

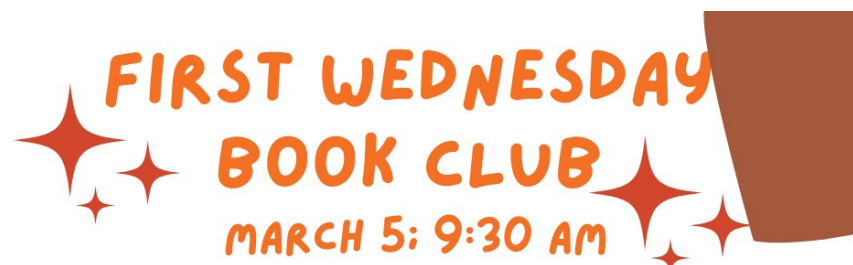
CALENDAR

Today, 2/16 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 2/17 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 2/18 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
Wednesday, 2/19 Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; Youth Group & First Kids, 6:30 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/20 Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
Friday, 2/21 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, "Some Wildflowers in my Heart" by Jamie Langston Turner. 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.



Elders
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

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	Melanie Rice
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Reminders

Elders: Scott Rice, Dave Smith
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Feb. 16 - Jesse Derey
 Feb. 23 - Linda Brown
 Mar. 2 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
 Mar. 9 - Sue Brown
 Mar. 16 - Charles Speck
 Mar. 23 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Mar. 30 - Don & Wendy Andree
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Feb. 16 - Bud Derey
 Feb. 23 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
 Mar. 2 - Jean Jamison
 Mar. 9 -
 Mar. 16 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Mar. 23 - Deborah Matter
 Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
Deacon on Duty:
 Feb. 16 - Marcia Ridenhour
 Feb. 23 - Bob Caudle
 Mar. 2 - Susan Blanding
 Mar. 9 - Helen Thompson
 Mar. 16 - Karen Brooks
 Mar. 23 - Susan Blanding
 Mar. 30 - Karen Brooks

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Feb. - Cereal & Oatmeal

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FEBRUARY 16, 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

FEBRUARY 16, 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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

-Psalm 57:9-11 NIV

*Hymn "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" No. 535

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

-based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Susan Blanding

*Hymn "What a Wonderous Love Is This" No. 261

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 "Lead Me, Lord" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Burkhardt

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21 page 1123

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "It Is All About Love!" 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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 529

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" Stanley/Coleman

*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 for persecuted Christians.
Heb. 13:3; Ps. 12:5; Rev. 13:10; Ps. 74:21

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - Feb. 23



**Feast @ First
Feb. 19; 6PM**

First EPC Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken provided, please bring a side dish to share.

Leo Bruno will be sharing about the FCA kids Basketball Academy that will soon be starting in our gym & FH.



February marks the first anniversary of Pastor Keith Olivier's joining our staff as Director of Music. We are blessed by Keith's significant contributions to our church community, and we look forward to continuing to share ministry well into the future.



Please join us next Sunday (Feb. 23) at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12