Order of Worship

November 8, 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!

Ringing of the Chimes

Announcements

Prelude "Prelude in E Minor" Bach

***Call to Worship** *read responsively* 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever!

O God of salvation,
we give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!

***Hymn of Adoration** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #457

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

***The Reading of the Word of God** Colossians 1:21-23 (ESV)

Proclamation of the Word of God "The Great Transformation"

Departure Hymn "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire" #161

1 O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,
redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou,
its Savior and its King.

2 How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free.

3 But now the bands of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.

4 O Christ, be thou our lasting joy,
our ever great reward!
Our only glory may it be
to glory in the Lord.

***Benediction** Psalm 121: 7-8

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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

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Confession of Sin

Gracious Spirit, you desire good: good in the world and good in our lives. You have given us ways to know you and ways to know what your will is for us. But we confess that our wants and our desires cause us to turn away, to choose our own will and our own way. We think it will lead us to where we want to be, but God, we know that your way is the way of life eternal. So we pray for your Holy Spirit to work within us, to guide and lead us, to help us bear fruit, to grow and cultivate in us the way of life. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Hymn of Response "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" #254

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I!

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for man the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes in tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 16:8-9

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

*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.

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 "Be Thou My Vision" 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 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!" #701

1 Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,
his child and forever I am.

Chorus:
Redeemed, redeemed,
redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy
his child and forever I am.

2 Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence
with me doth continually dwell. [Chorus]

3 I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
his love is the theme of my song. [Chorus]

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 8, 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, 11/8	9:00 am	— Sunday School
	10:30 am	— Worship
	11:45 am	— Christmas Play Practice w/lunch
Monday, 11/9	6:00 pm	— Sisters in Bible Study
Tuesday, 11/10	11:00 am	— Women in Ministry
	12:00 pm	— Men's ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	— Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	— Chancel Choir (in Sanctuary)
Wednesday, 11/11	10:30 am	— Resource Meeting
	6:30 pm	— First Kids & Youth Group
	7:00 pm	— Carillonneurs
Thursday, 11/12	5:00 pm	— Outreach Meeting
Friday, 11/13	9:30 am	— Friday Prayer Group



Reminders

November Elders: Don Andree & Barry Caldwell

Deacon on Duty:

November 8 — Tammy Caldwell
November 15 — Kathy Akers
November 22 — Helen Gearhart
November 29 — Carolyn Keyes

Sound System:

November 8 — Rea Brown
November 15 — Scott Rice
November 22 — Eric LaPrad
November 29 — Rea Brown

Greeters:

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

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 8 — Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
November 15 — Bud & Jesse Derey
November 22 — Linda Brown
November 29 — Diana Harvey

Officers

Elders	Class of '26	Class of '27	Class of '28
	Don Andree	Mike Abbott	Rea Brown
	Robert Broyles	Scott Rice	Barry Caldwell
	David Smith	Michael Ridenhour	Bob Moore

Deacons	Class of '26	Class of '27	Class of '28
	Wendy Andree	Donna Broyles	Kathy Akers
	Bobby Caudle	Tammy Caldwell	Carolyn Keyes
	Sheila Harms	Carolyn Moore	Charles Speck
	Helen Thompson		

PCC
Presbyterian Community Center

