

CALENDAR

Today, 3/22 Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:30 am
 Chili Cook Off (Fellowship Hall), 12:00 pm
 Prayer Gathering (Parlor), 4:00 pm
 Session Meeting (Session Room), 5:00 pm

Monday, 3/23 SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 3/24 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm
 Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm
 Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 3/25 FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm
 Carillonners, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 3/26 Reading Club (Library) 6:00 pm

Friday, 3/27 Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am

Saturday, 3/28 Memorial Service for Sherri McCullar (Sanctuary), 11:00 am
 Reception (Fellowship Hall), 12:00 pm

Sisters in Bible Studies

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Next Meeting:
 Monday, Mar. 23
 6:00 pm, Parlor Room

NEXT MEETING:
 Tuesday, Mar. 24
 at 12:00 PM

Weekly
Adult Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday night
 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm | Parlor Room

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

<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>																													
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<p>Reminders</p> <p>Elders: Don Andree Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad Deacon on Duty: Mar.22—Donna Broyles Mar.29—Wendy Andree Nursery Bible Time: Mar.22—Kim Smith Mar.29—Karen Brooks April 5—Pat Povtak April 12—Deborah Mattern Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Mar.22—Pat Povtak Mar.29—Ed & Debbie Bennett April 5—Brenda White-Edwards April 12—Sandy McCullar Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Mar.22—Robert and Donna Broyles Mar.29—Don & Wendy Andree April 5—Charles Speck April 12—David and Cathy Akers</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.fepecroanoke.org, and clicking on the sermons link.

FIRST KIDS
 Children's Worship Program
DINNER & LESSON
 Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
 PreK-5th; youth 6th-12th+
fepecroanoke.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 22, 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 22, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Chiming of the Bells

With the Chiming of the Bells, please observe silence as we prepare for Worship.

Choir Introit "We Come, O Christ, to You" No. 181

Announcements

Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" by Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**People: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

—Psalm 24:1-4

*Hymn of Adoration "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 296

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! *Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.* Believe the Good News. In Christ you are forgiven!

—from 1 Peter 2:24

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Parents may take children to the nursery.)

*Hymn of Response "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 140

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

Anthem "O Lord, I Give You Praise" by Patrick M. Liebergen

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Wondrous Love" arr. Johnson

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand" No. 351

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.

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-21 Page 1204

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Church's One Foundation" Rev. Jeff Schrage

*Departure Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 347

*Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "O Lamb of God Most Holy" arr. Lau

*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 for God's Grace to equip you for everything good.

1 Corinthians 1:30, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

