

CALENDAR

Today, 11/9

Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am

Monday, 11/10

Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/11

Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 11/12

FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 11/13

Worship/Discipleship Mtg., 12:30 pm; Outreach Missions Ministry Mtg., 5:00 pm

Friday, 11/14


Prayer Meeting., 9:30 am; Administration Mtg., 3:00 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.



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
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

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


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


Reminders
Elders: Michael Ridenhour, Don Andree
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
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):
Nov. 9 - Tammy Caldwell, Bradley & Jake
Nov. 16 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
Nov. 23 - Julie Drewry & Lee Slover
Nov. 30 - Artie & Catherine Bush
Deacon on Duty:
Nov. 9 - Tammy Caldwell
Nov. 16 - Marlene Flynn
Nov. 23 - Karen Brooks
Nov. 30 - Wendy Andree
Nursery Bible Time:
Nov. 9 - Deborah Mattern
Nov. 16 - Anne Webb
Nov. 23 - Kim Smith
Nov. 30 - Diana Harvey

First Wednesday Book Club
selection for Dec. 3 is “At Home in Mitford”
by Jan Karon. Please join us!



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NOVEMBER 09, 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

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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

Prelude “Adagio from Concerto in G” Mendelssohn
Kevin Matheson, violin

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
People: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
People: Let all the peoples praise you!

—Psalm 67:1-3

*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 334

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust You fully. We admit we often fail to obey You. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into Your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshiped You with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken Your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us back to complete trust in You and joyful obedience. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Jesus has paid the price for our sins. In Him we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

—Psalm 103:8-12

*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" No. 585
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

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 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts; Walker’s Southern Harmony
Keith Olivier, Tenor

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Andante from Concerto in A Minor” Bach
*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Romans 12:4-8 page 1123
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Having Gifts That Differ... Now Use Them”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "All For Jesus!" No. 565
*Benediction No. 739
Postlude “Rondo from Concerto in G ” Mozart

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

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:1-4). Participation is also a response to Jesus’ command, “You give them something to eat.” These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community

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 pastors.
Jeremiah 3:15, Joshua 1:9, 1 Cor. 16:13, Eph. 6:10-11



Women in Ministry Bible Study, this Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m.
We are studying the Gospel of Mark led by Marcia Ridenhour.
Lunch is served immediately thereafter at noon.
Please join us!

Save the Dates: 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



It’s Voting Time Again

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 16th, following worship for the purpose of receiving the report of our nominating committee and electing Elders and Deacons for the class of 2028.

Our special thanks this morning to Kevin Matheson for playing the violin during our services. Kevin teaches as a part of our First Music Academy.