

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: Mike Bumpass, Stuart Bain
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 8 - Sandy McCullar
 Oct. 15 - Teal Bennett
 Oct. 22 - Bud & Jessie Derey
 Oct. 29 - Nancy Gillespie
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 8 - Charles Speck
 Oct. 15 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 Oct. 22 - Andrea Guillard
 Oct. 29 - Deborah Mattern
Deacons on Duty:
 Oct. 8 - Melanie Rice, Linda Kappus
 Oct. 15 - Marcia Ridenhour, Melanie Rice
 Oct. 22 - Linda Brown., Helen Thompson
 Oct. 29 - Marlene Flynn, Sheila Harms
Acolytes:
 Oct. 8 - David Bean
 Oct. 15 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Oct. 22 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Oct. 29 - Elizabeth Rice

CALENDAR

Today, 10/8 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; CROP Walk

Monday, 10/9 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible (SIBS), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 10/10 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 Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 10/11 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 10/12 Mission & Outreach Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm

Friday, 10/13 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 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

Oct. 8 - Creation; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Mike Trail
 Oct. 15 - Exodus; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeters: Pat and Jeff Povtak
 Oct. 22 - The Ten Best Ways to Live; Leader: Anne Webb

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OCTOBER 8, 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
 October - Pork & Beans

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH 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.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Great Day" arr. Robert Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Gather to Praise "Ode to Joy" Rhett Cripps, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. —Psalm 24:1-4

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 38

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—based on Psalm 51:10-12

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!* Believe the Good News. In Christ we are forgiven! —Romans 5:8-9

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Emery St. Cyr

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

*Hymn "Holy Bible, Book Divine" No. 137

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10 Page 1157

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul" Merker

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7 Page 1112

Sermon "There Is A Reason You Are Here" 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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings Please sign the Friendship and Attendance Pad and pass it up and down the pew, noting the names as it is passed.

Offertory "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Young

Our Gratitude

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Trust and Obey" No. 672

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "St. Anthony Chorale" Haydn/Brahms

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for husbands.

1 Peter 3:7; Prov. 31:31; Eph. 6:10-11

Operating Fund Revenue thru 8/31/23:

YTD Budgeted Giving \$434,675

YTD Actual Giving \$354,331

Surplus/(Deficit) (\$80,344)

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Ramp Room or use a regular shoe box that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan's Purse in each shoe box. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoe box, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. Bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 12th, 2023.

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:1-4). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.

Women in Ministry, (WiM) will meet Tuesday, October 10 in the Fellowship Hall at 11 AM. Our lesson will be Chapter 3, Christ's Disciples, Luke 5:1 –6:16. Our lunch at noon will be pot luck.