

Elders
Class of 2023
 Robert Broyles
 Phillip Brown
 Andrew Fuller
 Lewana Richardson
 Emery St. Cyr
 Tom Turner

Class of 2024
 Rea Brown
 Mike Bumpass
 Bob Collis
 Bill Gearhart
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025
 Don Andree
 Stuart Bain
 Doug McLaughlin
 David Smith

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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Deacons
Class of 2023
 Pat Guerrant
 Sheila Harms
 Jeanette Hinkle
 Linda Kappus
 Melanie Rice
 Marcia Ridenhour

Class of 2024
 Debra Bennett
 Alison Boozer
 Linda Brown
 Clifford (Bud) Derey
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
 Susan Blanding
 Karen Brooks
 Donna Broyles
 Marlene Flynn
 Helen Thompson
 Lynn Wimmer

Reminders

Elders: Andy Fuller, Phil Brown
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 19 - Dick & Jean Jamison
 Nov. 26 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
 Dec. 3 - Sue Brown, Kaye Ward
 Dec. 10 - Nancy Poore
 Dec. 17 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Dec. 24 - Don & Wendy Andree
 Dec. 31 - Bud & Jesse Derey
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 19 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
 Nov. 26 - Bill & Karen Brooks
 Dec. 3 - Martha Minter
 Dec. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Dec. 17 - Ron & TK Sharpley
 Dec. 24 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
 Dec. 31 - Helen Thompson
Deacons on Duty:
 Nov. 19 - Carolyn Keyes, Sheila Harms
 Nov. 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Karen Brooks
 Dec. 3 - Marlene Flynn, Brenda Edwards
 Dec. 10 - Lynn Wimmer, Susan Blanding
 Dec. 17 - Donna Broyles, Pat Guerrant
 Dec. 24 - Helen Thompson, Carolyn Keyes
Acolytes:
 Nov. 19 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Nov. 26 - Elizabeth Rice
 Dec. 3 - David Bean

CALENDAR

Today, 11/19 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 11/20 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 11/21 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/22
Thursday, 11/23 Thanksgiving Day; Church Office Closed
Friday, 11/24 Church Office Closed

Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
 FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101*

Operating Fund Revenue thru 10/31/23
 YTD Budgeted Giving \$532,511
 YTD Actual Giving \$549,733
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$17,222
 Thank you for your faithful giving.



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 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

Nov. 19 - The Temple, a House for God - Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeters: Jeff & Pat Povtak
 Nov. 26 - Advent 1, The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter, Mike Trail
 Dec. 3 - Advent 2, Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 Dec. 10 - Advent 3, The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern
 Dec. 17 - Advent 4, The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Matter; Greeter; Pat & Jeff Povtak
 Dec. 24 - How the Church Tells Time - Leader: Missy Reed; Greeter: Mike Trail

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 November - Mac & Cheese

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Variations on Gather Us In" Helman
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.** Ps. 100

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 98

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, when we move beyond sentimentality to recognize who you really are, we are filled with awe and terror. Our spiritual ancestors spoke of your dread deeds against all who defied your purposes. We realize you have reason to be angry with us, for we have not put your will first in our lives. We have lived without gratitude and misused the good gifts you have made available. We even forget that you are the source of all things and imagine that we have come to the place where we are by our own efforts. Draw us back to yourself, O God, not to chasten, but to lead. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and receive our thanks. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this 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. Believe this Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! — 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

Rev. Don Hardman

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-3rd grade in Room 205. Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" No. 716

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Page 1171

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Hymn Anthem on the tune "Marion" Willan

Scripture: Psalm 16:1-11 Page 538

Sermon "Thank You, God!" Rev. Don Hardman

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

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 the evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*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 Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Thanks Be to Thee" Handel/Asper

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 715

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Postlude on *Nun danket alle Gott*" Thiman

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Sincerely & completely confess your sins before God.

Luke 13:6-7; Luke 6:1; Heb. 5:12

Please join us November 26 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



In our effort to maintain adequate parking for our church ministries, we are giving parking decals to all of our members to place on their vehicles. This will allow us to identify vehicles that should not be parked in our lot and take any needed remedies. Please sign up for a decal for each vehicle you might

be driving to the church.

There will be a sign-up for these decals in the Ramp Room Foyer following our worship this morning. Any other time, the decals can be obtained from the church office.

Anthem

Stanza 3, Men:

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Stanza 4, Ladies:

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; Whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Stanza 6, all:

Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore, The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forever more. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.



Please be mindful of our "pledge giving" for 2024. There are additional cards in each foyer. The cards can be returned in the mail, dropped by the office, or placed in the offering plate on or before November 26th.

Thank you!