

CALENDAR

- Today, 3/2** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., after Worship
- Monday, 3/3** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 3/4** 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, 3/5** 1st Wednesday Book Club, 9:30 am; Pancake Supper, 6:00 pm; Ash Wednesday Service immediately after; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 3/6** Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- Friday, 3/7** 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.

BEGINNING MARCH 9, 5:30 PM
HOME OF DON & WENDY ANDREE
2812 STEPHENSON AVE. ROANOKE, VA

**CIRCLE OF
HOPE BOOK
CLUB**

We will be reading C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters
All are welcome. Bring a friend as this is a great way to introduce friends to the FEPC family.
If you have questions, contact Don (804-525-8363) or Wendy (540-761-2855)

<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u>		
Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Elders <u>Class of 2025</u> Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin		
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Melanie Rice
<u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith		
<u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour		
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard
Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor		

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).

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Reminders</u>
<u>Class of 2025</u> 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): Mar. 2 - Doug & Marlene Flynn Mar. 9 - Sue Brown Mar. 16 - Charles Speck Mar. 23 - Bob & Donna Broyles Mar. 30 - Don & Wendy Andree
<u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandra McCullar	Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Mar. 2 - Jean Jamison Mar. 9 - Sara King Mar. 16 - Barry & Anne Webb Mar. 23 - Deborah Matter Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
<u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	Deacon on Duty: 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
March - Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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MARCH 2, 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

MARCH 2, 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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 "Adagio from Sonata No. 1" Mendelssohn

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! -Psalm 105:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 115

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, like a faithful shepherd, You never stop searching for Your people. Before we recognized our need for mercy, You sent Your Son Jesus, who gave His life for our salvation. We confess that we need Your care, Your guidance, Your forgiveness. We too often practice our own wisdom before seeking Yours. We are sorry. You are the Shepherd, and we are Your sheep. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, teach us to follow You more closely. Grant us the courage to surrender to Your leading and to live in obedience to Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, 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!

Thanks be to God, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! -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 "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 691

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 "The King of Love my Shepherd is" Edward C. Bairstow

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Andante in A Major" Hesse/Cundick

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-7 page 728

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Living God's Will for Your Life" 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 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" No. 605

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Postlude in G" Merkel

*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 a strong faith built on the Word of God.
Gal. 2:20; Colossians 2:6-7; Heb. 11:1; Ps. 16:8

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - March 9



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.



First Wednesday Book Club selection for March 5 is "Some Wildflowers in my Heart" by Jamie Langston Turner.