

*The Reading of the Word of God Colossians 1:3-8 (ESV)

Proclamation of the Word of God “Faithful Voices”

*Departure Hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised” #654

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from
sin.

3 “O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*Benediction
“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD,
knowing that in the LORD your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Postlude “Tocatta in F” Buxtehude

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

Order of Worship

October 18, 2026
Welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church!
We are glad to have you here with us members and visitors. If you are early, take some time to read through some of the
bulletin in preparation for worship this morning. We will pray, sing, and proclaim the Glory of Our Triune God!

Chiming of the Bells
Announcements
Prelude “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Karen Thompson
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

*Hymn of Adoration “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” #168

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to
take.

3 Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being
sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore the joy of your salvation and sustain through Christ alone. Amen.

Hymn of Response	“All to Jesus I Surrender”	#562
1 All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.	2 All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow, worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. Chorus	
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.	3 All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine: may thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine. Chorus	
	4 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. Chorus	

*Gloria Patri #734

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Anthem

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

arr. by Anna Mae Nichols
by F.R.Havergal and L.J.F. Harold

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the 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.

Offertory

“Fugue in G”

Bach

*Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

#119

1 I sing th'almighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command
and all the stars obey.

3 There's not a plant or flow'r below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that man can be,
you, God, are present there.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn mine eye,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky!



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OCTOBER 18, 2026

10:30 am

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

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

◆ Sunday 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 – Wendy Andree

Coffee & Tea & Social

Located: Ramp Room Hallway

Seating: Parlor Room

Starting at 9am for Sunday School and as we mingle before and after worship!

◆ Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

SUNDAY RESOURCES

 KIDS @ FiRST!

We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.

Available to you:

-  Children's bulletin
(Ages 3+ and 7+ available)
-  Coloring Sheet Clipboards & Crayons

Locations near you:

-  Ramp Room (basket on table)
-  Narthex table

◆ Hearing Devices Available

Where are they? : Narthex & Ramp Room

How to listen? : www.fepcroanoke.org/sermons

Wifi: FEPC Guest

Password: Guest2101*

Calendar

Today, 10/18 9:00 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
5:00 pm – Prayer Gathering

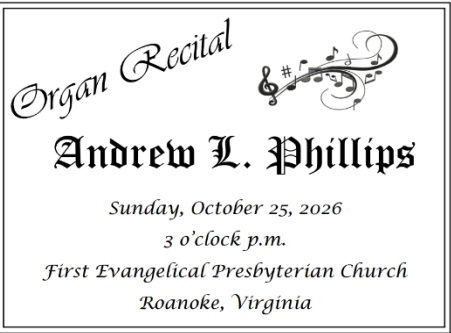
Monday, 10/19 6:00 pm – Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS)

Tuesday, 10/20 12:00 pm – Men’s ZOOM Bible Study
5:15 pm – Adult Bible Study (ABS)
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Wednesday, 10/21 9:15 am – PS Board Meeting
6:30 pm – First Kids & Youth Group
7:00 pm – Carillonneurs

Thursday, 10/22 6:00 pm – DSAR Book Club

Friday, 10/23 9:30 am – Friday Prayer Group



Reminders

October Elders: Scott Rice & Mike Abbott

Deacon on Duty:

October 18 –
October 25 –
November 1 –

Sound System:

October 18 – Rea Brown
October 25 –
November 1 –

Greeters:

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

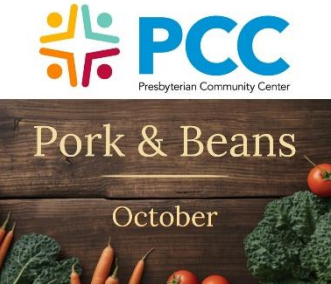
October 18 – Don & Wendy Andree
October 25 – Martha Minter
November 1 – David Scott & Audra Sacher

Ramp Room (8:50a to 9:00a & 10:00a to 10:30a) :

October 18 – Pat Povtak
October 25 – Eric & Sara LaPrad
November 1 – Nancy Gillespie & Carolyn Keyes

Officers

Elders	<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	Donna Broyles	Kathy Akers
	Bobby Caudle	Tammy Caldwell	Carolyn Keyes
	Sheila Harms	Carolyn Moore	Charles Speck
	Helen Thompson		



**Orders due
Friday, October 30th!**
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