

Elders <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	<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 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		

Deacons <u>Class of 2023</u> Pat Guerrant Sheila Harms Jeanette Hinkle Linda Kappus Melanie Rice Marcia Ridenhour <u>Class of 2024</u> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Dery Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Brenda White-Edwards <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Helen Thompson Lynn Wimmer	<u>Reminders</u>	
	Elders: Rea Brown & Don Andree	
	Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Aug. 13 - Linda Brown Aug. 20 - Dick & Jean Jamison Aug. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn	
	Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Aug. 13 - Brenda White-Edwards Aug. 20 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry Aug. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks	
	Deacons on Duty: Aug. 13 - Lynn Wimmer, Sheila Harms Aug. 20 - Karen Brooks, Linda Kappus Aug. 27 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer	
	Acolytes: Aug. 13 - Elizabeth Rice Aug. 20 - Bryleigh Trevett Aug. 27 - Charlotte Bain	
	Nursery: Aug. 13 - Camille Soukup Aug. 20 - Roseanne Bumpass Aug. 27 - Mike Trail	

CALENDAR

- Today, 8/13** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Reception for Hardmans, 12:00 pm
- Monday, 8/14** Church office closed on Mondays
- Tuesday, 8/15** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 8/16** Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00
- Thursday, 8/17** Men's breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff meeting, 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
- Friday, 8/18** 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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AUGUST 13, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 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

AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH 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.)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Manz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: **The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.** —based on Psalm 98:1-6

*Hymn "In Christ Alone" HS No. 52

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus Christ—truly God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous—is the mediator who was given to set us completely free and to make us right with God. By the power of his divinity, he bore the weight of God’s anger in his humanity, restoring us to righteousness and life. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! —based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 17-18

*Gloria Patri No. 735 (Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time Julie Drewry

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 529

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 45:22 Page

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "In Remembrance" Red Chancel Choir Men

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13 Page 1210

Sermon "Are You Sure About Jesus?" 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 the 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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Hobby

Our Gratitude

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to our Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

Hymn "Thou Art the Way" No. 154

(Remain seated as we receive our communion offering for benevolences)

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Postlude on Italian Hymn" Young

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

Announcements



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

August - Canned fruit

Prayer Focus

Pray for grace to be joyful in all circumstances. Ecclesiastes 7:14; 1 Cor. 7:24; Ps. 98:4

Gentle and Lowly Book study - next meeting - August 20, 7:00 at the home of Don and Wendy Andree - 2812 Stephenson Ave

Sermon Notes