

<b>Elders</b> <u>Class of 2023</u> Robert Broyles Phillip Brown Andrew Fuller Lewana Richardson Emery St. Cyr Tom Turner  <u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis  <u>Class of 2025</u> Don Andree Stuart Bain Doug McLaughlin David Smith	<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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.		
	<b>Class - Age</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
	<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
	Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
	Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
	<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 2023</u> Pat Guerrant Sheila Harms Jeanette Hinkle Linda Kappus Melanie Rice Marcia Ridenhour Julie Smith  <u>Class of 2024</u> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Carolyn Keyes Sidney Keyes Kim Smith Brenda White-Edwards  <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Helen Thompson Lynn Wimmer	<b><u>Reminders</u></b>		
	<b>Elders:</b> Tom Turner, Stuart Bain		
	<b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown		
	<b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b> April 16 - Teal Bennett April 23 - Bud & Jesse Derey April 30 - Nancy Gillespie		
	<b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b> April 16 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley April 23 - Andrea Guillard April 30 - Deborah Mattern		
	<b>Deacons on Duty:</b> April 16 - Sidney Keyes, Carolyn Keyes April 23 - Brenda White-Edwards, Linda Brown April 30 - Marica Ridenhour, Sheila Harms		
	<b>Acolytes:</b> April 16 - Charlotte Bain April 23 - Bryleigh Trevett April 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		
	<b>Nursery:</b> April 16 - Wendy Andree April 23 - Bill Brooks		

CALENDAR

- Today, 4/16** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
- Monday, 4/17** Church office closed on Mondays; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 4/18** 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, 4/19** Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 4/20** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
- Friday, 4/21** 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 Rev. Bob Smith or 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**

April 16 - Road to Emmaus: Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Chris Ayers  
 April 23 - The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep: Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Sally Bain

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APRIL 16, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith  
 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

APRIL 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr./Ray

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

**People: I will awake the dawn.**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

**People: I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

**People: your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

**People: Let your glory be over all the earth.** -Psalm 57:8-11

\*Hymn "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" No. 290

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! *You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.* Praise be to Him! -Romans 8:15-17

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time The Rev. Robert Smith

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-4<sup>th</sup> grade in Room 205.

Parents, please escort your children to this room.

\*Hymn "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" No. 278

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 Page 1082

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Lead Me, Lord" Wesley

Scripture: John 20:19-31 Page 1075

Sermon "He Is Risen, Indeed!" The Rev. Robert Smith

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

\*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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 347

Easter Amen "Alleluia, Amen!" (last line of hymn 277)

Postlude "Praise Him, Praise Him" arr./Ray

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

## Announcements



### Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

April - Beef Stew

### Prayer Focus

Humbly profess the desire of your heart for God.

Ps. 73:25-26; 42:1-2 & 16:5-6

### Summer Mission Team Reminder

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

### Next Meeting - April 23



Please join us April 23 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*

**FEED YOUR SOUL WHILE FEEDING OTHERS**

**FRIDAY- APRIL 28TH**  
**4:15-6:15 PM**

**@THE ROANOKE RESCUE MISSION**

**JOIN US AS WE FEED THE HOMELESS. WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES, CLOSED TOED SHOES, APRON PROVIDED THEN SLAP ON A SMILE AS YOU PUT FOOD ON A PLATE AS FOLKS COME THROUGH THE LINE.**

Andrew Phillips, having grown up in Salem, Virginia, developed a love of learning and a deep appreciation for God's gift of music through home education. Having been classically trained on piano, violin, and viola, he is a private piano instructor, accompanist, and performer. He also enjoys volunteering with the Roanoke Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in various roles, including flying search and rescue missions.