

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
 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: Bill Gearhart, Mike Abbott
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 April 14 - David & Kathy Akers
 April 21 - Teal Bennett
 April 28 - Charles Speck
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 April 14 - Sandy McCullar
 April 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 April 28 - Andrea Guillard
Deacons on Duty:
 April 14 - Karen Brooks, Mary Thornhill
 April 21 - Bob Caudle, Jr., Helen Gearhart Thompson
 April 28 - Debbie Bennett, Marcia Ridenhour
Acolytes:
 April 14 - Elizabeth Rice
 April 21 - David Bean
 April 28 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

Today, 4/14 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45 am
Monday, 4/15 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 4/16 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 4/17 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/18 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 4/19 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**

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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

April 14 - Road to Emmaus; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 April 21 - The Good Shepherd & the Lost Sheep; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 April 28 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf; Leader: Diana Harvey

APRIL 14, 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

April - Beef Stew

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 14, 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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Prelude in F" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. —Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 116

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, as he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.

To all who receive Him and believe on His Name, in Christ you are forgiven! Thanks be to God! —from Colossians 2:13-15

*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.

*Hymn "As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams" No. 662
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 12:30 Page 1005

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" by Gordon Young

Scripture: Psalm 50:7-15 Page 561

Sermon "Something's Missing"
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 "Aria in F" Handel

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 654

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Paean" Young

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
Pray when we are tempted.
Matthew 26:41

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - Today



Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:1-4). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.



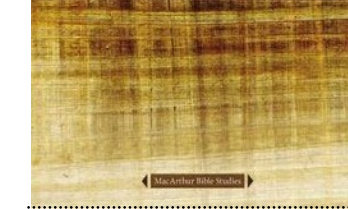
Please join the First Walkers (our group) or donate at <https://www.supportbrwc.org/walk-for-life/>



Tuesday Adult Bible Study (ABS) will begin John MacArthur's study of Daniel & Esther on April 23 @ 5:15 PM in the Parlor.



John MacArthur takes readers through the books of Daniel and Esther, beginning with the prophet Daniel being carried off to Babylon, continuing through the rise of the Persian Empire, and concluding with Esther's reign as queen.



All are welcome. If you would like to join, please contact Pete Guillard, pguillard@fepcroanoke.org.