

*The Reading of the Word of God

Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Proclamation of the Word of God

“Want More”

*Departure Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

#55

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
[Chorus]

Chorus:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
[Chorus]

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

“The Strong Word”

Williams

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

Order of Worship

October 25, 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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Pachelbel

*Call to Worship

Psalm 5:2 & 16:1-2

Leader: Lift up your voice and cry out
to your King and your God,
and to him offer your prayers

**People: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord”**

*Hymn of Adoration

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

#501

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You have gone to great lengths to redeem us by Your Son Jesus Christ. You invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom. And yet, we forget, Lord, that You have sanctified us for greater things. We confess that we abandon You when our comfort is threatened. We admit that we get consumed with ourselves and our own interests. Have mercy on us. Father, cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on You. Forgive us and open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of You, and to the adventure of living for Your glory each and every day. We pray this humbly in Christ’s Name. Amen.

Hymn of Response “None Other Lamb, None Other Name” #157

1 None other Lamb, none other name,
none other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
none other hiding place from guilt and shame,
none beside thee!

3 Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;
love's fire thou art, however cold I be:
nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
nor home, but thee.

2 My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
only my heart's desire cries out in me
by the deep thunder of its want and woe,
cries out to thee.

Assurance of Pardon Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*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 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” by Simon Lake

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 Operation Christmas Child Presentation

*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 “More Love to Thee, O Christ” #649

1 More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea,

2 Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek;
give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be, [Chorus]

Chorus:
more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3 Let sorrow do its work,
send grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me, [Chorus]

4 Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be, [Chorus]

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

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO GO STRAIGHT
TO OUR ONLINE STORE!



Preschool Fundraiser – Butter Braud!!

Orders can be placed online with QR Code and paid for with credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. Orders can also be placed in person on the order form (Church Office) and paid for with cash or check made to FEPC. Orders are due by Friday, October 30th and will be here to be picked up on Wednesday, November 11th.



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. 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. In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, the children are offered The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients. We praise God that since The Greatest Journey was launched, over 27 million children have made decisions for Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Sanctuary 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 included label and then secure the filled box with the included rubber band. Bring your filled shoebox back to the Sanctuary on or before Sunday, November 15th, 2026. 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.

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OCTOBER 25, 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

◆ Reformation Service, 6:00 pm BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY AND JOIN US !

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.fepecroanoke.org/sermons

Wifi: FEPC Guest

Password: Guest2101*

Calendar

Today, 10/25 9:00 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

3:00 pm – Organ Concert: Andrew Phillips

6:00 pm – Reformation Service

Monday, 10/26 6:00 pm – Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS)

Tuesday, 10/27 12:00 pm – Men’s ZOOM Bible Study

5:15 pm – Adult Bible Study (ABS)

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir (in Sanctuary)

Wednesday, 10/28 10:00 am – Funeral Service: Mrs. Patsy Hopkins

6:30 pm – First Kids & Youth Group

7:00 pm – Carillonneurs

Thursday, 10/29 9:15 am – PS Board Meeting (Called)

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

Halloween, 10/31 5:30 pm – FEPC Trunk or Treat 



Reminders

October Elders: Scott Rice & Mike Abbott

Greeters:

Deacon on Duty:

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

October 25 –

October 25 – Martha Minter

November 1 –

November 1 – David Scott & Audra Sacher

November 8 –

November 8 – Lee Slover & Julie Drewry

Sound System:

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

October 25 – Scott Rice

October 25 – Eric & Sara LaPrad

November 1 – Eric LaPrad

November 1 – Nancy Gillespie & Carolyn Keyes

November 8 – Rea Brown

November 8 – Daryl & 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		

