

CALENDAR

- Today, 3/16** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
- Monday, 3/17** Church office closed on Mondays
- Tuesday, 3/18** 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
- Wednesday, 3/19** First Kids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 3/20** Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- Friday, 3/21** 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.

**Elders**  
Class of 2025  
 Stuart Bain  
 Richard Harvey  
 Doug McLaughlin

Class of 2026  
 Don Andree  
 Robert Broyles  
 David Smith

Class of 2027  
 Mike Abbott  
 Scott Rice  
 Michael Ridenhour

**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 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

**Deacons**  
Class of 2025  
 Susan Blanding  
 Marlene Flynn  
 Marcia Ridenhour  
 Helen Thompson

Class of 2026  
 Wendy Andree  
 Bobby Caudle  
 Cameron May  
 Sandra McCullar

Class of 2027  
 Karen Brooks  
 Donna Broyles  
 Tammy Caldwell  
 Carolyn Moore

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Michael Ridenhour, Don Andree  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Mar. 16 - Charles Speck  
 Mar. 23 - Bob & Donna Broyles  
 Mar. 30 - Don & Wendy Andree  
 Apr. 6 - Nancy Poore  
 Apr. 13 - David & Kathy Akers  
 Apr. 20 - Teal Bennett  
 Aor. 27 - Nancy Gillespie  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Mar. 16 - Barry & Anne Webb  
 Mar. 23 - Deborah Mattern  
 Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
 Apr. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards  
 Apr. 13 - Sandy McCullar  
 Apr. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak  
 Aor. 27 - Martha Minter  
**Deacon on Duty:**  
 Mar. 16 - Karen Brooks  
 Mar. 23 - Susan Blanding  
 Mar. 30 - Karen Brooks

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MARCH 16, 2025  
 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**  
 March - Cereal and Oat meal

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 16, 2025

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

*Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" arr. Manz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,  
our hearts are ready!

People: **We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: **For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

-based on Psalm 108:1-4

\*Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 302

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you see us as we are. You know our inmost thoughts. We confess we are unworthy of Your gracious care, for we forget that all life comes from You. We have not lived as Your grateful children, nor have we loved as Christ has loved us. Apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore to us Your joy. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
-from Matthew 11:28-30

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

\*Hymn "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right" No. 108

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 "Beneath the Cross" Keith Getty/Kristen Lennox  
arr. Dan Forrest

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Wondrous Love" arr. Johnson

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Galatians 6:4-10 page 1155

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Sometimes We Have to Wait"  
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 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" No. 605

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Postlude in G" Rinck

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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

Thank God for Christ's death and resurrection.  
Rom. 4:25; Rom. 1:4; Rev. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:20-23

Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - April 13



# chili cook off

& BAKED GOODS SALE  
TO SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM

## March 23, 2025

AFTER WORSHIP

FIRST EPC FELLOWSHIP HALL



First Wednesday Book Club selection for April 2 is "Lord Foulgrin's Letters" by Randy Alcorn.



Please join us next Sunday, March 23, at  
**5 pm in the Parlor** for our monthly prayer gathering.

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

Printed copies of the Lent devotionals are available in the Ramp Room.