

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 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	Kaye Wilkerson
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: David Smith, Bob Broyles
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 July 7 - Nancy Poore
 July 14 - David & Kathy Akers
 July 21 - Teal Bennett
 July 28 - Charles Speck
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 July 7 - Brenda White-Edwards
 July 14 - Sandy McCullar
 July 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 July 28 - Andrea Guillard

Deacons on Duty:
 July 7 - Helen Gearhart Thompson, Tammy Caldwell
 July 14 - Bob Caudle, Jr., Susan Blanding
 July 21 - Tammy Caldwell, Susan Blanding
 July 28 - Marlene Flynn, Brenda Edwards

Acolytes:
 July 7 - Elizabeth Rice
 July 14 - David Bean
 July 21 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 July 28 - Bryleigh Trevett

CALENDAR

Today, 7/7 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am
Monday, 7/8 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 7/9 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 7/10 FirstKids Adventure Camp, 4:30 pm; Youth Group, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 7/11 Staff Meeting, 10:00 am; Mission & Outreach Mtg., 5:00 pm
Friday, 7/12 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 Worship
 We have ended for the summer. We will resume in September.
 Nursery for young children is available.

Sermon Notes

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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 Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
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JULY 7, 2024
 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
 Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:
 Mr. Pete G. Guillard
 Organist: Mr. William Turner
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 July - Peanut Butter & Jelly

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 7, 2024

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.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Prelude in D Minor" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

All: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1-3,26

*Hymn "God of Our Fathers" No. 710

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we confess how quick we are to judge others and how slow to judge ourselves, how reluctant we are to submit to your judgment and admit to our sins. When we are confronted by your Spirit with the fallacy of our righteousness, we so often try to rationalize our behaviors, to make excuses for our sin. We confess now that we are prone to the same arrogance and pride, the same jealousies and fears that put Jesus on the cross. Lord, we turn in sorrow and humility to you asking your pardon and seeking new life born of your forgiveness. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! "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 Christ 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 Wendy Andree

*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" No. 693

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 8:34-36 Page 1060

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" by Kevin Hildebrand

Scripture: Galatians 4:1-5:1 Page 1153

Sermon "Stepping Into Freedom" 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 "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "My Hope is Built" No. 521

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "March" Clarke/Wolff

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

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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other's company before you leave.



Prayer Focus

Pray for strong faith built on the Word of God. Gal. 2:20; Colossians 2:6-7; Heb. 11:1; Ps. 16:8

FirstKids
K to 5th grade (completed)

Adventure Camp

Fun, Friends, Bible Stories, & Crafts

Each Wednesday
July 10 - August 14
4:30 - 7:30

For info
Karen Brooks (540-525-0505) or Michaela Brown (540-519-9456)

FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Beginning Sept 4 we will meet the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 9:30AM in the church parlor. Come prepared to discuss the FIRST book selection "Safely Home" by Randy Alcorn. (You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore or borrow from your local library.) Come, bring a friend or neighbor and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540 769 2008

