

Elders
Class of 2023
 Robert Broyles
 Phillip Brown
 Andrew Fuller
 Lewana Richardson
 Emery St. Cyr
 Tom Turner

Class of 2024
 Rea Brown
 Mike Bumpass
 Bob Collis
 Bill Gearhart
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025
 Don Andree
 Stuart Bain
 Doug McLaughlin
 David Smith

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 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
Class of 2023
 Pat Guerrant
 Sheila Harms
 Jeanette Hinkle
 Linda Kappus
 Melanie Rice
 Marcia Ridenhour

Class of 2024
 Debbra Bennett
 Alison Boozer
 Linda Brown
 Clifford (Bud) Derey
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
 Susan Blanding
 Karen Brooks
 Donna Broyles
 Marlene Flynn
 Helen Thompson
 Lynn Wimmer

Reminders

Elders: Mike Bumpass, Stuart Bain
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 22 - Bud & Jessie Derey
 Oct. 29 - Nancy Gillespie
 Nov. 5 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
 Nov. 12 - Linda Brown
 Nov. 19 - Dick & Jean Jamison
 Nov. 26 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 22 - Andrea Guillard
 Oct. 29 - Deborah Mattern
 Nov. 5 - Diana Harvey
 Nov. 12 - Brenda White-Edwards
 Nov. 19 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
 Nov. 26 - Bill & Karen Brooks
Deacons on Duty:
 Oct. 22 - Linda Brown., Helen Thompson
 Oct. 29 - Marlene Flynn, Sheila Harms
 Nov. 5 - Linda Brown, Pat Guerrant
 Nov. 12 - Alison Boozer, Kim Smith
 Nov. 19 - Carolyn Keyes, Sheila Harms
 Nov. 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Karen Brooks
Acolytes:
 Oct. 22 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Oct. 29 - Elizabeth Rice
 Nov. 5 - David Bean
 Nov. 12 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Nov. 19 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Nov. 26 - Elizabeth Rice

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 October - Pork & Beans



CALENDAR

Today, 10/22 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Elder Nominee Training, 2:00 pm; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 10/23 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/24 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/25 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/26 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 10/27 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.

Children's Worship

Oct. 22 - The Ten Best Ways to Live; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Mike Trail
 Oct. 29 - No Children's Worship

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OCTOBER 22, 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

OCTOBER 22, 2023

29TH 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.)

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.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Glorious Celebration" Dobrinski
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
People: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

People: **The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 55

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, 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! In Christ we are forgiven! —Romans 5:8-9, NIV

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Chris Ayers

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-3rd grade in Room 205. Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 528

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-7 Page 733

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Beautiful Savior" arr. F.M. Christiansen

Scripture: John 1:35-51 Page 1050

Sermon "Come and See"
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 Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" arr. Manz

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Baptism

*Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 441

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Postlude on Ebenezer" Manz

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for children/youth.

Eph. 6:1-3; Eph. 6:10-11; 1 John 3:7; John 15:7-8; Jeremiah 29:11

Operating Fund Revenue thru 9/30/23
YTD Budgeted Giving \$489,010
YTD Actual Giving \$458,336
Surplus/(Deficit) (\$30,674)

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. 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.



To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Ramp Room or use a regular shoe box that you already have. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoe box, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. Bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 12th, 2023.

Please join us this evening 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

We rejoice today in the baptism of Johnathan Belcher who has recently joined the church.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 5, 2023 immediately after Worship for the purpose of electing new officers.

