

CALENDAR

Today, 5/17 Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:30 am
175th Celebration Luncheon 12:00 pm
Session Mtg (Session Room), 5:00 pm

Monday, 5/18 SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 5/19 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm
Adult Bible Study (Parlor); 5:15 pm
Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 5/20 Resource Mtg (Session Room), 10:30 am
FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm
Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 5/21 Men's Breakfast (IHOP-Franklin Rd SW), 8:00 am
Spiritual Growth Mtg (Parlor), 5:00 pm
Reading Club (Library), 6:00 pm

Friday, 5/22 Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, May 19th at 12:00 PM

Weekly Adult Bible Study
Join us every Tuesday night
5:15 pm to 6:30 pm | Parlor Room

Men's IHOP Breakfast
Thursday, May 21st
8:00 am
IHOP | Franklin Rd SW

Reading Club
Thursday May 21st in Library
6:00 pm to 7:45 pm

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP
FRIDAY, MAY 22ND
9:30 AM | LIBRARY

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Pancake Mix and Syrup
May

Prayer Gathering
Sunday May 24 at 5:00 pm

<p>Elders</p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u> Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob Moore</p> <p>Deacons</p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms Helen Thompson</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u> Kathy Akers Bill Brooks Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck</p>	<p>Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>Children and Youth, join our Sunday School Classes! If you need more information, please contact Melanie Rice (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth).</p>																													
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<p>Reminders</p> <p>Elders: Bob Broyles & Barry Caldwell Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad Deacon on Duty: May 17 – Karen & Bill Brooks May 24 – Karen & Bill Brooks May 31 – Kathy Akers Nursery Bible Time: May 17 – Chris Ayers May 24 – Anne Webb May 31 – Kim Smith Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): May 17 – Mike and Roseanne Bumpass May 24 – Tammy, Bradly, and Jake Caldwell May 31 – Artie & Catherine Bush Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): May 17 – Bud and Jesse Derey May 24 – Linda Brown May 31 – Diana Harvey</p>																														

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.

FIRST KIDS
Children's Worship Program
DINNER & LESSON
Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
PreK-5th; youth 6th-12th+
fepcroanoke.org

KIDS! 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.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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MAY 17, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Schrage
Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

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MAY 17, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Chiming of the Bells

With the Chiming of the Bells, please observe silence as we prepare for Worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Adoration" by Florence B. Price, arr. By Elaine Fine
Bryan Matheson, Viola

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: Let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to the Lord at a time when he
may be found.

**People: Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
For to you do I pray.**

—Psalm 32:6, 5:2ESV

*Hymn of Adoration "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 345

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Righteous and regal God, you have named us members of your royal family, even calling us a holy priesthood because of our relationship with Jesus. The words of Scripture convict us and we admit we are far from the holiness of mature faith and service. Our sin lies heavily upon us. As individuals and as church, our witness to your goodness and saving action is often inconsistent with our profession of faith. While much of the world suffers from poverty, oppression, or fear, and our mission as ambassadors for Christ is clear, our response is cloud by self-protection, lethargy, or silence as evil goes unchallenged and the good news remains unproclaimed. Forgive our sin, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No.196

Assurance of Pardon

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

—Romans 8:15-16 ESV

*Gloria Patri No. 735

*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

(Parents may take children to the nursery.)

Anthem "Glorious Spirit, Dwell With Me" arranged by K. Lee Scott

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Sanctus" Gounod
Shannon Schrage, Piano

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 295

*Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:6 Page 1171

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Let Us Not Sleep"
Rev. Jeff Schrage

*Departure Hymn "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" No.165

*Benediction 2 Peter 3:18
(May You) grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.

Postlude "Fanfare" Lemmens

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

Our special thanks this morning to Bryan Matheson for playing the viola during our service today. Bryan teaches as a part of our First Music Academy

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. Guest, 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.

Pray continually

1 Thessalonians 5:17

