

CALENDAR

Today, 10/26	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am, Reformation Service, 6:00 pm
Monday, 10/27	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/28	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/29	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/30	
Friday, 10/31	Prayer mtg., 9:30 am; Neighborhood Trunk-n-Treat, 5:00 pm

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.



First Evangelical Presbyterian, Roanoke

Join us tonight for the 508th anniversary of the Reformation!

The special combined service begins at 6PM

Special speaker: Paul Washer

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Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Oct. - Pork & Beans
Nov.- Mac & Cheese

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

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

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).

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. 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. 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
Nursery Bible Time:
Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree
Nov. 2 - Chris Ayers
Nov. 9 - Pat Povtak
Nov. 16 - Anne Webb
Nov. 23 - Kim Smith
Nov. 30 - Diana Harvey



1st Annual Trunk-n-Treat
We Need Our Congregation!

We need Trunks
We need Candy
We need Toys

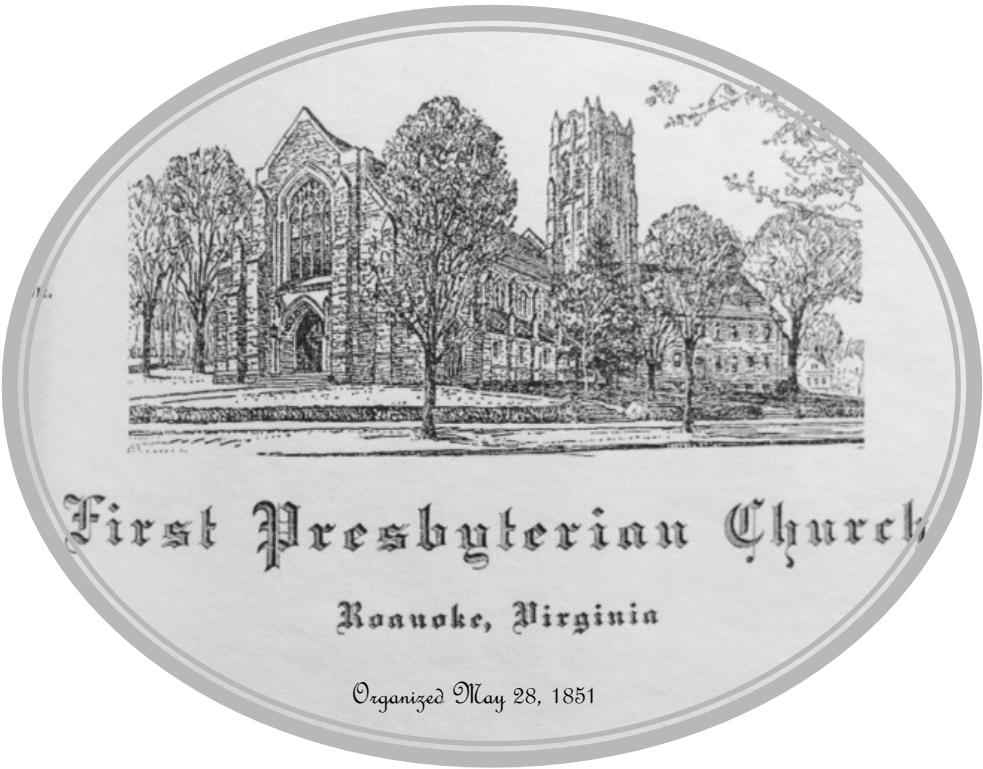
Please help to outreach in our community!

October 31st from 5 until 7pm



First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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OCTOBER 26, 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 26, 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

FirstKids Children’s Choir Wm. Parker/Frederick Challinor
“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Prelude “Largo from Concerto in D Minor” Bach
Kevin Matheson, first violin; Bryan Matheson, second violin

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,
People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.
People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

—Psalm 96:7-9

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy!" No. 100

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Gracious God, we confess that our fears and doubts can override our hope and faith. When we lose sight of Your love, have mercy upon us, and grant us Your forgiveness through Christ our Lord, Who intercedes for us even today. Restore us and renew in us the joy of Your salvation, even as You establish our feet in the path of faith. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, Who promises fullness of life here and resurrection for the life to come, Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, by His death, has broken down the barriers of sin and separation between us and God. As we repent and believe in Him, our sins are forgiven and we can know peace with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

*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 "Take Time to Be Holy" No. 537

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 "How Firm A Foundation"
arranged. by Emma Lou Diemer

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “A Mighty Fortress” arr. Dockery

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-16 page 1200
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Set Apart for God”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King” No. 630

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Sonata in B-flat, K 68” Mozart

*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 persecuted Christians.
Ps. 145:4, 8-13; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

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

Save the date: Christmas Decorations

Sunday, Nov. 23 after service: take down items from attic
Monday, Nov. 24, 9 am install wreath and swags, etc.
Tuesday, Nov 25 10 am Chrismon tree, outdoor wreaths, miscellaneous, clean up
If you are planning to help, text Melanie Rice 540-343-0914



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of receiving a report from our Pastor Nominating Committee and voting on extending a call to a new pastor. The meeting will be held, Sunday, November 2, 2025, immediately following our worship service.

