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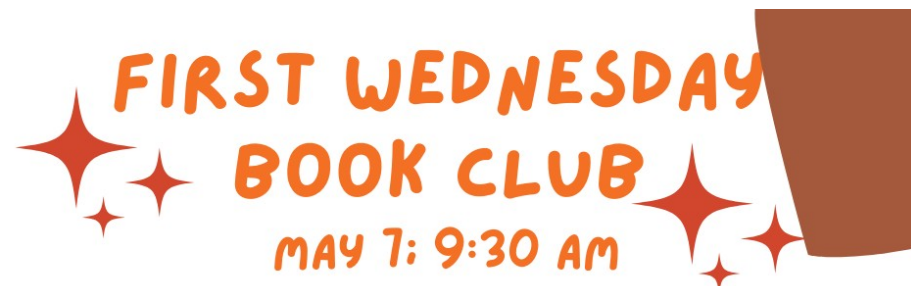
Today, 4/6 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg. after Worship
Monday, 4/7 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 4/8 Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 4/9 First Kids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/10 Worship/Disciplshp Commission Mtg., 12:30 pm; Outreach Ministry Commission Mtg., 5:00 pm
Friday, 4/4 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.

Children's Nursery

There is a nursery 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.



We will be discussing, "A Tale of Two Sons" by John MacArthur. Although this book is a commentary of the parable of the prodigal son, it reads like a novel and MacArthur describes it as the "inside story of a Father, His sons and a shocking murder". You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore, or borrow from the library. Come, bring a friend or neighbor, and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540-761-2008.



<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u>		
Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Class of 2025 Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin		
Class of 2026 Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith		
Class of 2027 Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour		
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		

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Reminders</u>
Class of 2025 Susan Blanding Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson	Elders: Michael Ridenhour, Don Andree Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Apr. 6 - Nancy Poore Apr. 13 - David & Kathy Akers Apr. 20 - Teal Bennett Apr. 27 - Nancy Gillespie
Class of 2026 Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandra McCullar	Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Apr. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards Apr. 13 - Sandy McCullar Apr. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak Apr. 27 - Martha Minter
Class of 2027 Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

April - Beef Stew

Ushers/hosts needed.

The Chapel will be open for public, unguided meditation from Noon to 3 pm on Friday April 18. We would like to have people there to welcome guests, hand out bulletins and direct people to the restrooms, etc.
 Please sign up in the ramp room for a 1 hr shift between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm, if you can participate in this hospitality, or contact Phil Brown at 540-309-0264, attorneybrown12265@gmail.com.

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APRIL 6, 2025

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

APRIL 6, 2025

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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through 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 "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

All: **Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!**
-Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" No. 561

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
-based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

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

Children's Time Wendy Andree

*Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 585

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 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple
Haley Fedison, Carolyn Fedison

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "When on the Cross the Savior Hung" Scheidt

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 page 746

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Created With A Purpose" Rev. Don Hardman

*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 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 599

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless" arr. Bach

*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.

Prayer Focus
Pray we would share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 29:19; John 15:8

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - April 13

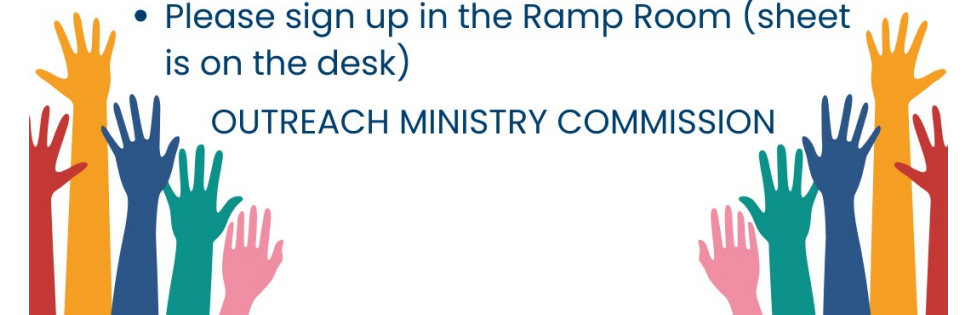


April marks the 18th anniversary of Pete Guillard joining our staff as Director of Youth/Christian Education. We are blessed by Pete's contributions to our church community, and we look forward to continuing to share ministry.



THE RESCUE MISSION OF ROANOKE

- Seeking 8 people to serve **supper** on **Saturday, May 10**
- 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)



We have produced flyers announcing the availability of Holy Week and Easter worship opportunities. They are available in the narthex and in the ramp room. Please take several with you and use them to invite friends, family, and neighbors to share Holy Week with us at FEPC