

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
 Aaron Burton
 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 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 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
 Lynn Wimmer

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

Reminders

Elders: Don Andree, Rea Brown
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 28 - Charles Speck
 Feb. 4 - Nancy Gillespie
 Feb. 11 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
 Feb. 18 - Bud & Jesse Derey
 Feb. 25 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 28 - Andrea Guillard
 Feb. 4 - Deborah Mattern
 Feb. 11 - Diana Harvey
 Feb. 18 - Brenda White-Edwards
 Feb. 25 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry
Deacons on Duty:
 Jan. 28 - Alison Boozer, Sheila Harms
 Feb. 4 - Karen Brooks, Susan Blanding
 Feb. 11 - Donna Broyles, Bobby Caudle
 Feb. 18 - Susan Blanding, Carolyn Keyes
 Feb. 25 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Moore
Acolytes:
 Jan. 28 - David Bean
 Feb. 4 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 Feb. 11 - Bryleigh Trevett
 Feb. 18 - Elizabeth Rice
 Feb. 25 - David Bean

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

January - Tuna
 February - Cereal & Oatmeal



CALENDAR

Today, 1/28 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Patti Trail reception, 11:45; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 1/29 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 1/30 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, 1/31 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/1 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 2/2 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**

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.

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

Jan. 28 - The Great Pearl; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Mike Trail
 Feb. 4 - The Good Samaritan; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Mike Trail
 Feb. 11 - The Lenten Puzzle; Leader: Tammy Caldwell; Greeters: Bradley and Jake Caldwell
 Feb. 18 - Temptation (Jesus in the Wilderness)
 Feb. 25 - Jesus and the Children; Leader: Diana Harvey

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JANUARY 28, 2024

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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 28, 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 govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. . Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Jesus Lead Thou On" arr. Young

Gathering Music "Sing It!"
FirstKids

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.** —based on Psalm 98:1-6

*Hymn "O God beyond All Praising" No. 660

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts and minds. We have not loved you whole heartedly, nor one another as Christ has loved us. We confess our sins of selfishness and pride, ingratitude and envy, faithlessness, and willful disobedience. Our only hope is in your mercy and grace. Forgive us, O Father, according to the promise of the gospel. To the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news! God declares, "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me." It is upon such promises that we can be assured that for all who humbly confess their sins and trust in Christ alone, their sins will be forgiven. Thanks be to God! —Jeremiah 33:8

*Gloria Patri No. 735
(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Wendy Andree

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–2nd grade in Room 205.
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "O Father, You Are Sovereign" No. 75

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Colossians 2:9-10 Page 1166

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" Pote

Scripture: Psalm 118:24-27 Page 606

Sermon "God Is in Control"
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 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 Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Hayes
Carson Ray, piano

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "In Christ Alone" Insert

*Benediction No. 740

Postlude "Old 124th Psalm Tune" Bourgeois

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
Pray you will be devoted to daily prayer.
Colossians 4:2

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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



Next Meeting - February 11

Book Study Group

Please join us for a book study group on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. We are presently reading *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. We have been meeting since the fall and have a lively group but would like to see more folks joining us.

Meeting Place: Don and Wendy Andree's House
2812 Stephenson Avenue
Roanoke, Virginia

Meeting Times (Currently scheduled)
February 4, 11, 25. Future dates TBD

If interested, contact Don or Cameron, or just show up
Don Andree: 804-525-8363; dhandree@gmail.com
Cameron May: Cameron.m.may@gmail.com

Please join us today from
5 to 5:45 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12



First Foundations 9 to 10am 2nd Floor—Room 202

Beginning on February 11th we will have a new Sunday morning class for those interested in learning more about First EPC, what we believe, the Reformed faith, and the EPC. It is an 8 week opportunity for those considering joining First EPC and for those already here to explore more about who we are and where we believe God is leading us.