

Elders
Class of 2024
 Rea Brown
 Mike Bumpass
 Bob Collis
 Bill Gearhart
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025
 Don Andree
 Stuart Bain
 Richard Harvey
 Doug McLaughlin
 David Smith

Class of 2026
 Mike Abbott
 Robert Broyles
 Aaron Burton
 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	Library	Kaye Wilkerson
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207;
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor
 First Foundations - Room 202

Deacons
Class of 2024
 Debbra Bennett
 Alison Boozer
 Linda Brown
 Clifford (Bud) Derey
 Sheila Harms
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Mary Thornhill
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
 Susan Blanding
 Karen Brooks
 Donna Broyles
 Marlene Flynn
 Marcia Ridenhour
 Helen Thompson

Class of 2026
 Wendy Andree
 Tamara Caldwell
 Bobby Caudle
 Cameron May
 Sandy McCullar
 Carolyn Moore

Reminders

Elders: Bill Gearhart, Mike Abbott
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 April 21 - Teal Bennett
 April 28 - Charles Speck
 May 5 - Nancy Gillespie
 May 12 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
 May 19 - Bud & Jesse Derey
 May 26 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 April 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 April 28 - Andrea Guillard
 May 5 - Deborah Mattern
 May 12 - Diana Harvey
 May 19 - Brenda White-Edwards
 May 26 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Deacons on Duty:
 April 21 - Bob Caudle, Jr., Helen Gearhart Thompson
 April 28 - Debbie Bennett, Marcia Ridenhour
 May 5 - Kim Smith, Donna Broyles
 May 12 - Brenda Edwards, Alison Boozer
 May 19 - Sheila Harms, Karen Brooks
 May 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Keyes
Acolytes:
 April 21 - David Bean
 April 28 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 May 5 - Bryleigh Trevett
 May 12 - Elizabeth Rice
 May 19 - David Bean
 May 26 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

April - Beef Stew



CALENDAR

Today, 4/21 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 4/22 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 4/23 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 4/24 Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/25 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 4/26 Prayers for the Church, 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*

**Please join us April 28 at
 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.**
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

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.

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

Children's Worship

April 14 - Road to Emmaus; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 April 21 - The Good Shepherd & the Lost Sheep; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 April 28 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 May 5 - The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper I; Leader: Tammy Caldwell; Greeter: Mike Trail
 May 12 - Ascension; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 May 19 - Pentecost; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 May 26 - Baptism; Leader: TBD; Greeter: Mike Trail

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APRIL 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 Interim Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
 Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:
 Mr. Pete G. Guillard
 Organist: Mr. William Turner
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 21, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Morning Prayer" arr. Kevin McChesney
Carillonneurs

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

-1 Chronicles 16:8-10

*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 101

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we recognize that whenever we fail to live by the law of love, we compromise the gospel and diminish the potential of its witness. Wary and self-protective, we too often keep our religious persuasions to ourselves, lacking the courage of our convictions. We often submit to the world's authorities and rulers, allowing ungodly forces and human-ordained powers to dictate our values and direct our lives rather than submitting only to you, the One with whom we are safe, the One who gives us true freedom, and supports us with true love. Forgive us, we pray, and come into our lives with heavenly power to renew us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

With the apostle Paul, "We know that our old self was crucified with Christ so that we might no longer be enslaved to sin" (Rom. 6:6, 8). The Good News is that, as God's children, we are forgiven, and we are freed from the unrighteous powers of this world, from sin, and from death! Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri No. 735
(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Susan Blanding

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-2nd grade in Room 205.
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 17:23 Page 1071

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Paul Sjolund
by Wm. R. Featherston and Adoniram Gordon

Scripture: Romans 15:1-13 Page 1125

Sermon "Who's Got Your Back"
Rev. Don Hardman

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

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.

*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

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Antiphon" Young

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "More about Jesus Would I Know" No. 538

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Thine Is the Glory" Handel

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
Pray and don't give up.
Luke 18:1-8

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship



Next Meeting - April 28

Operating Fund Revenue thru 3/31/2024:
YTD Budgeted Giving \$155,320
YTD Actual Giving \$182,085
Surplus/(Deficit) \$26,765

Thank you for your faithful giving.

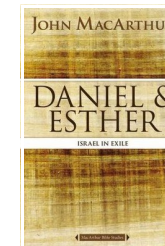


Please join the
First Walkers
(our group) or
donate at

<https://www.supportbrwc.org/walk-for-life/>

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FIRST EPC
FELLOWSHIP HALL
MAY 1, 2024; 6 PM



Tuesday Adult Bible Study (ABS) will begin John MacArthur's study of Daniel & Esther on April 23 @ 5:15 PM in the Parlor.

John MacArthur takes readers through the books of Daniel and Esther, beginning with the prophet Daniel being carried off to Babylon, continuing through the rise of the Persian Empire, and concluding with Esther's reign as queen.

All are welcome. If you would like to join, please contact Pete Guillard, pguillard@fepcroanoke.org.