

CALENDAR

Today, 11/2	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am, Congregation Mtg. after worship, Diaconate Mtg., after Congregation Mtg.
Monday, 11/3	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 11/4	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/5	First Wednesday Book Club, 9:15am; Feast@First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 11/6	Men’s Breakfast, IHOP (3926 Franklin Rd. SW), 8:00 am
Friday, 11/7	Prayer Mtg., 9:30 am

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.

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.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoebox provided in the Ramp Room hallway or use a regular shoebox that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan’s Purse in each shoebox. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoebox, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. **Bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 16th, 2025.** Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child as an expression of God’s love.



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Nov.-Mac & Cheese

Elders
Class of 2025
Stuart Bain
Richard Harvey
Doug McLaughlin

Class of 2026
Don Andree
Robert Broyles
David Smith

Class of 2027
Mike Abbott
Scott Rice
Michael Ridenhour

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

Deacons
Class of 2025
Susan Blanding
Marlene Flynn
Marcia Ridenhour
Helen Thompson

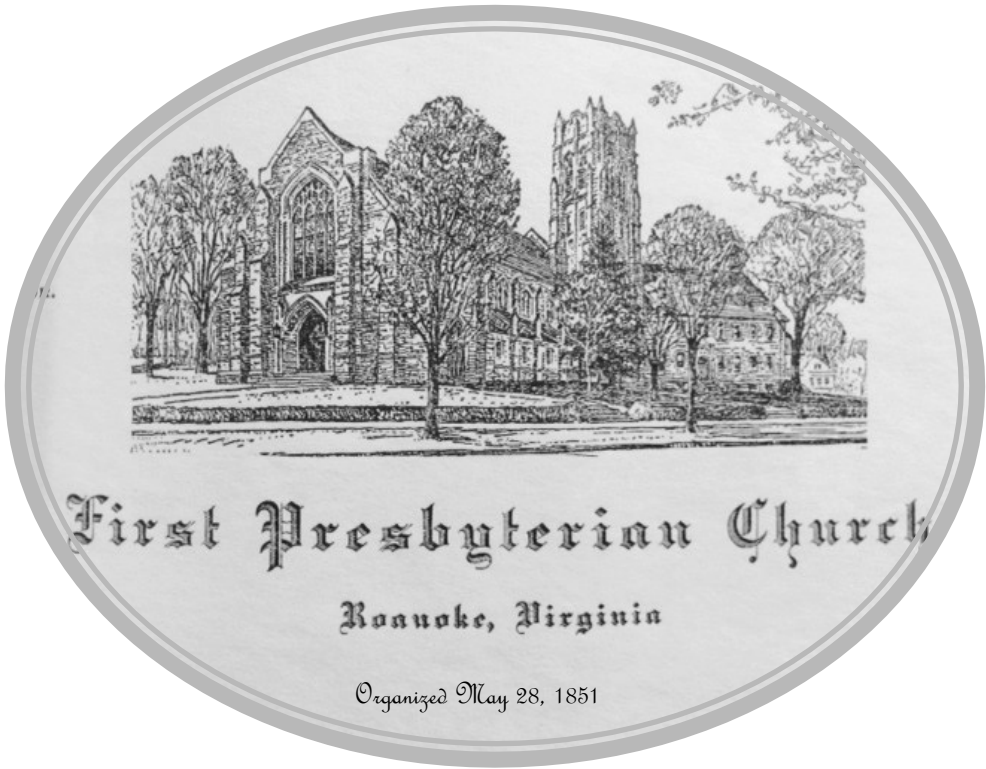
Class of 2026
Wendy Andree
Bobby Caudle
Cameron May
Sandra McCullar

Class of 2027
Karen Brooks
Donna Broyles
Tammy Caldwell
Carolyn Moore

Reminders
Elders: Mike Abbott, Rick Harvey
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Nov. 2 - Nancy Gillespie
Nov. 9 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
Nov. 16 - Bud & Jesse Derey
Nov. 23 - Linda Brown
Nov. 30 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Nov. 2 - Sara King
Nov. 9 - Tammy Caldwell, Bradley & Jake
Nov. 16 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
Nov. 23 - Julie Drewry & Lee Slover
Nov. 30 - Artie & Catherine Bush
Deacon on Duty:
Nov. 2 - Donna Broyles
Nov. 9—Tammy Caldwell
Nov. 16 - Marlene Flynn
Nov. 23 - Karen Brooks
Nov. 30 - Wendy Andree
Nursery Bible Time:
Nov. 2 - Chris Ayers
Nov. 9 - Deborah Mattern
Nov. 16 - Anne Webb
Nov. 23 - Kim Smith
Nov. 30 - Diana Harvey

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NOVEMBER 2, 2025
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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Holy Manna” arr. Betty Garee
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

People: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

—Psalm 57:9-11

*Hymn “O Worship the King” No. 2

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Gracious and Sovereign God, our anxious hearts often drive us to seek control over every part of our lives. We confess that we sometimes believe our worry alone can shape our work, our families, our finances and our futures. We try to manipulate situations and relationships to create a false sense of security. Forgive us, Lord. You alone are in control — the true Author and Orchestrator of our lives. Remind us that our role is not to direct, but to follow faithfully where You lead. Align our hearts with Your Spirit. Teach us to release our fears and anxieties into Your capable hands. Help us trust in Your perfect plan. You are the Author and Perfecter of our faith. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news. Jesus said, “my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” (John 6:37-40) In Jesus Christ our sins 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 “Faith of Our Fathers!” No. 570

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, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
arranged by Kevin Hildebrand

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” Bach
Camellia Delk, violin

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Hebrews 11:6-30 page 1192

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Faith Guarantee”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” No. 605

*Benediction No. 739

Our special thanks this morning to Camellia Delk for playing the violin during our Offertory. Camelia teaches as a part of our First Music Academy.

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 for humility and meekness.
1 Peter 3:4-5; Eph. 4:1-2; Colossians 3:12

First Wednesday Book Club selection for Nov. 5 is “Miss Willie” by Janice Holt Giles.

Save the date: Christmas Decorations

Sunday, Nov. 23 after service: take down items from attic
Monday, Nov. 24, 9 am install wreath and swags, etc.
Tuesday, Nov 25 10 am Chrismon tree, outdoor wreaths, miscellaneous, clean up
If you are planning to help, text Melanie Rice 540-343-0914



The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of receiving a report from our Pastor Nominating Committee and voting on extending a call. The meeting will be held today immediately following our worship service.

