

CALENDAR

Today, 3/15 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Installation of Rev. Jeff Schrage Service , 4:00 pm
Installation Reception (Fellowship Hall), 5:30 pm

Monday, 3/16 SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 3/17 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 3/18 PS Board Meeting (Parlor), 9:15 am; Resource Meeting (Session Room), 10:00 am; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 3/19 Spiritual Growth Meeting (Parlor), 5:30 pm;

Friday, 3/20 Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am

Sisters in Bible Studies
Next Meeting:
Monday, Mar. 16
6:00 pm, Parlor Room

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, Mar. 17
at 12:00 PM

Men's IHOP Breakfast
Thursday, March 19th
IHOP | Franklin Rd SW

Reading Club
Thursday Mar. 26 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 4:00 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.15–Karen Brooks Mar.22–Donna Broyles Mar.29–Wendy Andree Nursery Bible Time: Mar.15–Diana Harvey Mar.22–Kim Smith Mar.29–Karen Brooks Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): 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.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 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.

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MARCH 15, 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 15, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 "Let Us Praise God Together" No. 659

Announcements

Prelude "Joyous Spirit" by Valerie Stephenson
Performed by Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

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

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! We rejoice! —based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 353

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight you have made known to us the mystery of your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! *If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.* Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*Gloria Patri (Parents may take children to the nursery.) 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

*one universal visible church

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 94

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 "Ave Verum Corpus" by W.A. Mozart

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Ah, Holy Jesus" Brahms

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11 Page 1204

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Gift of Christian Living"
Rev. Jeff Schrage

*Hymn "Join All the Glorious Names" No. 301

*Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "Postlude in C" Rinck

*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.

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.

Pray that we would love
each other.

1 John 4:7-8



Installation Reception

Fellowship Hall, Sunday March 15th, 2026

Bring to share your choice of:

Cookies or Brownies

Please join us directly after Installation Service!
Feel free to drop off any time Sunday, drinks are provided.

