

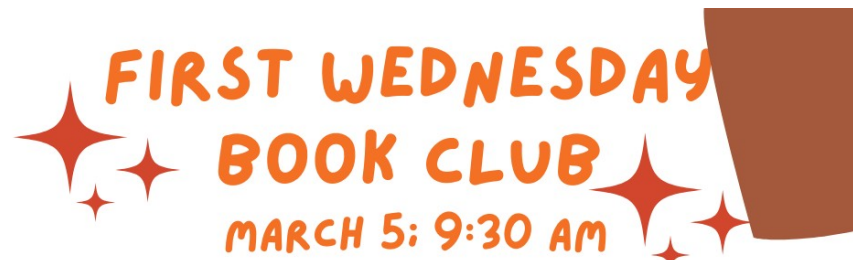
CALENDAR

- Today, 2/23** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., after Worship; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
 - Monday, 2/24** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
 - Tuesday, 2/25** 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, 2/26** Youth Group & First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
 - Thursday, 2/27** Staff mtg., 10:00 am
 - Friday, 2/28** 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

Deacons
Class of 2025
Susan Blanding
Marlene Flynn
Marcia Ridenhour
Helen Thompson

Class of 2026
Wendy Andree
Bobby Caudle
Cameron May
Sandra McCullar

Class of 2027
Karen Brooks
Donna Broyles
Tammy Caldwell
Carolyn Moore

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. 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. 23 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Mar. 2 - Jean Jamison
Mar. 9 - Sara King
Mar. 16 - Barry & Anne Webb
Mar. 23 - Deborah Matter
Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
Deacon on Duty:
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 23, 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 23, 2025

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" arr. Manz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

People: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. -Psalm 63:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 94

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, you alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. We too often have lived in selfishness and worldly pride. Taken for granted the good gifts which you have given us; Not responded with gratitude toward you; Or a generous spirit toward others. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbor. By the grace of your Spirit and the truth of your Word, renew our hearts and strengthen our souls that we may live in your light and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! -based on Joel 2:13

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

*Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 521

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

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Just As I Am" arr. Lau

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 page

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Where Do You Stand?" 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 "Lift High the Cross" No. 263

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Toccata" Wagner

*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 wisdom and discernment in all things. Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-10; Ps. 119:133

Summer Mission Team Reminder

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

Next Meeting - Today



Pray Please join us this evening at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner & Service March 5, 6:00 pm

During the Christian Year, the season of Lent is a time when we focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to expand our relationship with God. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.

Our annual Ash Wednesday pancake dinner is prepared and served by individuals who have been called to represent our church in the mission field and will be doing so this summer. Donations are appreciated. Please come and break bread and fellowship at this special dinner and join us afterwards in Lapsley Chapel for our traditional Ash Wednesday service.