

CALENDAR

Today, 10/19	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 10/20	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/21	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/22	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/23	
Friday, 10/24	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*
You can listen to our services by going to our website, www.fepcroanoke.org, and clicking on the sermons link.

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. We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoebox provided in the Ramp Room hallway or use a regular shoebox that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan’s Purse in each shoebox. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoebox, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. **Bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 16th, 2025.** Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child as an expression of God’s love.

The Session has recently hired Jim Johnson to serve us as our part-time Facility Manager. In that role, Jim will manage the many contractors that are in and out of our church every week. He will serve with the Resource Committee to implement and oversee facility maintenance and improvement projects throughout our church property. As time permits, he helps with security, moving tables and furniture and small maintenance projects. A man of many talents and greatly appreciated as we seek to maintain our facilities to the glory of God.



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Oct. - Pork & Beans

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	205	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: Mike Abbott, Rick Harvey
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Oct. 19 - Teal Bennett
Oct. 26 - Diana Harvey
Nov. 2 - Nancy Gillespie
Nov. 9 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
Nov. 16 - Bud & Jesse Derey
Nov. 23 - Linda Brown
Nov. 30 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Oct. 19 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
Oct. 26 - Martha Minter
Nov. 2 - Sara King
Nov. 9 - Tammy Caldwell, Bradley & Jake
Nov. 16 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
Nov. 23 - Julie Drewry & Lee Slover
Nov. 30 - Artie & Catherine Bush
Deacon on Duty:
Oct. 19 - TBD
Oct. 26 - TBD
Nov. 2 - TBD
Nov. 9 - TBD
Nov. 16 - TBD
Nov. 23 - TBD
Nov. 30 - TBD
Nursery Bible Time:
Oct. 19 - Karen Brooks
Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree
Nov. 2 - Chris Ayers
Nov. 9 - Pat Povtak
Nov. 16 - Anne Webb
Nov. 23 - Kim Smith
Nov. 30 - Diana Harvey

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OCTOBER 19, 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

OCTOBER 19, 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with
steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. -based on Psalm 108:1-4

*Hymn “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 164

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness and
our offenses against You. You know how we have strayed from Your ways,
how we have wasted Your blessings, and how we have misused Your grace.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have
done that dishonors You. Forgive our sins, and empower us to live in Your
light. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved in Christ, hear the Good News! Through Jesus Christ
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches
of his grace. Thanks be to God! -from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

*Gloria Patri No. 735
(Parents may take children to the nursery.)

*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

*one universal visible church.

*Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" No. 688

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 “If ye love me” by Thomas Tallis

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Fugue in G” Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Acts 1:15-17; 21-26 page 1075

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Faith Demands Action”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 654

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Toccata in F” Buxtehude

*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.

Children’s Nursery

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and
including kindergarten. You may take your child to the nursery at the
indicated time.
Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship
with their family.

Prayer Focus

Pray for moral decency in the world.
Ps. 7:9; Ps. 94:16; Heb. 12:3-4; Deut. 26:19

First Wednesday Book Club selection for Nov. 5 is “Miss Willie” by Janice
Holt Giles.



We are in need of a LOT of cookies (possibly 400 in attend-
ance). We only want "cookie-type" items. Please help with home-
made cookies, bar cookies or brownies, any type, 2-3
dozen, or as many as you can make. "Homemade-looking" store-
bought cookies are welcome. We have sign-up sheets in the
Narthex and in the Ramp Room. Please bring them to church
Sunday morning, October 26th, in Ziploc or plastic containers.