

CALENDAR

Today, 1/18	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Nursery Bible Time Meeting, 11:45am (Parlor); Session Meeting, 5:00 pm (Session Room)
Monday, 1/19	SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 1/20	Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 1/21	Pre-School Board Meeting, 9:15 am, (Parlor); FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 1/22	Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am (IHOP-Franklin Rd SW)
Friday, 1/23	Prayer Meeting, 9:30 am

Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service

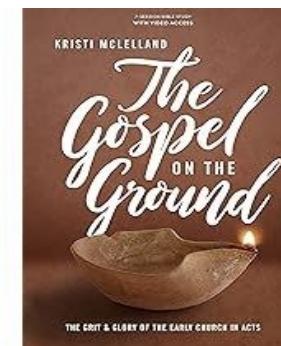
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You can listen to our services by going to our website, www.fepcroanoke.org, and clicking on the sermons link.

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.

Monday Night SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study):

Chris Ayers invites all women to join in a new Bible Study that begins on Monday, January 26, 2026 in the Parlor from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will study the book of Acts using **Gospel on the Ground** by Kristie McClelland as our guide. Contact Chris at 540-798-6919 or by email at robert.chris.ayers@cox.net before Sunday,



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of our congregation for Sunday, January 25th, following worship. This meeting is to Nominate and elect Deacons to fill vacancies on the Board, to share about what's upcoming in 2026 and to review our budget. This will also be our Annual Corporate meeting.

Our Congregational Meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall and will include a delicious barbecue pork, brisket, and chicken meal plus a tasty dessert. We are inviting everyone to bring thank you cards to share with Pastor Don and Barbara as their time with us is quickly drawing to a close!

Elders	
<u>Class of 2026</u>	
Don Andree	
Robert Broyles	
David Smith	
<u>Class of 2027</u>	
Mike Abbott	
Scott Rice	
Michael Ridenhour	
<u>Class of 2028</u>	
Rea Brown	
Barry Caldwell	
Bob Moore	

Deacons	
<u>Class of 2026</u>	
Wendy Andree	
Bobby Caudle	
<u>Class of 2027</u>	
Karen Brooks	
Donna Broyles	
Tammy Caldwell	
Carolyn Moore	
<u>Class of 2028</u>	
Kathy Akers	
Bill Brooks	
Carolyn Keyes	
Charles Speck	



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

Reminders
Elders: Bob Broyles, David Smith
Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 18—Teal Bennett
 Jan. 25—Diana Harvey
 Feb. 1 — Nancy Gillespie
 Feb. 8—Daryl and Carolyn Keyes
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Jan. 18—Deborah Mattern
 Jan. 25—Martha Minter
 Feb. 1—Sara King and Eric LaPrad
 Feb. 8—Tammy, Bradley, and Jake Caldwell
Deacon on Duty:
 Jan. 18—Carolyn Keyes
 Jan. 25—Bob Caudle
 Feb. 1—Wendy Andree
 Feb. 8—Bill Brooks
Nursery Bible Time:
 Jan. 18—Pat Povtak
 Jan. 25—Missy Reed
 Feb. 1—Karen Brooks
 Feb. 8—Wendy Andree

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JANUARY 18, 2026

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

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Jan.—Jelly
 Feb.— Cereal and Oatmeal

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 18, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

Calm our hearts as we gather in your house to worship. Open our hearts to receive the merciful work of your Holy Spirit. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the desire 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.

Choir Introit "Brightest and Best of the Sons of Morning" No. 206
Stanza 1

Announcements

Prelude "Larghetto" Franck

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!

People: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

Leader: You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

People: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

—Psalm 30:10-12

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Insert)

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we come before You with humble hearts, knowing that we have fallen short of Your glory. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to judge others while overlooking our own faults. We have been selfish and have failed to reflect the grace and mercy You show us through Jesus. Forgive us for the times we have neglected the needs of others and missed opportunities to act justly and with compassion. Help us to live each day in a manner that reflects the forgiveness we have received and the hope we have in Jesus. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends believe the Good News. "God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him." (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*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 "Let Us Praise God Together" No. 659

(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 "Praise Him, Alleluia!" by Eugene Butler

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Andantino" Gibbons/Johnson

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20 Page 974

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Are We Bound or Loose?" Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "We Are God's People" No. 355

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Fanfare" Otterstad

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

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

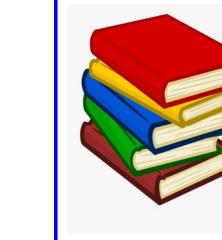
There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten. You may take your child to the nursery at the indicated time.

Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.



Prayer Focus

Pray and don't give up.
Luke 18:1-8



First Wednesday Book Club
The Book Club will meet Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:15 am. The February selection is "Through Gates of Splendor" by Elisabeth Elliot. Please join us!



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 (Luke 21:1-4). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received normally on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.

Volunteers Needed
Sign-up Today

The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

3 people have signed up to serve lunch on Saturday, January 31, 2026
Serving lunch from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm
We still need one volunteer.