

<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

**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

<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

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Don Andree, Bob Collis  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 3 - Nancy Gillespie  
 Nov. 10 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes  
 Nov. 17 - Bud & Jesse Derey  
 Nov. 24 - Linda Brown  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 3 - Deborah Mattern  
 Nov. 10 - Tammy, Bradley, & Jake Caldwell  
 Nov. 17 - Kaye Ward  
 Nov. 24 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 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

**Today, 11/3** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am  
**Monday, 11/4** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 11/5** VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! 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, 11/6** Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 11/7** Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am; Staff Meeting, 10:00 am  
**Friday, 11/8** 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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NOVEMBER 3, 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

NOVEMBER 3, 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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Whitman  
Camellia Delk, cello

### Call to Worship

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty!

People: **Just and true are your ways,  
King of the ages.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord,  
and bring glory to your name?

People: **For you alone are holy.**

**All nations will come and worship you!** —from Revelation 15:34

\*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 38

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. —based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

\*Hymn "It is Well with My Soul" No. 691

## 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 "O Church of God, Reach Up, Reach Out!" Eugene Butler

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Blessed Assurance" arr. McMichael

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-18 page 259

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Trusting 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 "Amazing Grace" No. 460

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "For All the Saints" Vaughan Williams

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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)



Don't forget to pack your Shoe Box!  
We have about 1/3 of our boxes returned and ready to send.  
Please drop them off early, if you can.

Our Return Deadline is November 17



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