

Elders
Class of 2024
 Rea Brown
 Mike Bumpass
 Bob Collis
 Bill Gearhart
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025
 Don Andree
 Stuart Bain
 Richard Harvey
 Doug McLaughlin
 David Smith

Class of 2026
 Mike Abbott
 Robert Broyles
 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 2024
 Debbra Bennett
 Alison Boozer
 Linda Brown
 Clifford (Bud) Derey
 Sheila Harms
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Mary Thornhill
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
 Susan Blanding
 Karen Brooks
 Donna Broyles
 Marlene Flynn
 Marcia Ridenhour
 Helen Thompson

Class of 2026
 Wendy Andree
 Tamara Caldwell
 Bobby Caudle
 Cameron May
 Sandy McCullar
 Carolyn Moore

Reminders

Elders: Mike Bumpass, Rea Brown
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 6 - Nancy Poore
 Oct. 13 - David & Kathy Akers
 Oct. 20 - Teal Bennett
 Oct. 27 - Diana Harvey
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards
 Oct. 13 - Sandy McCullar
 Oct. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 Oct. 27 - Martha Minter
Deacons on Duty:
 Oct. 6 - Carolyn Moore, Bob Caudle
 Oct. 13 - Wendy Andree, Karen Brooks
 Oct. 20 - Kim Smith, Tammy Caldwell
 Oct. 27 - Alison Boozer, Marcia Ridenhour

CALENDAR

Today, 10/06 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am
Monday, 10/07 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/08 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, 10/09 Worship Commission Mtg., 9:15 am; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/10 Mission & Outreach Commission Mtg., 5:00 pm
Friday, 10/11 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 staffed by adults 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.

CROP HUNGER WALK
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Hunger Walk
 Contributions will be taken in the Ramp Room and Narthex.

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OCTOBER 6, 2024

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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Oct. - Pork & Beans

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 6, 2024

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.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Sarabande from 2nd Cello Suite" Bach
Bryan Matheson, viola

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

People: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 347

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we know our calling is to be the forgiven and forgiving community for whom Christ died. Yet how far we are from living what we know! We confess that we have not loved as we have been loved, nor forgiven others as we need to be forgiven. We confess the guilts we carry, the hurts we nurture, and the grudges we harbor. We confess that we contribute to division within the community by criticism, judgment, gossip and partiality. And we confess, too, our parochial sense of community; we draw lines as to who can belong, who is in and who is out. God, in mercy, forgive our exclusiveness and our superiority. Restore us to a true sense of what it means to share a communal life in your Christ. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Praise God for his gracious mercy towards us! —from Acts 10:43

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 296

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 "Jesus Lord, Forevermore" by David Haas

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Kuhnau

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5 page 740

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "A God Who Rejoices Over Us" 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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

Hymn "O Worship the King" No. 2 (please remain seated)

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Paeon" Young

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

Please remember that during our final hymn we receive an offering for our "Communion Fund". This morning's offering will be going to assist in disaster relief for those devastated by the flooding from Hurricane Helene. We are still getting information as to the best ways to help those who have lost so much. In coming weeks, we will be offering other ways to help and contribute. Now is truly a time of prayer.



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.

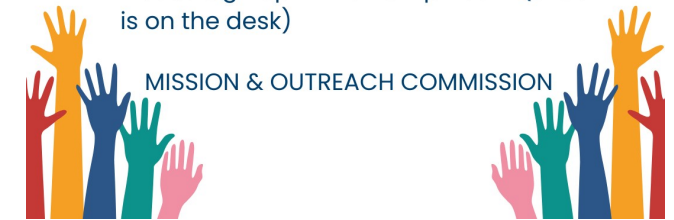
Prayer Focus
Pray for a repentant heart.
Psalm 51:17; Psalm 66:18

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



THE RESCUE MISSION OF ROANOKE

- Seeking 7 people to serve **supper** on **Saturday, October 26**
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15pm to 6:15pm
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMISSION



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.

In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, gifts are accompanied by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many children have been invited to fol-

low-up discipleship through The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients. We praise God that over the last three decades more than 50 million children have been disciplined. In the past 14 years alone since The Greatest Journey was launched, over 17 million children have made decisions for Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Ramp Room or use a regular shoebox that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan's Purse in each shoebox in the Ramp Room. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoebox, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. Bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before **Sunday, November 17th, 2024**. Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child as an expression of God's love.