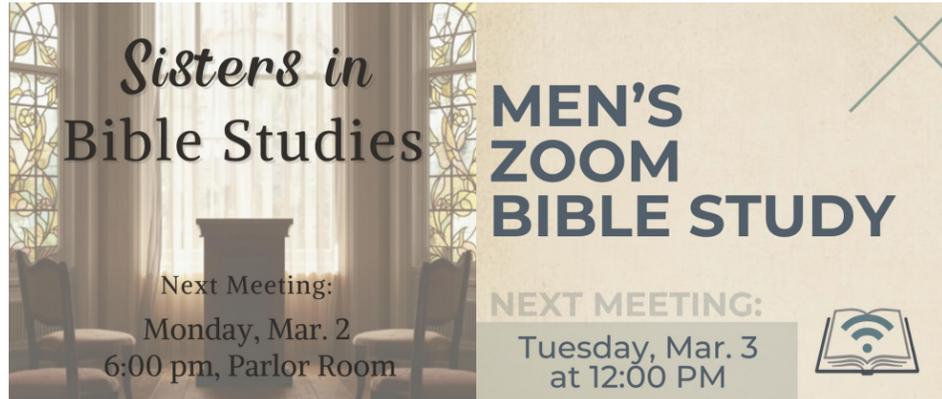


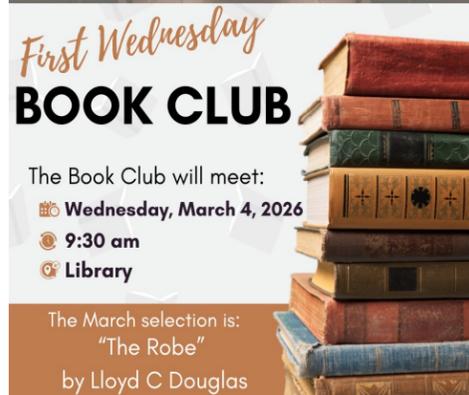
CALENDAR

Today, 3/1 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Meeting (Session Room), 11:45 am
Monday, 3/2 SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 3/3 Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 3/4 First Wednesday Book Club (Parlor), 9:30 am; Feast @ First ** Potluck** (Fellowship Hall), 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 3/5 Men's Breakfast (IHOP-Franklin Rd SW), 8:00 am
Friday, 3/6 Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am

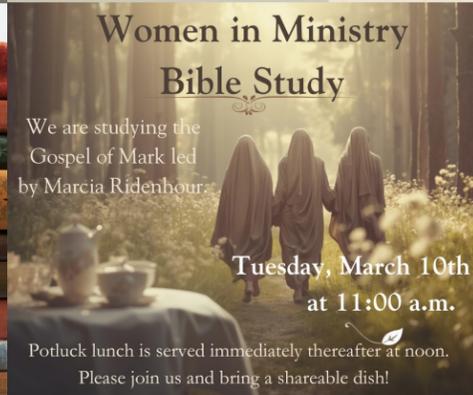


Sisters in Bible Studies
 Next Meeting: Monday, Mar. 2 6:00 pm, Parlor Room

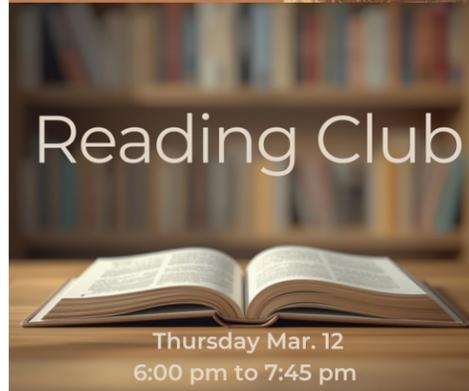
MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
 NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 12:00 PM



First Wednesday BOOK CLUB
 The Book Club will meet: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:30 am Library
 The March selection is: "The Robe" by Lloyd C Douglas



Women in Ministry Bible Study
 We are studying the Gospel of Mark led by Marcia Ridenhour
 Tuesday, March 10th at 11:00 a.m.
 Potluck lunch is served immediately thereafter at noon. Please join us and bring a shareable dish!



Reading Club
 Thursday Mar. 12 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm



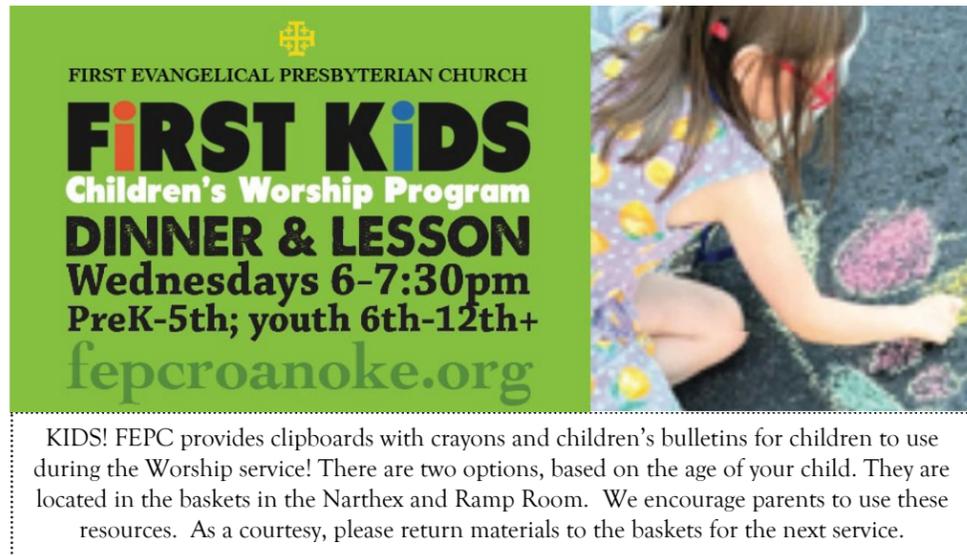
Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 Mar. - Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta



Prayer Gathering
 Sunday Mar. 22 at 5:00 pm

Elders	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).		
<u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith	Children's Ministry	Location	Teachers
	Infants & Toddlers	Room 115	Amanda Young
	PreK-K-1	Room 114	
	Grades 2-5	Room 205	Melanie Rice
<u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	Youth	Location	Teachers
	Grades 6-12	Youth Room	Pete Guillard
<u>Class of 2028</u> Rea Brown Barry Caldwell Bob Moore	Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor		
Deacons	Reminders Elders: Don Andree and Michael Ridenhour Sound System: Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Mar.1–Doug and Marlene Flynn Mar.8–Sue Brown Mar.15–Marcia Ridenhour Mar.22–Robert and Donna Broyles Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Mar.1–Artie and Catherine Bush Mar.8–Kaye Ward Mar.15–Barry and Anne Webb Mar.22–Pat Povtak Deacon on Duty: Mar.1–Carolyn Moore Mar.8–Kathy Akers Mar.15–Karen Brooks Mar.22–Donna Broyles Nursery Bible Time: Mar. 1–Anne Webb Mar.8–Kim Smith Mar.15–Diana Harvey Mar.22–Karen Brooks		
<u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Sheila Harms Helen Thompson			
<u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore			
<u>Class of 2028</u> Kathy Akers Bill Brooks Carolyn Keyes Charles Speck			

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 1, 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 1, 2026

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 "We Gather Together" No. 363

Announcements

Prelude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. Held

Call to Worship Elder Edward Bennett

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

People: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.** -Psalm 100

*Hymn "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" No. 494

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride. We have often taken for granted the good gifts which you have given us, and have not responded with gratitude toward you and a generous spirit toward others. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbor. May the blood of Christ shed for us cover all our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. By the grace of your Spirit and the truth of your Word, renew our hearts and strengthen our souls, that we may live in your light and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

-based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

*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 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" No. 254

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 "O Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. Flynn

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" arr. Burkhardt

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 Page. 975

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Transforming Power of Forgiveness" Rev. Tom Oster

*Hymn "When This Passing World Is Done" No. 545

*Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "O Lord, We Praise You" Walther

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

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.

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 courage to make God the sole desire of your heart.

Psalms 73:25-26, Psalms 63:1-5



Prayer Focus

Feast @ First

Wednesday Mar. 4th
6:00 pm



Bring a dish **Potluck Style**
and join us!

Welcome Gift for the Schrage Family!

On behalf of FEPC, we are collecting donations to purchase two gift cards for the Schrage family. As you know, they are moving from Indiana on March 7. We would like to present them with a gift card from Sam's Club and Kroger. Please bring your donation to the church and mark "Schrage Welcome" in the memo.