

<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> Debra 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:** Stuart Bain, Scott Rice  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Sept. 8 - Sue Brown  
 Sept. 15 - Charles Speck  
 Sept. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles  
 Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Sept. 8 - Martha Minter  
 Sept. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb  
 Sept. 22 - Kaye Ward  
 Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 Sept. 8 - Carolyn Moore & Bud Derey  
 Sept. 15 - Debbie Bennett & Donna Broyles  
 Sept. 22 - Wendy Andree & Cameron May  
 Sept. 29 - Carolyn Moore & Karen Brooks

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 9/8** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am  
**Monday, 9/9** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 9/10** Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm; Softball @ Wasena Park, 7:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 9/11** Worship Commission Mtg., 9:15 am; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 9/12** Mission & Outreach Commission Mtg., 5:00 pm; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm  
**Friday, 9/13** Prayer Mtg., 9:30 am

*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service*

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 time, worship, and nursery**

With changes in the order of worship there will no longer be a children's time during the service. Also, there will not be a children's worship time and therefore no longer a mid-service dismissal of children to it.

The nursery will be staffed by adults and available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.

Children from first grade up will remain in the service with their family.

Prayer Focus  
Pray you will find your satisfaction in Christ.  
Psalm 37:4

Recently the Session has asked Pete Guillard to assume additional responsibilities as an Interim Director of Children's Ministries. Along with his Youth and Adult ministry responsibilities, Pete will now oversee and help coordinate our children's ministry. It is our desire to grow and strengthen our Sunday School, Wednesday FirstKids, Children's Worship, and Children's Time opportunities.

# First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 8, 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**  
Sept. - Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Manz

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.** —based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

\*Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 441

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! The Lord says: I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. This is the promise of God to all who cling to Christ for forgiveness! Thanks be to God! —Ezekiel 36:25-26

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

### 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.**

\*Hymn "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" No. 455

### Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Lau

\*Doxology No. 731

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney

### Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "You Won't Believe It!"  
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 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 164

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Postlude on Italian Hymn" Young

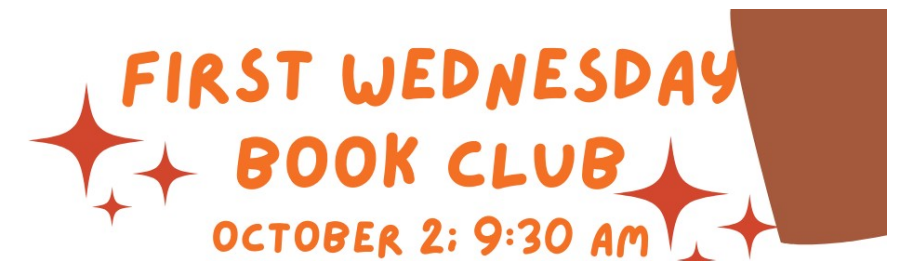
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\*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

## 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.

Women in Ministry (WiM) will resume on Tuesday, September 10, at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. After a brief mission report, we will begin our study of Genesis 34-50 with a MacArthur Bible study. Lunch will follow at noon. We hope to see you Tuesday.



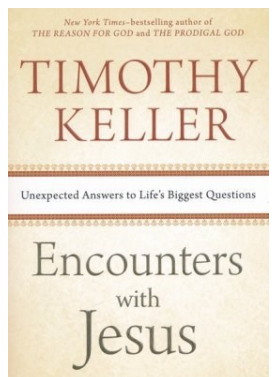
We will be discussing "The Widow of Larkspur Inn" by Lawaha Blackwell. (A recent widow and her 2 children open an old abandoned coaching inn. She impacts her boarders and the entire village with her gentle faith and character.) You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore, or borrow from your local library.

Come, bring a friend or neighbor, and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540-761-2008



### Welcome to the Circle of Hope Book Group

Beginning Sunday, September 15, then September 22 and then every other week thereafter, we will meet at 5:30 pm at the home of Don and Wendy Andree, 2812 Stephenson Avenue, Roanoke, Va. 24014. We will be reading "Encounters with Jesus", (Tim Keller) a 10 week study exploring the encounters that individuals had with Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John. We enjoyed lively discussion and fellowship this past year, and we look forward to welcoming new friends. If you have any questions, please contact Cameron May ([cameron.m.may@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.m.may@gmail.com); 540-354-8676) or Don Andree ([dhandree@gmail.com](mailto:dhandree@gmail.com); 804-525-8363)



Books are available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Christianbook.com