

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 5/24** Sunday School, 9:00 am  
Worship, 10:30 am  
Prayer Gathering,

**Monday, 5/25**

**Tuesday, 5/26** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study (Parlor); 5:15 pm  
Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, 5/27** FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm  
Carillonners, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, 5/28**

**Friday, 5/29** Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am

| <p><b>Elders</b></p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u><br/>Don Andree<br/>Robert Broyles<br/>David Smith</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u><br/>Mike Abbott<br/>Scott Rice<br/>Michael Ridenhour</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u><br/>Rea Brown<br/>Barry Caldwell<br/>Bob Moore</p> <p><b>Deacons</b></p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u><br/>Wendy Andree<br/>Bobby Caudle<br/>Sheila Harms<br/>Helen Thompson</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u><br/>Karen Brooks<br/>Donna Broyles<br/>Tammy Caldwell<br/>Carolyn Moore</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u><br/>Kathy Akers<br/>Bill Brooks<br/>Carolyn Keyes<br/>Charles Speck</p>   | <p><b>Sunday School 9:00 am</b></p> <p>Children and Youth, join our Sunday School Classes!<br/>If you need more information, please contact<br/>Melanie Rice (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth).</p>   |            |               |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
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|  | Children's Ministry   | Location   | Teachers      |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | Infants & Toddlers  | Room 115   | Amanda Young  |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | PreK-K-1  | Room 114   |               |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | Grades 2-5  | Room 205   | Melanie Rice  |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | Youth   | Location   | Teachers      |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | Grades 6-12   | Youth Room | Pete Guillard |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | Adult Bible Study   | Location   | Teachers      |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
|  | McClanahan/Good News  | Room 207   |               |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
| Koinonia/Cornerstone   | Parlor  |            |               |                     |          |          |                    |          |              |          |          |  |            |          |              |       |          |          |             |            |               |                   |          |          |                      |          |  |                      |        |  |
| <p><b>Reminders</b></p> <p><b>Elders:</b> Bob Broyles &amp; Barry Caldwell<br/><b>Sound System:</b> Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad<br/><b>Deacon on Duty:</b><br/>May 24 – Karen &amp; Bill Brooks<br/>May 31 – Kathy Akers<br/>June 7 – Carolyn Keyes<br/>June 14 –<br/><b>Nursery Bible Time:</b><br/>May 24 – Anne Webb<br/>May 31 – Kim Smith<br/><b>Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):</b><br/>May 24 – Tammy, Bradly, and Jake Caldwell<br/>May 31 – Artie &amp; Catherine Bush<br/>June 7 – Kaye Ward<br/>June 14 – Barry &amp; Anne Webb<br/><b>Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 &amp; 10:00-10:30):</b><br/>May 24 – Linda Brown<br/>May 31 – Diana Harvey<br/>June 7 – Sue Brown<br/>June 14 – Marcia Ridenhour</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](http://www.fepcroanoke.org), and clicking on the sermons link.

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.

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MAY 24, 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

MAY 24, 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

Recognition: Mckemzie Preston and Kylie Woolard for 5th grade graduation

Prelude "Come Down, O Love Divine" arr. Held

\*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: It is good to be near God;  
make the Lord God your refuge  
And tell of all his works.

**People: How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

—Psalm 73:28 & 84:1-2ESV

\*Hymn of Adoration "Come, O Creator Spirit Blest" No. 329

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, You have called us out of darkness, and made straight the path. Your word is true, yet we don't always believe it. You are speaking, but are we listening? We need a shepherd to guide and to carry us. Show us the way and forgive our sins. Change us from the inside out. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Hymn of Response "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" No.338

### Assurance of Pardon

I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

—Zechariah 10:6 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 "Alleluia" by William Boyce, Theron Kirk

### 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 "Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost" Buxtehude

\*Doxology No. 731

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Praise "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" No.498

\*Scripture: 2 Peter 3:14-18 Page 1206

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Here We Go!"  
Rev. Jeff Schrage

\*Departure Hymn "Revive Thy Work, O Lord" No.370

## Communion

\*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 "For All the Saints" Vaughan Williams

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

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

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## 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 when we are tempted.

Matthew 26:41

