

<b>Elders</b>			
<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			
Class - Age	Room	Teachers	
<b>Children's Ministry</b>			
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young	
PreK-K-1	114		
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Kaye Wilkerson	
<b>Youth</b>			
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard	
Adult Sunday School			
McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor			

<b>Deacons</b>	
<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	
<b>Reminders</b>	
<b>Elders:</b> Rick Harvey, Doug McLaughlin <b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks <b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b> Aug. 25 - Linda Brown Sept. 1 - Doug & Marlene Flynn Sept. 8 - Sue Brown Sept. 15 - Charles Speck Sept. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree <b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b> Aug. 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry Sept. 1 - Jean Jamison Sept. 8 - Martha Minter Sept. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb Sept. 22 - Kaye Ward Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett <b>Deacons on Duty:</b> Aug. 25 - Shelia Harms, Carolyn Keyes Sept. 1 - Sandy McCullar & Linda Brown Sept. 8 - Carolyn Moore & Bud Derey Sept. 15 - Debbie Bennett & Donna Broyles Sept. 22 - Wendy Andree & Cameron May Sept. 29 - Carolyn Moore & Karen Brooks <b>Acolytes:</b> Aug. 25 - Bryleigh Trevett	



**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**  
August - Canned Fruit  
Sept. - Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup

CALENDAR

**Today, 8/25** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm  
**Monday, 8/26** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 8/27** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 8/28** Youth Group, 6:00 pm  
**Thursday, 8/29** Staff Meeting, 10:00 am; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm  
**Friday, 8/30** 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.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB**

*Beginning Sept 4 we will meet the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 9:30AM in the church parlor. Come prepared to discuss the FIRST book selection "Safely Home" by Randy Alcorn. (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 540 769 2008*



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AUGUST 25, 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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 25, 2024

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.

Prelude "Elegy, Op. 44" Glazunof  
Bryan Matheson, viola and Andrew Phillips, piano

### Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! -Psalm 103:1-5,1

\*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 53

### \*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. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior . Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Thanks be to God for His wondrous grace! -Romans 5:8-9

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

### 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.

\*Hymn "Breath on Me Breath of God" No. 334

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Prelude From 2nd Cello Suite" Bach

\*Doxology No. 731

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"  
Civilla D. Martin and Charles H. Gabriel  
Mike Stoots, Baritone Soloist

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Moving Toward Holiness - Forgiving Others"  
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 "More About Jesus Would I Know" No. 538

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Toccata in E minor" by Pachelbel

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

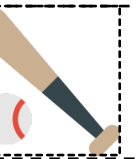
## Announcements

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 be devoted to daily prayer.  
Colossians 4:2

First EPC softball team will have their first game this Tuesday, Aug. 27 continuing thru Thursday, Oct. 3. All games will be played at Wasena Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other's company before you leave.



Operating Fund Revenue through 7/31/24

YTD Budgeted Giving	\$362,413
YTD Actual Giving	\$348,326
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$14,087)

Thank you for your faithful giving



Please join us this afternoon at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

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

Please welcome Andrew Phillips and Bryan Matheson as our guests musicians. Andrew is a student of Bill Turner and Bryan teaches in the First Music Academy.

During the month of August our Worship Commission is offering 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 make them via email or in writing and send them to the church office at lwright@fepcroanoke.org.