

<b>Elders</b> <u>Class of 2023</u> Robert Broyles Phillip Brown Andrew Fuller Lewana Richardson Emery St. Cyr Tom Turner  <u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis  <u>Class of 2025</u> Don Andree Stuart Bain Doug McLaughlin David Smith	<b><u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u></b>		
	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
	<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
	Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
	Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
	<b>Youth</b>		
	Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard
	Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor		

<b>Deacons</b> <u>Class of 2023</u> Pat Guerrant Sheila Harms Jeanette Hinkle Linda Kappus Melanie Rice Marcia Ridenhour  <u>Class of 2024</u> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Brenda White-Edwards  <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Helen Thompson Lynn Wimmer	<b><u>Reminders</u></b>	
	<b>Elders:</b> Emery St Cyr & Al Soltis	
	<b>Sound System:</b> Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	<b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b>	
	July 9 - Sandy McCullar	
	July 16 - Teal Bennett	
	July 23 - Bud & Jessie Derey	
	July 30 - Nancy Gillespie	
	<b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b>	
	July 9 - Charles Speck	
July 16 - Deborah Mattern		
July 23 - Andrea Guillard		
July 30 - Jeff & Pat Povtak		
<b>Deacons on Duty:</b>		
July 9 - Marlene Flynn, Sheila Harms		
July 16 - Susan Blanding, Debbie Bennett		
July 23 - Carolyn Keyes, Helen Gearhart Thompson		
July 30 - Kim Smith, Karen Brooks		
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
July 9 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		
July 16 - Elizabeth Rice		
July 23 - Charlotte Bain		
July 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard		
<b>Nursery:</b>		
July 16 - Wendy Andree		
July 23 - Bill Brooks		
July 30 - Don Andree		

CALENDAR

- Today, 7/9** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 12:00 pm
- Monday, 7/10** Church office closed on Mondays
- Tuesday, 7/11** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 7/12** FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00
- Thursday, 7/13** Mission & Outreach Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm
- Friday, 7/14** 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.

# First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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JULY 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

JULY 9, 2023

14<sup>TH</sup> 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.)

*O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 "Prelude in G" Coleman

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett

Leader: Christ the king reigns on earth and in heaven, reigns in the sovereign power of love.

**People: As followers of Jesus and citizens of his realm, we are called to live in accord with the commands of Christ who sits on the throne.**

Leader: Acknowledging that we, as church and society, are far from God's perfect will and vision for us, we come together to acknowledge our need, humble ourselves before God, and pray for clearer understanding and more faithful allegiance.

**People: King Jesus is in charge of us and this world, and through him God's purposes will ultimately be fully accomplished.**

Leader: Christ the king leads and rules with compassion and wisdom, justice and mercy. Let us worship God and give thanks.

\*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 114

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess our sometimes mindless obeisance to the ruling powers in our contemporary world. We do what we think we must do, and pay what we must pay. We buy what we are convinced to buy, and join what we are expected to join. We confess the weakness of our will, either because of lethargy or our fear of social isolation or disfavor. We forget Jesus' command to first love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are called to share in Christ's ethic of justice, freedom, and peace for all. Forgive our lack of courage, our too-ready acquiescence, our believing we are powerless when in truth all the power of heaven supports us. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words of scripture, "There is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom 3:22-24). We are forgiven; we are free. All praise to Jesus through whom we have this wondrous assurance!

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

# LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Mrs. Kim Smith

\*Hymn "Rock of Ages" Page 500

(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: Psalm 107:1-3, 10-32 Page 600

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" arr. Larson

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 Page 1156

Sermon "Salvation Belongs to the Lord" Jonah 2  
Chaplain Seth McCormick

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

\*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 "Soliloquy" Willan

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" HS No. 47\*

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Postlude in F" Thiman

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

# Announcements



## Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

July - Peanut Butter & Jelly

Prayer Focus  
Pray continually.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

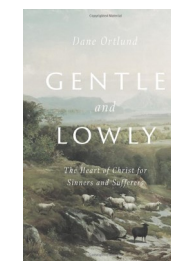
Please welcome Seth McCormick:

Seth is a Staff Chaplain at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and had the honor of serving with Carilion's Hospice team as their Chaplain for over five years. (There, he had the blessing of working with Julie Smith for close to three years.) He is a Board-Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Prior to that he did his Chaplaincy training at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA where he served as the Unit Chaplain of the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

He has served as an Assistant Pastor in a Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro, VA (PCUSA) and in a Congregational Church (UCC) in Gloucester, MA. He graduated with his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2008. Prior to that he was a Campus Minister with the Coalition for Christian Outreach at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Seth credits first learning about Reformed Theology during his undergraduate years at Calvin College (now University) in Grand Rapids, MI where he graduated in 2002 with a double major in Psychology and Communications.

Originally a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Seth has lived in Virginia since 2011. He and his wife Caitlin were married in 2018 and have three children: Noah (12 y.o.), Bronwen (2.5 y.o.) and Ian (5 months old).

Seth is an avid runner, loves to read in a rocking chair, and enjoys being outside with their kiddos. He is grateful to God for the redemption and second chances they have been given in life, having had experienced the personal pain of divorce and miscarriage. Seth and Caitlin are active members at Wellspring Presbyterian Church in Daleville, VA and Seth is on the ordination track with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP).



Interested in a new Bible study?

Cameron May and Don Andree will be leading a study of a book called Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund beginning in July. We will meet at night to accommodate busy work and family schedules. For those who are interested, please contact either Cameron or Don at [cameron.m.may@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.m.may@gmail.com) or [dhandree@gmail.com](mailto:dhandree@gmail.com) so we can better figure out the most convenient time to meet. Also, please invite friends. We look forward to putting together a great group.

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.