

CALENDAR

Today, 3/8 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Meeting (Parlor), 12:00 pm

Monday, 3/9 SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 3/10 Women in Ministry (Fellowship Hall), 11:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 3/11 FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 3/12 Outreach Meeting (Parlor), 5:00 pm; Reading Club (Library), 6:00 pm

Friday, 3/13 Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am; Administration Meeting (Session Room), 3:00 pm;

Sisters in Bible Studies

Next Meeting:
Monday, Mar. 9
6:00 pm, Parlor Room

Women in Ministry Bible Study

We are studying the Gospel of Mark led by Marcia Ridenhour.

Tuesday, March 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch is served immediately thereafter at noon!

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, Mar. 10 at 12:00 PM

Reading Club

Thursday Mar. 12 in Library
6:00 pm to 7:45 pm

First Wednesday
BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet:
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
9:30 am
Parlor

The April selection is:
"The Dowry of Miss Lydia Clark"
by Lawana Blackwell

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta

March

Prayer Gathering
Sunday Mar. 22 at 5:00 pm

<p>Elders</p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u> Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob Moore</p> <p>Deacons</p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms Helen Thompson</p> <p><u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore</p> <p><u>Class of 2028</u> Kathy Akers Bill Brooks Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck</p>	<p>Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>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).</p>		
	Children's Ministry	Location	Teachers
	Infants & Toddlers	Room 115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	Room 114	
	Grades 2-5	Room 205	Melanie Rice
	Youth	Location	Teachers
	Grades 6-12	Youth Room	Pete Guillard
	<p>Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor</p>		
	<p>Reminders</p> <p>Elders: Don Andree Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad Deacon on Duty: Mar.8—Kathy Akers Mar.15—Karen Brooks Mar.22—Donna Broyles Mar.29—Wendy Andree Nursery Bible Time: Mar.8—Kim Smith Mar.15—Diana Harvey Mar.22—Deborah Mattern Mar.29—Karen Brooks Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Mar.8—Kaye Ward Mar.15—Barry and Anne Webb Mar.22—Pat Povtak Mar.29—Ed & Debbie Bennett Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Mar.8—Sue Brown Mar.15—Marcia Ridenhour Mar.22—Robert and Donna Broyles Mar.29—Don & Wendy Andree</p>		

Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101*
You can listen to our services by going to our website, www.fepcroanoke.org, and clicking on the sermons link.

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST KIDS
Children's Worship Program
DINNER & LESSON
Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
PreK-5th; youth 6th-12th+
fepcroanoke.org



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

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MARCH 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Schrage
Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 8, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 479

Announcements

Prelude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Bach
Bryan Matheson, viola

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

People: for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

People: for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

People: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

All: O come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn "Just As I Am, without One Plea" No. 501

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! —from Matthew 11:28-30

*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 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 530

(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 "Out of the Depths" by Carl Schalk

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Be Still My Soul" arr. Bish

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Luke 11:37-54 Page 1030

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Clean the Inside" Andy Koesters

Installation of New Deacons Sheila Harms Helen Thompson

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 598

*Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" arr. Lau

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

Our special thanks this morning to Bryan Matheson for playing the viola during our service today. Bryan teaches as a part of our First Music Academy

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.

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.



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.

Pray for grace to be joyful in all circumstances.

Ecclesiastes 7:14, 1 Corinthians 7:24, Psalms 98:4

Prayer Focus



Announcements:

Welcome Gift for the Schrage Family!

On behalf of FEPC, we are collecting donations to purchase two gift cards for the Schrage family. We would like to present them with a gift card from Sam's Club and Kroger. Please bring your donation to the church and mark "Schrage Welcome" in the memo by Sunday March 8th.

Installation of Rev. Jeff Schrage Service

Please plan to attend and celebrate the Installation of Reverend Jeff Schrage as the new Senior Pastor of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church next Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM. Members of the New River Presbytery will be officiating. We look forward to seeing you all.

Manse Furniture - Must be gone by Wednesday!

The manse furniture needs new homes by Wednesday! Look through all items on the attached list on realm post. Make a bid or best offer! All money received will go towards the manse and church landscaping. Email office@fecproanoke.org the: item number, offer, name, phone number.