

**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
<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

**Deacons**  
Class of 2023  
 Pat Guerrant  
 Sheila Harms  
 Jeanette Hinkle  
 Linda Kappus  
 Melanie Rice  
 Marcia Ridenhour

Class of 2024  
 Debbra Bennett  
 Alison Boozer  
 Linda Brown  
 Clifford (Bud) Derey  
 Carolyn Keyes  
 Kim Smith  
 Brenda White-Edwards

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

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Emery St Cyr & Al Soltis  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 July 23 - Bud & Jessie Derey  
 July 30 - Nancy Gillespie  
 Aug. 6 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes  
 Aug. 13 - Linda Brown  
 Aug. 20 - Dick & Jean Jamison  
 Aug. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn

**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 July 23 - Andrea Guillard  
 July 30 - Jeff & Pat Povtak  
 Aug. 6 -  
 Aug. 13 - Brenda White-Edwards  
 Aug. 20 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
 Aug. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks

**Deacons on Duty:**  
 July 23 - Carolyn Keyes, Helen Gearhart Thompson  
 July 30 - Kim Smith, Karen Brooks  
 Aug. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards, Donna Broyles  
 Aug. 13 - Lynn Wimmer, Sheila Harms  
 Aug. 20 - Karen Brooks, Linda Kappus  
 Aug. 27 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer

**Acolytes:**  
 July 23 - Charlotte Bain  
 July 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard  
 Aug. 6 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 Aug. 13 - Elizabeth Rice  
 Aug. 20 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 Aug. 27 - Charlotte Bain

**Nursery:**  
 July 23 - Bill Brooks  
 July 30 - Don Andree  
 Aug. 6 - Tammy Caldwell  
 Aug. 13 - Camille Soukup  
 Aug. 20 - Roseanne Bumpass  
 Aug. 27 - Mike Trail

CALENDAR

**Today, 7/23** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm  
**Monday, 7/24** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 7/25** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 7/26** FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00  
**Thursday, 7/27**  
**Friday, 7/28** 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.

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JULY 23, 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 23, 2023

23<sup>RD</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.)

*Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 "Chaconne" Couperin

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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 38

\*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. Wendy Andree

\*Hymn "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" HS Page 61

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-8 Page 380

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" arr. Singleton  
FirstKids

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 Page 975

Sermon "God of Mercy, God of Judgment" Jonah 4  
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 "Trumpet in Dialogue" Clerambault

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 457

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Rondeau" Mouret

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

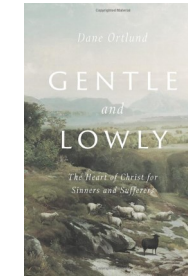
## Announcements



### Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

July - Peanut Butter & Jelly

Prayer Focus  
Pray for your enemies.  
Matthew 5:44-45



Dear Church Family  
Cameron May and I would like to invite all who are interested in a new Bible Study where we will be using a book called Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers - by Dane Ortlund as our guide. We expect our time together to be a time of lively discussion and deep Biblical study.

We have had four members express interest and would like to have more join us. This is open to everyone and if interested, please send an email to Cameron (Cameron.m.may@gmail.com) and me (dhandree@gmail.com). In addition, please consider asking any friends as this can be a great opportunity of sharing the Gospel with others and introducing them to the FEPC community.

We have not yet decided on a time slot, opting to get a consensus of the best time from those who are interested. Currently, we are considering Wednesday evenings or Sunday evenings on an every other week schedule. To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, we will meet via Zoom, but hope to meet at times in person. Please note, however, that the first meeting will be Sunday evening, July 30th, at 7:00 at my home. My address is 2812 Stephenson Ave, Roanoke, Va.

So, please consider joining and send us an email. We are hopeful this study will be a blessing to all that join.

Don Andree

Please join us July 23 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*

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 8 people to serve supper on Friday, August 18th
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15 to 6:15
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)