

Elders			
<u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis			
<u>Class of 2025</u> Don Andree Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin David Smith			
<u>Class of 2026</u> Mike Abbott Robert Broyles Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour			
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	
<u>Class of 2024</u> Debbra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Sheila Harms Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Mary Thornhill Brenda White-Edwards	
<u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson	
<u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Tamara Caldwell Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandy McCullar Carolyn Moore	
Reminders	
Elders: Stuart Bain, Scott Rice Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Sept. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree Oct. 6 - Nancy Poore Oct. 13 - David & Kathy Akers Oct. 20 - Teal Bennett Oct. 27 - Diana Harvey Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Sept. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett Oct. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards Oct. 13 - Sandy McCullar Oct. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak Oct. 27 - Martha Minter Deacons on Duty: Sept. 29 - Carolyn Keyes, Karen Brooks Oct. 6 - Carolyn Moore, Bob Caudle Oct. 13 - Wendy Andree, Karen Brooks Oct. 20 - Kim Smith, Tammy Caldwell Oct. 27 - Alison Boozer, Marcia Ridenhour	



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Oct. - Pork & Beans

CALENDAR

- Today, 9/29** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Congregational Mtg., 11:45 am
- Monday, 9/30** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 10/1** 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; Softball @ Wasena Park, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 10/2** First Wednesday Book Club. 9:30 am; Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 10/3** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Softball @ Wasena Park, 7:30 pm
- Friday, 10/4** 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.

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

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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SEPTEMBER 29, 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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 29 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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 "Fugue in G" Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:1-3

*Hymn "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" No. 381

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

"Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbor. May the blood of Christ, the grace of your Spirit, and the truth of your Word renew our hearts and strengthen our souls to live in your light and walk in your ways. Through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord. Amen"

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! Praise be to God! -Romans 5:8-9

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

*Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 478

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 "To God be Praise and Glory" from Bohemian Brethren's Church Collection, trans. by Frances E. Cox

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Arioso" Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25, 39 page 1191

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Rev. Don Hardman

"The Good Old Days: Relationships - A Band of Sisters & Brothers"

*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

*Hymn "Let Us Praise God Together" No. 659

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Tocatta in F" Buxtehude

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

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.

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.

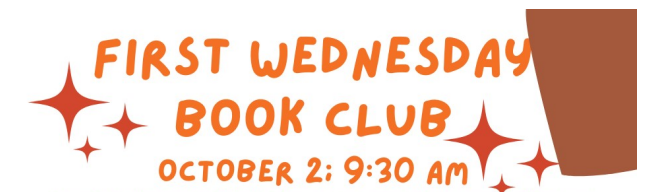
If you are a guest with us this morning we hope you will come again and, if so led, consider making First EPC your church home.

Prayer Focus
Pray for holiness.
1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:23-24



The Session is calling a Congregation Meeting following worship on Sunday, September 29 for the purposes of:

- ◇ To seek the approval of the congregation to re-size the Session from 15 to 9 members and re-setting the Classes. Additionally, the Session requests the approval of the congregation to re-size the Diaconate from its present membership of 21 to 12 members and re-set the Classes.
- ◇ To recommend that, if needed, the Session be allowed to serve as an officer nominating committee to nominate to the congregation, at a future meeting this Fall, names of persons to serve on the Diaconate.
- ◇ To receive recommendations from the Session and proceed with the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee.



We will be discussing "The Widow of Larkspur Inn" by Lawana Blackwell. (A recent widow and her 2 children open an old abandoned coaching inn. She impacts her boarders and the entire village with her gentle faith and character.) 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 540-761-2008

