

<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	<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 Melanie Rice (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth).		
	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	Melanie Rice
	<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><u>Reminders</u></b>	
	<b>Elders:</b> Mike Bumpass, Rea Brown	
	<b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	<b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b>	
	Oct. 27 - Diana Harvey	
	Nov. 3 - Nancy Gillespie	
	Nov. 10 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes	
	Nov. 17 - Bud & Jesse Derey	
	Nov. 24 - Linda Brown	
	<b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b>	
Oct. 27 - Martha Minter		
Nov. 3 - Deborah Mattern		
Nov. 10 - Tammy, Bradley, & Jake Caldwell		
Nov. 17 - Kaye Ward		
Nov. 24 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry		
<b>Deacons on Duty:</b>		
Oct. 27 - Susan Blanding, Marcia Ridenhour		
Nov. 3 - Mary Thornhill, Helen Thompson		
Nov. 10 - Linda Brown, Sandy McCullar		
Nov. 17 - Kim Smith, Carolyn Keyes		
Nov. 24 - Helen Thompson, Brenda Edwards		

CALENDAR	
<b>Today, 10/27</b>	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
<b>Monday, 10/28</b>	Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, 10/29</b>	Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, 10/30</b>	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday, 10/31</b>	Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
<b>Friday, 11/1</b>	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.

**Children's Nursery**

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.

Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.



# First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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OCTOBER 27, 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



**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**

Oct. - Pork & Beans  
 Nov. - Mac & Cheese

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 27, 2024

## 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 "Andante, Op. 64" Mendelssohn  
Kevin Matheson, violin

### Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!  
--Psalm 150 :1-2,6

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

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and self-pity, our faithless anxiety and willful waywardness; our lack of compassion toward others; and all the sinful affections and impure secrets of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, O God. In your great goodness and love, and by the sanctifying power of your Holy Spirit, help us to change; and, for the sake of your glory, direct what we shall be; that we may walk in the light of life, living lives pleasing in your sight; through your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this Good News! Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Thanks be to God!  
--from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Kim Smith

\*Hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 508

## 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.

Anthem "Blessing, Glory and Wisdom" by J.S. Bach

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Canzonetta, Op. 35" Tchaikovsky

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Ruth 2:1-23 page 259

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Walking in God's Blessing"  
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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 92

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Allegro molto vivace, Op.64" Mendelssohn

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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 for our leaders and the elections.  
1 Timothy 2:2  
(Make sure to VOTE on Nov. 5)



Thank you to everyone who has picked up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Please bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



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

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



First Wednesday Book Club selection for Nov. 6 "Though None Go with Me" by Jerry Jenkins.