

CALENDAR

- Today, 11/24** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering., 5:00 pm
- Monday, 11/25** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 11/26** 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, 11/27** FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 11/28** Thanksgiving; Church office closed
- Friday, 11/29** Church office closed

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.



<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u>		
Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Elders Class of 2024 Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis		
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		
Class of 2025 Don Andree Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin David Smith		
Class of 2026 Mike Abbott Robert Broyles Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour		

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>Reminders</u>	
Deacons Class of 2024 Debbra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Sheila Harms Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Mary Thornhill Brenda White-Edwards	Elders: Don Andree, Bob Collis Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Nov. 24 - Linda Brown Dec. 1 - Doug & Marlene Flynn Dec. 8 - Sue Brown Dec. 15 - Charles Speck Dec. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles Dec. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Nov. 24 - Lee Slover, Julie Drewry Dec. 1 - Jean Jamison Dec. 8 - Andrea Guillard Dec. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb Dec. 22 - Kaye Ward Dec. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett Deacons on Duty: Nov. 24 - Helen Thompson, Brenda Edwards Dec. 1 - Mary Thornhill, Cameron May Dec. 8 - Donna Broyles, Marcia Ridenhour Dec. 15 - Wendy Andree, Alison Boozer Dec. 22 - Debbie Bennett, Sheila Harms Dec. 29 - Brenda Edwards, Marlene Flynn
Class of 2025 Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson	
Class of 2026 Wendy Andree Tamara Caldwell Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandy McCullar Carolyn Moore	

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NOVEMBER 24, 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 Dec. - Beef Stew

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 "Voluntary on Kremser" Young

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:1-3

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 116

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all bounty, you have lavished us with good things richly and freely to enjoy. Yet we have failed to honor you as the source of all these blessings; we speak and act as though our blessing were rooted in our own wise efforts. In mercy, forgive our shameful pride and ingratitude. Fill us with the Spirit of thanksgiving that all we do and say would demonstrate our full and glad acknowledgement that our abundance comes fully from you. Quicken us to give to others freely and gladly, even as you have given to us so plentifully, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Rom. 8:32) God gave His only Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross for the atonement of our sin and eternity with Him. With repentant and thankful hearts, receive His gift and know that your sins are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

Children's Time Diana Harvey

*Hymn "In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him" insert

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 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Randolph Currie

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Thanks Be to Thee" Handel/Asper

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Psalm 116:12-19 page 605

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Our Sacrifice of Thanksgiving" 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 98

Recognition of New Member Please welcome Sara T. King

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Karg-Elert

*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 Godly wisdom and guidance.
Proverbs 3; James 1:5

First Wednesday Book Club selection for Dec. 4 is "The Believers" by Janice Holt Giles.



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



Thanks to everyone who prepared an Operation Christmas Child shoebox this year. We delivered 93 filled shoeboxes from FEPC to one of the regional collection centers here in Roanoke. These boxes will now be taken to the national collection center and then distributed to children in the US and around the world. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and helping to spread the gospel to these children.