

**Elders**  
Class of 2023  
 Robert Broyles  
 Phillip Brown  
 Andrew Fuller  
 Lewana Richardson  
 Emery St. Cyr  
 Tom Turner

Class of 2024  
 Rea Brown  
 Mike Bumpass  
 Bob Collis  
 Bill Gearhart  
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025  
 Don Andree  
 Stuart Bain  
 Doug McLaughlin  
 David Smith

**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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

**Deacons**  
Class of 2023  
 Pat Guerrant  
 Sheila Harms  
 Jeanette Hinkle  
 Linda Kappus  
 Melanie Rice  
 Marcia Ridenhour

Class of 2024  
 Debbra Bennett  
 Alison Boozer  
 Linda Brown  
 Clifford (Bud) Dery  
 Carolyn Keyes  
 Kim Smith  
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025  
 Susan Blanding  
 Karen Brooks  
 Donna Broyles  
 Marlene Flynn  
 Helen Thompson  
 Lynn Wimmer

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Andy Fuller, Phil Brown  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 12 - Linda Brown  
 Nov. 19 - Dick & Jean Jamison  
 Nov. 26 - Doug & Marlene Flynn  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 12 - Brenda White-Edwards  
 Nov. 19 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
 Nov. 26 - Bill & Karen Brooks  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 Nov. 12 - Alison Boozer, Kim Smith  
 Nov. 19 - Carolyn Keyes, Sheila Harms  
 Nov. 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Karen Brooks  
**Acolytes:**  
 Nov. 12 - Emma & Kylie Woolard  
 Nov. 19 - Bryleigh Trevett  
 Nov. 26 - Elizabeth Rice

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 11/12** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am  
**Monday, 11/13** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 11/14** 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 Rehearsal, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 11/15** Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 11/16** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study 2:30 pm  
**Friday, 11/17** Prayers for the church, 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\**

**Greetings from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Good morning and welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here, and if you are visiting, we pray that you will return often and that you will consider joining us here at First church in Ministry and Service. First EPC is a caring family of all ages. Children and families are special to us, and this is a great place to make new friends and to grow in Christian Discipleship.

You can join First EPC by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; Reaffirmation of Faith if you have already made a Profession of Faith but have not been active in a church for some time; or by Transfer of Letter if you have been a member of another Church and now want to join First EPC. We do hope you will consider joining us here.

Just speak to the two Elders at the right front of our Sanctuary at the end of our Service today!

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 Worship**

Nov. 12 - Entering the Promised Land - Leader, Diana Harvey; Greeter,: Bradley & Jake Caldwell  
 Nov. 19 - The Temple, a House for God - Leade,: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeters, Jeff & Pat Povtak  
 Nov. 26 - Advent 1, The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem - Leader, Deborah Mattern; Greeter, Mike Trail

**First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

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**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman  
 Director of Music & Children's Ministries:  
 Mrs. Patricia K. Trail  
 Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:  
 Mr. Pete G. Guillard  
 Organist: Mr. William Turner  
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose



**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**  
 November - Mac & Cheese

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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 blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Adagio from Sonata No. 1" Mendelssohn

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

People: **All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.**

—Psalm 66:1-2, 4

\*Hymn "Open Now the Gates of Beauty" No. 376

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our intentional and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great mercy and goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

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

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Rev. Don Hardman

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Room 205.  
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

\*Hymn "Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver" No. 434

(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 6:38 Page 1021

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" Powell

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16 Page 348

Sermon "Becoming a "Real" Giver"  
Rev. Don Hardman

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

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 the evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*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**

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Jesus, Lead Thou On" arr. Young

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "This Is My Father's World" No. 111

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Cathedral Fanfare" Young

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\*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

## Announcements

Prayer Focus

Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the church.

James 1:17; Rom. 14:17; Heb. 9:10

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:14). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.

Please join Women in Ministry on Tuesday, 11am, November 14, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a mission report, study Luke 6:17-9:50, and enjoy lunch at noon. Hope to see you on Tuesday.



As we begin to focus on the coming year, the Session is seeking God's direction in preparing the church budget. A big help in that process is for us to pray about how we feel God is leading us to give. And then to so indicate by making a "pledge" for the coming year. Each member has been sent a letter and a pledge card to return on or before November 26th. There are additional cards in each foyer.

The cards can be returned in the mail, dropped by the office, or placed in the offering plate on or before the 26th.

Thank you!



In our effort to maintain adequate parking for our church ministries, we are giving parking decals to all of our members to place on their vehicles. This will allow us to identify vehicles that should not be parked in our lot and take any needed remedies.

Please sign up for a decal for each vehicle you might be driving to the church.

There will be a sign-up for these decals in the Ramp Room Foyer following our worship this morning and before and after our worship next week. Any other time, the decals can be obtained from the church office.

These are window clings and we ask that you place them on the inside of your back window.