

CALENDAR

- Today, 1/12** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45 am
- Monday, 1/13** Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 1/14** 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
- Wednesday, 1/15** Youth Group & First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 1/16**
- Friday, 1/10** 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.

Elders
<u>Class of 2025</u> Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin
<u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith
<u>Class of 2027</u> 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

Reminders

- Elders:** Scott Rice, Dave Smith
- Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
- Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**
 - Jan. 12 - David & Kathy Akers
 - Jan. 19 - Teal Bennett
 - Jan. 26 - Diana Harvey
- Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**
 - Jan. 12 - Sandy McCullar
 - Jan. 19 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 - Jan. 26 - Martha Minter
- Deacon on Duty:**
 - Jan. 12 - Helen Gearhart Thompson
 - Jan. 19 - Marlene Flynn
 - Jan. 26 - Wendy Andree



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Jan. - Tuna

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2101 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
(540-344-3204)
www.fepcroanoke.org



JANUARY 12, 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

JANUARY 12, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Larghetto" Franck

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name,

People: worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**People: the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. —Psalm 29:24

*Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 218

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, to you we own the highest praise, the deepest respect, the most profound awe and gratitude. But we confess that we have sinned whenever we have "made wrongful use of your name" whether by thought or by word (Ex. 20:7a). We have sinned when we have attempted to make Jesus into our image to escape the brightness of his being. And when we have focused upon his humanity to the exclusion of his divinity, we have negated your voice from heaven that declared his unique relationship to you. O God, you call us to be transformed into likeness and nature of Christ. We seek to avoid your call. Forgive our weakness and our sin. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, the Beloved Son, became the means of grace provided for all God's children. It is through his spiritual strength and surrender, his faithfulness and sacrificial love that we who have confessed our sin, and desire to live new lives pleasing to God, may know that our sins are forgiven. Praise be to Christ Jesus!

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Kim Smith

(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

*Hymn "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" No. 206

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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Andantino" Gibbons/Johnson

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 page 1145

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Glorious Freedom of the New!"
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 "Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Recessional on St. Anne" Young

*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 for a heart of love for all people.
Matthew 22:36-40

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - TODAY



**FIRST WEDNESDAY
BOOK CLUB
FEBRUARY 5: 9:30 AM**

The first portion of our meeting will be spent discussing our January book "The Fisherman's Testament", following, we will discuss our February book, "Some Wildflower in my Heart", by Jamie Langston Turner.

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

