

CALENDAR	
Today, 2/15	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Meeting, 12:00 pm (Parlor); Session Meeting (Session Room), 5:00pm
Monday, 2/16	SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 2/17	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/18	PS Board Meeting (Parlor), 9:15am; Pancake Supper, 6:00 pm; Ash Wednesday Service, 6:45 pm; First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/19	Men’s Breakfast (IHOP-Franklin Rd SW), 8:00am
Friday, 2/20	Friday Prayer Group, 9:30 am

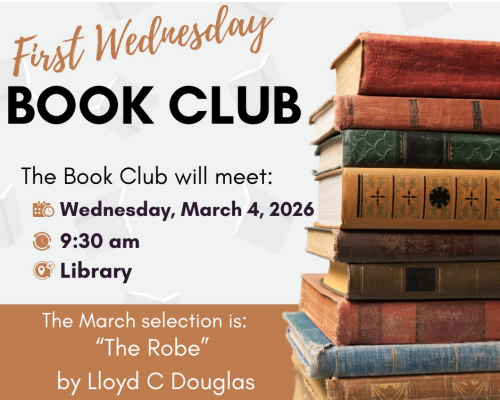
Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today’s service
 FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101*
 You can listen to our services by going to our website, www.fepcroanoke.org, and clicking on the sermons link.

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.



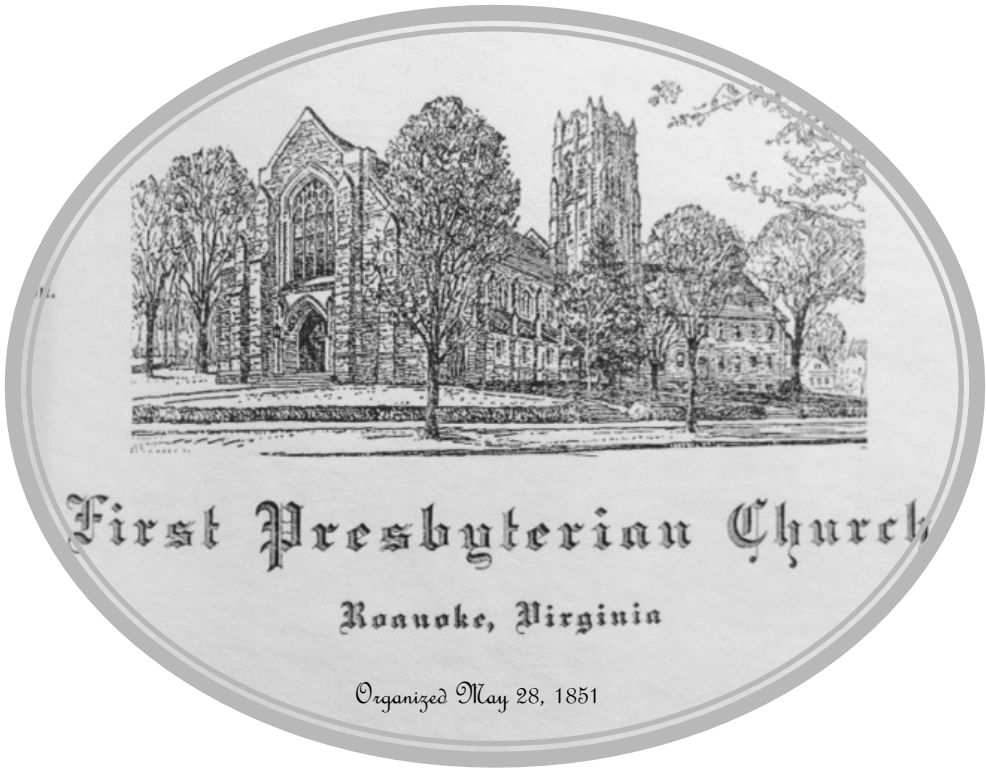
Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday February 18th, 2026
 Ash Wednesday Service will be conducted on Wednesday, February 18th, and will be led by Keith Olivier. Please make plans to attend this meaningful service that kicks off the Lenten season!

Elders <u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith <u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour <u>Class of 2028</u> Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob 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).		
	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 <u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms Helen Thompson <u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore <u>Class of 2028</u> Kathy Akers Bill Brooks Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck	Reminders Elders: Michael Ridenhour and Rea Brown Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Feb. 15—Bud and Jessie Derey Feb. 22—Linda Brown Mar.1—Doug and Marlene Flynn Mar.8—Sue Brown Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Feb. 15—Mike and Rosanne Bumpass Feb. 22—Lee Slover and Julie Drewry Mar.1—Artie and Catherine Bush Mar.8—Kaye Ward Deacon on Duty: Feb. 15—Donna Broyles Feb. 22—Tammy Caldwell Mar.1—Carolyn Moore Mar.8—Kathy Akers Nursery Bible Time: Feb. 15— Pat Povtak Feb. 22— Chris Ayers Mar. 1—Anne Webb Mar.8—Kim Smith		



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FEBRUARY 15, 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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Chiming of the Bells

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

Choir Introit “All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 115
Stanza 1,4 & 5

Announcements
Prelude “Moderato” Voigtländer

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett
Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
People: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Leader: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;
People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100

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

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, as we examine ourselves in the light of your Spirit, we become aware that of ourselves we are vulnerable to evil which blinds our eyes and closes our ears, which deceives us concerning both the moral and spiritual condition of our lives, and of the church. We confess we have many reasons that cause us to hesitate asking what Jesus wants of us. We are reluctant to hear the answer, and we protect ourselves with rationalizations for our secret sins. We like the way of life we have chosen, the attitudes we entertain, the plans we make, the social activities in which we engage. We need the deliverance Jesus offers; we need the cleansing action of your Holy Spirit, that with our inner being set free, we may begin again to live as your faithful people. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace. Thanks be to God.

*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 My Life, and Let It Be" Page 585

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 Lovely Shines the Morning Star”
by Philipp Nicolai, arr. J.S.

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Adagio” Muffat

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Mark 2:1–12 Page 991

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Cancel Culture”
Rev. Tom Oster

*Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" No. 600

*Benediction “Twofold Amen” No. 739

Postlude “Allegretto” Scholze

*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 our enemies.
Matthew 5:44-45

Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner & Service

February 18, 6:00 pm

During the Christian Year, the season of Lent is a time when we focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to expand our relationship with God. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.

Our annual Ash Wednesday pancake dinner is prepared and served by individuals who have been called to represent our church in the mission field and will be doing so this summer. Donations are appreciated. Please come and break bread and fellowship at this special dinner and join us afterwards in Lapsley Chapel for our traditional Ash Wednesday service.

