

CALENDAR

Today, 3/23	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Chili Cook off after Worship; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 3/24	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 3/25	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, 3/26	First Kids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 3/27	Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 3/28	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.

Presbyterian Community Center

Seeds of Hope

SPRING GALA

April 25, 2025 | Hidden Valley Country Club | 6PM

HOW TO PURCHASE SPRING GALA TICKETS

WEBSITE REGISTRATION

1.Visit our Website - Go to [www.pccse.org](http://www.pccse.org) and scroll down to the Spring Gala section.

2.Reserve Your Spot - Click the "Register Today" button to begin your registration.

3.Add a Ticket - Click the blue "Add" button to add a ticket to your cart

4.Complete & Confirm - Fill out your billing and payment details, and click the green "Confirm Payment" button. You'll receive a confirmation email once registered.

QR CODE - SCAN TO REGISTER

Elders

Class of 2025

Stuart Bain

Richard Harvey

Doug McLaughlin

Class of 2026

Don Andree

Robert Broyles

David Smith

Class of 2027

Mike Abbott

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
Children’s Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	
Children’s Sunday School 2-5	Library	Melanie Rice
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

Deacons

Class of 2025

Susan Blanding

Marlene Flynn

Marcia Ridenhour

Helen Thompson

Class of 2026

Wendy Andree

Bobby Caudle

Cameron May

Sandra McCullar

Class of 2027

Karen Brooks

Donna Broyles

Tammy Caldwell

Carolyn Moore

Reminders

Elders: Michael Ridenhour, Don Andree

Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown

Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):

Mar. 23 - Bob & Donna Broyles

Mar. 30 - Don & Wendy Andree

Apr. 6 - Nancy Poore

Apr. 13 - David & Kathy Akers

Apr. 20 - Teal Bennett

Aor. 27 - Nancy Gillespie

Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):

Mar. 23 - Deborah Mattern

Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

Apr. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards

Apr. 13 - Sandy McCullar

Apr. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak

Aor. 27 - Martha Minter

Deacon on Duty:

Mar. 23 - Susan Blanding

Mar. 30 - Karen Brooks

Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

March - Cereal and Oat meal

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First Presbyterian Church

Roanoke, Virginia

Organized May 28, 1851

MARCH 23, 2025

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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 23, 2025

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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Morningdance” Cathy Moglebust

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

-Psalm 105:1-3 NIV

\*Hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 164

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be free from sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

—from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children’s Time Diana Harvey

\*Hymn “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” No. 465

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 "Before the Throne of God Above" arr. Lloyd Larson

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Ah, Holy Jesus” Brahms

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Luke 9:59-62 page 1027

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Urgent Business” 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

Recognition of new member Don Wetherington

\*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" No. 591

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” arr. Lau

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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 that we would love each other.  
1 John 4:7-8

Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

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



Next Meeting - April 13

First Wednesday Book Club selection for April 2 is “Lord Foulgrin’s Letters” by Randy Alcorn.



Please join us at  
5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.  
“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” -- Rom. 12:12

Printed copies of the Lent devotionals are available in the Ramp Room.

chili cook off

& BAKED GOODS SALE  
TO SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM

