

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
 Debbra 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):
 Dec. 31 - Bud & Jesse Derey
 Jan. 7 - Donna Broyles
 Jan. 14 - Kaye Wilkerson
 Jan. 21 - Teal Bennett
 Jan. 28 - Charles Speck
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Dec. 31 - Helen Thompson
 Jan. 7 - Robert Broyles
 Jan. 14 - Sandy McCullar
 Jan. 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 Jan. 28 - Andrea Guillard
Deacons on Duty:
 Dec. 31 - Karen Brooks, Brenda Edwards
 Jan. 7 - Linda Brown, Debbie Bennett
 Jan. 14 - Marcia Ridenhour, Kim Smith
 Jan. 21 - Lynn Wimmer, Helen Gearhart Thompson
 Jan. 28 - Alison Boozer, Sheila Harms
Acolytes:
 Dec. 31 - David Bean
 Jan. 7 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Jan. 14 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Jan. 21 - Elizabeth Rice
 Jan. 28 - David Bean

CALENDAR

Today, 12/31 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, 1/1 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 1/2 Church office closed in observance of New Year's Day; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm
Wednesday, 1/3 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 1/4 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 1/5 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**

Operating Fund Revenue thru 11/30/23

YTD Budgeted Giving \$585,762
 YTD Actual Giving \$594,131
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$8,369



Thank you for your faithful giving.

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.

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

Jan. 7 - Jesus' Baptism; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Mike Trail
 Jan. 14 - The Mustard Seed; Leader: Deborah Matter; Greeters: Bradley and Jake Caldwell
 Jan. 21 - The Leaven; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: TBD
 Jan. 28 - The Great Pearl

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DECEMBER 31, 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

January - Tuna

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 31, 2023

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "The Three Kings" arr. Held

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;

**People: on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is our life and light.
In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

—based on Isaiah 9:2

*Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 203

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, in Jesus you entered our world with a love and power beyond what had ever been known. We confess the sinfulness of our lack of faith in the active presence of Christ in our midst and in the power of the Holy Spirit to do in and through us far more than we can ever ask or think. We confess that focused upon the world that is, rather than the world that will be, we limit, rather than contribute to the coming in fullness of Christ's reign on earth. Forgive us. Through Christ we pray.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, God not only assures forgiveness for all who turn from willful, self-serving ways to follow the way of the Christ, but baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, thereby purifying and creating us a new and holy people enabled to risk loving as Jesus loves. Thanks be to God!

*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

Duet "Away in a Manger"
Carolyn Fedison and Aaron Burton

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 201

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:21 Page 350

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol Medley
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" No. 207
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" No. 229
"As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 226

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 Page 956

Sermon "Can We See His Star" 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 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 "Coventry Carol" arr. Cundick

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" No. 227

*Benediction

"Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen."

Postlude "

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for a strong faith built on the Word of God.
Gal. 2:20; Colossians 2:6-7; Heb. 11:1; Ps. 16:8

