

<b>Elders</b> <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	<b><u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u></b>		
	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		

<b>Deacons</b> <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) 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	<b><u>Reminders</u></b>		
	<b>Elders:</b> Emery St Cyr & Al Soltis		
	<b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown		
	<b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b> July 16 - Teal Bennett July 23 - Bud & Jessie Derey July 30 - Nancy Gillespie		
	<b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b> July 16 - Deborah Mattern July 23 - Andrea Guillard July 30 - Jeff & Pat Povtak		
	<b>Deacons on Duty:</b> July 16 - Susan Blanding, Debbie Bennett July 23 - Carolyn Keyes, Helen Gearhart Thompson July 30 - Kim Smith, Karen Brooks		
	<b>Acolytes:</b> July 16 - Elizabeth Rice July 23 - Charlotte Bain July 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		
	<b>Nursery:</b> July 16 - Wendy Andree July 23 - Bill Brooks July 30 - Don Andree		

CALENDAR

- Today, 7/16** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
- Monday, 7/17** Church office closed on Mondays
- Tuesday, 7/18** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 7/19** Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00
- Thursday, 7/20** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
- Friday, 7/21** 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.

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JULY 16, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

JULY 16, 2023

15<sup>TH</sup> 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.)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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 "Prelude in G" Coleman

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. —from Psalm 67:4-6

\*Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" No. 103

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, forgive our doubting, questioning hearts. Like the scribes who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing and heard his proclamation, yet spurned belief, we too have seen wonders, yet have hardened our hearts. We confess the many times that our pessimism has caused others to doubt, the times that our criticism has wounded others, the times that our dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us, that with open hearts we may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the Good News!

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! —Ezekiel 36:25-26

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Mrs. Wendy Andree

\*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" Page 693

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Page 768

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Sjolund

Scripture: Luke 11:29-32 Page 1030

Sermon "Something Greater Than Jonah" Jonah 3  
Chaplain Seth McCormick

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

\*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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Lau

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 460

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Recessional" Asper

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

## Announcements



Feeding the Community

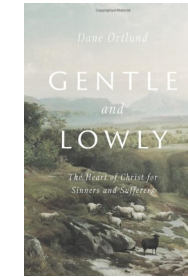
### Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

July - Peanut Butter & Jelly

### Prayer Focus

Conditions of successful prayer.

2 Chronicles 7:14



Dear Church Family

Cameron May and I would like to invite all who are interested in a new Bible Study where we will be using a book called Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers - by Dane Ortlund as our guide. We expect our time together to be a time of lively discussion and deep Biblical study.

We have had four members express interest and would like to have more join us. This is open to everyone and if interested, please send an email to Cameron (Cameron.m.may@gmail.com) and me (dhandree@gmail.com). In addition, please consider asking any friends as this can be a great opportunity of sharing the Gospel with others and introducing them to the FEPC community.

We have not yet decided on a time slot, opting to get a consensus of the best time from those who are interested. Currently, we are considering Wednesday evenings or Sunday evenings on an every other week schedule. To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, we will meet via Zoom, but hope to meet at times in person. Please note, however, that the first meeting will be Sunday evening, July 30th, at 7:00 at my home. My address is 2812 Stephenson Ave, Roanoke, Va.

So, please consider joining and send us an email. We are hopeful this study will be a blessing to all that join.

Don Andree

Please join us July 23 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

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 8 people to serve supper on Friday, August 18th
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15 to 6:15
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)