

- SUNDAY SERVICES
- ♦ Sunday School, 9:00 am

Adult Ministry:

Library – Koinonia/Cornerstone – Phil Brown

Room 202 – McClanahan/Good News – Becky Bane

Youth Ministry: (Grades 6–12)

Youth Room – Pete Guillard

Children Ministry: (Grades K–5)

Room 206 – Wendy Andree

- ♦ Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

Coffee & Tea & Social

Located: Ramp Room Hallway

Seating: Parlor Room

Starting at 9am for Sunday School along with as we mingle before and after worship!

Hearing Devices Available!

Location: Narthex & Ramp Room

How to listen:

www.fepcroanoke.org/sermons

Wifi: FEPC Guest

Password: Guest2101*

KIDS @ FiRST!

Available:

– Children's bulletin (Ages 3+ and 7+ available)

– Coloring Sheet Clipboards

– Crayons

Locations:

• Ramp Room(basket on table)

• Narthex table

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

OFFICERS

Elders	Class of '26 Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith	Class of '27 Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	Class of '28 Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob Moore
Deacons	Class of '26 Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms	Class of '27 Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	Class of '28 Kathy Akers Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck



CALENDAR

Today, 10/4	9:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:45 am – Deacon Meeting
Monday, 10/5	6:00 pm – Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS)
Tuesday, 10/6	12:00 pm – Men’s ZOOM Bible Study 5:15 pm – Adult Bible Study (ABS)
Wednesday, 10/7	6:30 pm – Chancel Choir 9:30 am – First Wednesday Book Club 6:00 pm – Feast @ First *Baked Potato*
Thursday, 10/8	6:30 pm – First Kids & Youth Group
Friday, 10/9	7:00 pm – Carillonneurs
Saturday, 10/10	6:00 pm – DSAR Book Club
Sunday, 10/11	9:30 am – Friday Prayer Group 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 1:00pm – Crop Walk

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, October 18th @ 5:00pm

Church Parlor Room or overflow into Sanctuary





- REMINDERS
- October Elders: Scott Rice & Mike Abbott

Deacon on Duty:

October 4 –

October 11 –

October 18 –

October 25 –

Sound System:

October 4 – Scott Rice

October 11 – Eric La Prad

October 18 – Rea Brown

October 25 –
- Greeters:

Narthex (10:00a to 10:30a) :

October 4 – Sandy McCullar

October 11 – David & Pam Beckner

October 18 – Don & Wendy Andree

October 25 – Martha Minter

Ramp Room (8:50a to 9:00a & 10:00a to 10:30a) :

October 4 – Teal Bennett

October 11 – David & Kathy Akers

October 18 – Pat Povtak

October 25 – Eric & Sara LaPrad
- ## First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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- OCTOBER 4, 2026
- 10:30 am
- First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2101 Jefferson Street SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
540-344-3204
www.fepcroanoke.org
- Pastor: Rev. Jeff Schrage
Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 4, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Hymnus" von Felitz

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: To Christ be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.
People: We give thanks to you, Lord God almighty,
who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power
and begun your reign

2 Peter 3:18 & Revelation 11:17

*Hymn of Adoration "Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray" No.390

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we know our calling is to be the forgiven and forgiving community for whom Christ died. Yet how far we are from living what we know! We confess that we have not loved as we have been loved, nor forgiven others as we need to be forgiven. We confess the guilts we carry, the hurts we nurture, and the grudges we harbor. We confess that we contribute to division within the community by criticism, judgment, gossip and partiality. And we confess, too, our parochial sense of community; we draw lines as to who can belong, who is in and who is out. God, in mercy, forgive our exclusiveness and our superiority. Restore us to a true sense of what it means to share a communal life in your Christ. Amen

Hymn of Response "From out of Depths I Cry, O Lord, to Thee" No.552

Assurance of Pardon

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure".

Revelations 19:6-8

*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 "Whoever Welcomes You, Welcomes Me" by Larry E. Schultz

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 "Ave Verum" Mozart

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No.521

*Scripture: Ezra 10 Page 470-471

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "When Judgement Comes: A Message of Hope"
Rev. Jeff Schrage

Communion

Departure Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No.32

*Benediction Revelations 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Postlude "Rondeau" Mouret

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

This morning during the last hymn please remain seated as we will receive a Communion Offering which serves to help those in need within and without our church family.

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.



FEPC Outreach

Trunk or Treat

Sign up to come and decorate your car trunk and give out candy! We are asking for Biblical themed trunks, or fall themed. If you can't be there to decorate, WE STILL NEED LOTS OF CANDY DONATIONS!

Date: 10/31/2026 (Sat.)





CROP Hunger Walk

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 11th, 2026



Volunteers Needed



Just around the corner! Operation Christmas Child

is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. 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. Details to come!



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE DINNER AT THE ROANOKE RESCUE MISSION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH FROM 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM
6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN-UP SHEET IN RAMP ROOM

Sermon Notes

October 4th, 2026

Title: "When Judgement Comes: A Message of Hope" Rev. Jeff Schrage

Scripture: Ezra 10
