

CALENDAR		
Today, 8/30	9:00 am	— Sunday School
	10:30 am	— Worship
	5:00 pm	— Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	— Circle of Hope Book Group
Monday, 8/31	12:00 pm	— Men’s ZOOM Bible Study
Tuesday, 9/1	5:15 pm	— Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	— Chancel Choir
Wednesday, 9/2	9:30 am	— First Wednesday Book Club
	6:00 pm	— Feast @ First **Pasta Potluck**
	6:30 pm	— Youth Group
	8:00 am	— Men’s Breakfast (IHOP—Franklin Rd SW)
Thursday, 9/3	9:30 am	— Friday Prayer Group
Friday, 9/4		

Reminders

Elders: Rea Brown & Bob Moore

Deacon on Duty:

August 30 – Kathy Akers
September 6 – Carolyn Keyes
September 13 – Bill Brooks
September 20 – Carolyn Moore
September 27 – Helen Gearhart

Sound System:

August 30 – Scott Rice
September 6 – Eric LaPrad
September 13 – Rea Brown
September 20 – Scott Rice
September 27 –

Greeters:

Narthex (10:00a to10:30a):

August 30 – Artie & Catherine Bush
September 6 – Deborah Mattern
September 13 – Barry & Anne Webb
September 20 – Kaye Ward
September 27 – Ed & Debbie Bennett

Ramp Room (8:50a to9:00a & 10:00a to10:30a):

August 30 – Diana Harvey
September 6 – Marcia Ridenhour
September 13 – Sue Brown
September 20 – Robert & Donna Broyles
September 27 – Don & Wendy Andree

Elders			
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 Children’s Ministry (Grades K–5) Room 205 – Melanie Rice	<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	Karen Brooks	Kathy Akers
	Bobby Caudle	Donna Broyles	Bill Brooks
	Sheila Harms	Tammy Caldwell	Carolyn Keyes
	Helen Thompson	Carolyn Moore	Charles Speck

Hearing Devices are Available:

Location: Narthex & Ramp Room
Listen: www.fepcroanoke.org/sermons
Wifi: [FEPC Guest](#)
Password: [Guest2101*](#)

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 30, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2101 Jefferson Street SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
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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

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners. We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” Bach

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: The Lord has heard
your voice and your pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to you,
call on him as long as you live
People: As for me, I will look to the Lord;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.

—Psalm 116:1-2, Mic. 7:7 ESV

*Hymn of Adoration “All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds” No.438

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth’s fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Response "My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word" No.366
Stanzas 1-5

Assurance of Pardon

For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion...For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him. - 2 Chronicles 30:9

*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

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 “Adagio” Albinoni / Wolff

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth” No.116

*Scripture: Ezra 6:13-22 Page 466

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Responding to the Work of God”
Rev. Jeff Schrage

*Departure Hymn "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise” No.62

*Benediction Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Postlude “Toccata in D Minor” Bach

*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.



Join us and reserve your spot @ fepcroanoke.org and click “FEPC Golf Retreat 2027 Sign Up”
Information below you will need when making payment:

Arrival Date: **Feb. 26th 2027 (2 Nights)**
Confirmation Number: **231007**
Group Leader Name: **Wimmer**
Cost: \$200 per person

Sermon Notes: