prayer Focus Pray for protection from the evil one. James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18

Recently the Session has asked Pete Guillard to assume additional responsibilities as an Interim Director of Children's Ministries. Along with his Youth and Adult ministry responsibilities, Pete will now oversee and help coordinate our children's ministry. It is our desire to grow and strengthen our Sunday School, Wednesday FirstKids, Children's Worship, and Children's Time opportunities.

FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB OCTOBER 2: 9:30 AM

We will be discussing "The Widow of Larkspur Inn" by Lawana Blackwell. (A recent widow and her 2 children open an old abandoned coaching inn. She impacts her boarders and the entire village with her gentle faith and character.) You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore, or borrow from your local library. Come, bring a friend or neighbor, and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540-761-2008



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.