

*The Reading of the Word of God

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

Proclamation of the Word of God

“Above All Christ”

Communion

Departure Hymn

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

#562

1 All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

2 All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Chorus]

Chorus:
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

3 All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Savior, wholly thine:
may thy Holy Spirit fill me,
may I know thy pow'r divine. [Chorus]

4 All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power,
let thy blessing fall on me.[Chorus]

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:17–19

May Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

Postlude

“Come, Come, Ye Saints”

Sacred Harp, 1844

*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.

Order of Worship

November 1, 2026

Welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church!

We are glad to have you here with us members and visitors. If you are early, take some time to read through some of the bulletin in preparation for worship this morning. We will pray, sing, and proclaim the Glory of Our Triune God!

Ringin

g of the Chimes

Announcements

Prelude

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Walther

*Call to Worship

Psalm 14:2 & Micah 7:7

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.

People: As for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

*Hymn of Adoration

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#629

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Confession of Sin

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of giving it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others’ intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn of Response

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

#481

1 O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

2 Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion-
for more than conqu'rors we are! [Chorus]

3 His Word shall not fail you– he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell! [Chorus]

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:57–58

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*Gloria Patri #734

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Young

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the 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.

Offertory

Jesus, Lead Thou On

arr. Young

*Doxology

#731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

499

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.



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. In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, the children are offered The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients. We praise God that since The Greatest Journey was launched, over 27 million children have made decisions for Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Sanctuary 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 included label and then secure the filled box with the included rubber band. Bring your filled shoebox back to the Sanctuary on or before Sunday, November 15th, 2026. 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.

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NOVEMBER 1, 2026

10:30 am

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

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.

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

Coffee & Tea & Social

Located: Ramp Room Hallway

Seating: Parlor Room

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

◆ Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

SUNDAY RESOURCES

KIDS @ FiRST!

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

Available to you:

-  Children's bulletin
(Ages 3+ and 7+ available)
-  Coloring Sheet Clipboards & Crayons

Locations near you:

-  Ramp Room (basket on table)
-  Narthex table

◆ Hearing Devices Available

Where are they? : Narthex & Ramp Room

How to listen? : www.fepcroanoke.org/sermons

Wifi: FEPC Guest

Password: Guest2101*

Calendar

Today, 11/1	9:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:45 am – Deacon Meeting 11:45 am – Christmas Play Practice w/lunch
Monday, 11/2	6:00 pm – Sisters in Bible Study
Tuesday, 11/3	12:00 pm – Men’s ZOOM Bible Study 5:15 pm – Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir (in Sanctuary)
Wednesday, 11/4	9:30 am – First Wednesday Book Club 6:00 pm – Feast @ First * Thanksgiving Dinner * 6:30 pm – First Kids & Youth Group 7:00 pm – Carillonneurs
Thursday, 11/5	11:30 am – PS Board Meeting (Called Executive Session) (Public comment not allotted)
Friday, 11/6	9:30 am – Friday Prayer Group



Reminders

November Elders: Don Andree & Barry Caldwell

Deacon on Duty:

November 1 –
November 8 –
November 15 –
November 22 –
November 29 –

Sound System:

November 1 – Eric LaPrad
November 8 – Rea Brown
November 15 – Scott Rice
November 22 – Eric LaPrad
November 29 –

Greeters:

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

November 1 – David Scott & Audra Sacher
November 8 – Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
November 15 – Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
November 22 – Ed & Debbie Bennett
November 29 – Artie & Catherine Bush

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

November 1 – Nancy Gillespie & Carolyn Keyes
November 8 – Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
November 15 – Bud & Jesse Derey
November 22 – Linda Brown
November 29 – Diana Harvey

Officers

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

