

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 |
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| 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) Dery
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Brenda White-Edwards

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

Reminders

Elders: Rea Brown & Don Andree
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Sept. 10 - CP Lockhart
 Sept. 17 - Don & Wendy Andree
 Sept. 24 - Nancy Poore
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Sept. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Sept. 17 - Tom & Helen Thompson
 Sept. 24 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley
Deacons on Duty:
 Sept. 10 - Linda Brown, Brenda Edwards
 Sept. 17 - Donna Broyles, Melanie Rice
 Sept. 24 - Kim Smith, Marcia Ridenhour
Acolytes:
 Sept. 10 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Sept. 17 - David Bean
 Sept. 24 - Bryleigh Trevett

CALENDAR

Today, 9/10 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg. immediately after worship

Monday, 9/11 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 9/12 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, 9/13 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00

Thursday, 9/14 Staff meeting, 10:00 am; Mission & Outreach Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm

Friday, 9/15 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

Sept. 10 - Orientation to the Worship Center; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin
 Greeters: Pat Povtak, Chris Ayers

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SEPTEMBER 10, 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
 September - Chicken Noodle & Tomato Soup

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23RD 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.)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Sink Not Yet, My Soul, to Slumber" Walther

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: This is the day that you have made, Lord.

People: Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Leader: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

People: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.

Leader: Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

People: Open our ears to hear your Word.

Leader: Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

People: and help us to celebrate our faith.

*Hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 342

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us open shame. O God, incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy, on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. —based on Daniel 9:4-19

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the Good News! *Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.*

Know this to be true, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! —Romans 5:1-2

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Kim Smith

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

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 94

(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: Jeremiah 29:11 Page 780

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Write Your Word Upon My Heart" Larson

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-8 Page 1200

Sermon "What A Life!"

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

Offertory "Andante Espresso" Froberger

Our Gratitude

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of New Members

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 34

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Toccata in F" Buxtehude

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for persecuted Christians.
Ps. 145:4 & 8-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please welcome new members David & Kathy Akers.

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.

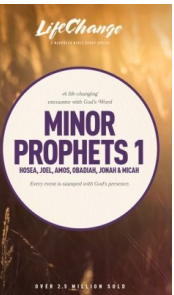
Operating Fund Revenue thru 7/21/23:

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| YTD Budgeted Giving | \$380,341 |
| YTD Actual Giving | \$317,963 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$62,378) |

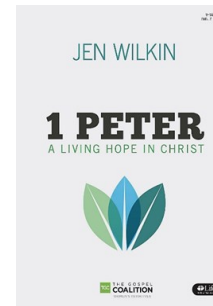
Thank you for your faithful giving.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study

Tuesday ABS will begin a new study Sept. 12. In the *Minor Prophets* 1 you'll discover the prophetic testimonies of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah. Written during a period of time ranging from the ninth century B.C. to the fifth, they present a progressive testimony of God's activity in the history of Israel and in the kingdom of God.



Meeting in the Parlor on Tuesday evenings, 5:15-6:30 pm. Please contact Pete Guillard if you would like more information.



Tuesday SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study) News! Our Tuesday women's Bible study group will be walking through the book of 1 Peter with Bible teacher Jen Wilkin. This is a video-driven study supplemented by a study guide. I pray this study will deepen our understanding of the person and work of Christ Jesus, and help us to apply sound Biblical teaching to our daily lives as we learn to look beyond our present circumstances to our eternal inheritance as children of God. Our introductory lesson will be in the church parlor on 9/19/23 at 10:00 AM. I've purchased study guides and have them available now. The cost is \$16.00, and I'll happily take cash or a check made out to me, Lynn Wimmer. Please prayerfully consider joining us on 9/19 - no matter your age or spiritual maturity, God's Word is living and active, and there's ALWAYS something new to learn!