

CALENDAR		
Today, 8/23	9:00 am	— Sunday School
	10:30 am	— Worship
	5:00 pm	— Session Meeting
Monday, 8/24		
Tuesday, 8/25	12:00 pm	— Men’s ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	— Adult Bible Study, Library
Wednesday, 8/26	6:00 pm	— Youth Group
Thursday, 8/27		
Friday, 8/28	9:30 am	— Friday Prayer Group, Library

Reminders

Elders: Bob Broyles & Dave Smith	<u>Greeters:</u>
<u>Deacon on Duty:</u>	Narthex (10:00-10:30):
August 23 — Carolyn Keyes	August 23 — Tammy, Bradley, Jake Caldwell
August 30 — Kathy Akers	August 30 — Artie & Catherine Bush
September 6 — Karen Brooks	September 6 — Deborah Mattern
September 13 — Bill Brooks	September 13 — Barry & Anne Webb
<u>Sound System:</u>	Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
August 23 — Scott Rice	August 23 — Linda Brown
August 30 — Rea Brown	August 30 — Diana Harvey
September 6 — Rea Brown	September 6 — Marcia Ridenhour
September 13 —	September 13 — Sue Brown

Elders	<u>Class of ‘26</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith	<u>Class of ‘27</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	<u>Class of ‘28</u> Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob Moore
	<u>Class of ‘26</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms Helen Thompson	<u>Class of ‘27</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	<u>Class of ‘28</u> Kathy Akers Bill Brooks Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck
	Deacons		

Sunday School 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study

Library — Koinonia/Cornerstone
Room 207 — McClanahan / Good News

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

Youth Room — Pete Guillard

Children’s Ministry (Grades K—5)

Room 205 — Melanie Rice

Presbyterian Community
Center Food Needs

Canned Fruit

August

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 23, 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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” Bach

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of his wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High

—Psalm 9:1-2 ESV

*Hymn of Adoration “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No.53

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, in Jesus, You have provided fully for our redemption, securing peace with You. And yet, at times we assume we’re on our own. Forgive us when we try to earn our own salvation. Forgive us when we try to change ourselves without Your help. Forgive us when we try to live apart from the Holy Spirit's power and presence. Deepen our trust in Your ability to put sin to death. Renew our hope in Your resurrection power that equips us to walk in the newness of life! In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen. (silent personal confession)

Hymn of Response "How Good It Is to Thank the Lord" No.635

Assurance of Pardon

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.” Friends, these words declare the truth of the Cross. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

- Isaiah 55:6-7

*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 “Til the Storm Passes” by Mosie Lister, arr. By Amy Potter
Michael Stoots, Vocalist

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 “Our Father in Heaven” Telemann

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "Showers of Blessing” No.130

*Scripture: Ezra 5:6-12 Page 465

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Abundant Blessing”
Rev. Jeff Schrage

*Departure Hymn "Blessed Assurance” No.693

*Benediction 1 Timothy 1:17
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Postlude “Psalm 19” Marcello/Biggs

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

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.

Weekly Bible Studies

Contact Abby at our church office for more information 540-344-3204

Sundays 9am Koinonia Class: “Is the Bible Truth? Prove it!” (Phil Brown)
McClanahan Class: “With All Your Heart” (Kathy Brown and Becky Bane)
Youth Class: “Heidelberg Catechism” (Pete Guilliard)
Children ages 5-11: “First Catechism” (Wendy Andre and Melanie Rice)

Sundays 5pm At the Andre’s Home: “Praying with Jesus” (Don and Wendy Andre)
Mondays 6pm Women (SIBS) “Joshua” (Chris Ayers; starts 9/14/26)
Tuesdays Noon Men’s Zoom “Table Talk” (Phil Brown)
Tuesdays 5:15pm Group class “Book of John” (Pete Guilliard)
Wednesdays 6pm Kids@First&Dinner: Youth “Luke” (Pete Guilliard / Children; Melanie Rice)
Saturdays 9:15am Youth and young adult at Bojangles: “Mark” (Pete Guilliard)

Pray for persecuted Christians.

Hebrews 13:3, Psalms 12:5, Revelation 13:10, Psalms 74:21



Sermon Notes: