

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: Mike Bumpass, Rea Brown	
	Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):	
	Oct. 20 - Teal Bennett	
	Oct. 27 - Diana Harvey	
	Nov. 3 - Nancy Gillespie	
	Nov. 10 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes	
	Nov. 17 - Bud & Jesse Derey	
	Nov. 24 - Linda Brown	
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):		
Oct. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak		
Oct. 27 - Martha Minter		
Nov. 3 - Deborah Mattern		
Nov. 10 - Tammy, Bradley, & Jake Caldwell		
Nov. 17 - Kaye Ward		
Nov. 24 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry		
Deacons on Duty:		
Oct. 20 - Kim Smith, Tammy Caldwell		
Oct. 27 - Susan Blanding, Marcia Ridenhour		
Nov. 3 - Mary Thornhill, Helen Thompson		
Nov. 10 - Linda Brown, Sandy McCullar		
Nov. 17 - Kim Smith, Carolyn Keyes		
Nov. 24 - Helen Thompson, Brenda Edwards		

CALENDAR	
Today, 10/20	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 10/21	Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/22	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, 10/23	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/24	
Friday, 10/25	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 and worship with their family.



Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat

It's time for our 25th annual "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" food drive. This annual event benefits hundreds of low-income families served by the Presbyterian Community Center (PCC).

Due to construction and space issues at the PCC, they do not have, at this time, the storage space for a large influx of food goods at one time. For the collection this year we are asking for your financial help. With financial support the PCC will be enabled to purchase desired food items when needed.

Please make your check out to Presbyterian Community Center and place in the offering plate.

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OCTOBER 20, 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
Oct. - Pork & Beans

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 20, 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "God of Grace" arr. Manz

Call to Worship

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 "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 101

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Heavenly Father, You have gone to great lengths to redeem us by Your Son Jesus Christ. You invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom. And yet, we forget, Lord, that You have sanctified us for greater things. We confess that we abandon You when our comfort is threatened. We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves and our own interests. Have mercy on us. Father, cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on You.

Forgive us and open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of You, and to the adventure of living for Your glory each and every day. We pray this humbly in Christ's Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved in Christ, hear the Good News! Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Thanks be to God! —from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Kim Smith

*Hymn "More About Jesus Would I Know" No. 538

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 "O for a Closer Walk with God" by Timothy Flynn

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" arr. Manz

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22 page 258

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Journey Back" 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 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 522

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Postludium" Young

*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 love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Matthew 22:37



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, gifts are accompanied by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many children have been invited to follow-up discipleship through The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients.

To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Ramp Room or use a regular shoebox that you already have. Bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 17th, 2024.

Operating Fund Revenue thru 9/30/24:	
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$465,960
YTD Actual Giving	\$428,231
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$37,729)



Thank you for your faithful giving.



Please join us Oct. 27 at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12