

CALENDAR		
Today, 8/9	9:00 am	— Sunday School
	10:30 am	— Worship
Monday, 8/10	6:00 pm	— Sisters in Bible Study(SIBS),
Tuesday, 8/11	12:00 pm	— Men’s ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	— Adult Bible Study, Library
Wednesday, 8/12	6:00 pm	— Youth Group
Thursday, 8/13	8:00 am	—
Friday, 8/14	9:30 am	— Friday Prayer Group, Library

Reminders

Elders: Bob Broyles & Dave Smith

Deacon on Duty:

August 9 — Karen & Bill Brooks
August 16 — Helen Gearhart
August 23 — Carolyn Keyes
August 30 — Kathy Akers

Sound System:

August 9 — Eric LaPrad
August 16 — Rea Brown
August 23 — Scott Rice
August 30 — Rea Brown

Greeters:

Narthex (10:00-10:30):

August 9 — Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
August 16 — Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
August 23 — Tammy, Bradley, Jake Caldwell
August 30 — Artie & Catherine Bushll

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

August 9 — Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
August 16 — Bud & Jesse Derey
August 23 — Linda Brown
August 30 — Diana Harvey

Sunday School 9:00 am <u>Adult Bible Study</u> Library — Koinonia/Cornerstone Room 207 — McClanahan / Good News <u>Youth (Grades 6th-12th)</u> Youth Room — Pete Guillard <u>Children’s Ministry (Grades K—5)</u> Room 205 — Melanie Rice



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! 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



AUGUST 9, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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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

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PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” Walther

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

—based on Psalm 98:1-6

*Hymn of Adoration “Break Thou the Bread of Life” No.146

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Response "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" No.335

Assurance of Pardon

Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. — Zechariah 1:3

*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.)

Special Music “Let us Break Bread Together” arranged by Craig Courtney, Helen Gearhart, Soprano”

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 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Kuhnau

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*Scripture: Ezra 4:1-6 Page 463

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “My Neighbor Frankenstein” Rev. Jeff Schrage

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Hold each of the elements to take together)

*Departure Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No.32

*Benediction 1 Peter 5:10-11 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Postlude “Rigaudon” Campra/Biggs *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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for “Lemonade & cookies on the Lawn” today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other’s company before you leave.



Pray with thanksgiving- the cure for anxiety.

Philippians 4:60



Prayer Focus

Sermon Notes: