

SUNDAY SERVICE

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 – Melanie Rice

Worship 10:30 AM

Coffee & Tea & Social

Located: Ramp Room Hallway
Seating: Parlor Room
Available before Worship

Lemonade on the Lawn

Location: Lawn in front of Ramp Door
When: directly after Worship Service

Hearing Devices Available!

Location: Narthex & Ramp Room
How to listen: Go to
www.fepcroanoke.org/sermons
Wifi: FEPC Guest
Password: Guest2101*

CALENDAR

Today, 9/6	9:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
Monday, 9/7	
Tuesday, 9/8	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
Wednesday, 9/9	6:30 pm – First Kids & Youth Group 7:00 pm – Carillonneurs
Thursday, 9/10	5:00 pm – Outreach Meeting
Friday, 9/11	9:30 am – Friday Prayer Group

REMINDERS

Elders: Rea Brown & Bob Moore

Deacon on Duty:
September 6 – Carolyn Keyes
September 13 – Bobby Caudle
September 20 – Carolyn Moore
September 27 – Helen Gearhart

Sound System:
September 6 – Eric LaPrad
September 13 – Rea Brown
September 20 – Scott Rice
September 27 –

Greeters:

Narthex (10:00a to 10:30a):
September 6 – Deborah Mattern
September 13 – Barry & Anne Webb
September 20 – Kaye Ward
September 27 – Ed & Debbie Bennett

Ramp Room (8:50a to 9:00a & 10:00a to 10:30a):
September 6 – Marcia Ridenhour
September 13 – Sue Brown
September 20 – Robert & Donna Broyles
September 27 – Don & Wendy Andree

OFFICERS

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



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



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2101 Jefferson Street SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24014-0538
540-344-3204
www.fepcroanoke.org

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

*Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always. —based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

*Hymn of Adoration “Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord” No.16
stanzas 1-4

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life: for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice; for any example that makes it easier for people to criticize your church or for another to sin. When we think of ourselves and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more nearly as we ought. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace!" No.460

Assurance of Pardon

if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come...that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17,19

*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 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” by Keith and Kristyn Getty
Janemarie Laucella, Soprano; Michael Ridenhour, Tenor arr. by Dan Forrest

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

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "Jesus Paid It All" No.308

*Scripture: Ezra 7 Page 466

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Strength of Men”
Rev. Jeff Schrage

Communion

*Departure Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" No.140

*Benediction Romans 8:38–39
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Postlude

*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.

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.



LAST DAY SIGN UP 9/6/26! Join us and reserve your spot @ fepcroanoke.org and click “FEPC Golf Retreat 2027 Sign Up” Information below you will need when making deposit payment:

Arrival Date: Feb. 26th 2027 (2 Nights)
Confirmation Number: 231007
Group Leader Name: Wimmer
Cost: \$578 per person | Deposit: \$200

